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Sara Garcia leaves the Church of the Nazarene with a stocking and wrapped gift after attending the Northville Civic Concern holiday distribution on Dec. 10.

**NON-CIRCULATING Santa Depot**



Misty McNeil poses with her grandson Jayden, 16 months, and Santa at the Dec. 10 Northville Civic Concern holiday distribution at the Church of the Nazarene.

**Santa at Maybury**

Santa Claus plans on stopping by Maybury Farm from noon-3 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 17 and Sunday, Dec. 18. Kids, bring your list and let Santa know what you are hoping to receive this Christmas; bring a can of food or a toy for less fortunate boys and girls. Maybury Farm is located at 50165 Eight Mile in Northville; (248) 374-0200.

**Civic Concern serves over 160 area families**

By Lonnie Huhman  
Correspondent

The spirit of giving and community support made this year's Northville Civic Concern Santa Depot a big success with over 160 area families being provided with Christmas gifts. "It's amazing how many people came through to make this happen," said Civic Concern's Christmas coordinator Rebecca Brodie as she looked around at the smiling faces on the families picking up their gift bags. The gift pickup took place at the First Church of the Nazarene on Haggerty Road this past weekend. On hand were Civic Concern staff and a number of volunteers, including the Northville High School pom-pom team, Northville Mothers Club and Girl Scout Troop 1360. This has become the big community service event for many in the community. Client families were greeted by Christ-

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**Allen Terrace senior citizens' gift tree benefits Civic Concern**

By Lonnie Huhman  
Correspondent

Allen Terrace residents have been placing gifts on and around their Christmas tree this holiday season in effort to help make some families a little bit warmer this winter. "It feels good to be able to help out needy children and families," said resident June Gill, who has been contributing to the tree placed in the facility's lobby for the last 12 years. Scarves, mittens and winter hats have been placed at the tree each holiday season

for years, said Sherry Necelis, Allen Terrace/Northville City Housing director. All of the gifts go to Northville Civic Concern client families, and other seniors in need. The residents have either purchased the gifts or made them. "Our residents are very generous and always make an effort," Necelis said. "And this happens year-round with them. They donate a lot of food items." The Allen Terrace gift tree has been great for Civic Concern because director Marlene Kunz said the needs of their client fam-

ilies are numerous. Warm clothing is essential during these cold months, she added. "Allen Terrace residents have been very helpful and their gifts are much appreciated," Kunz said. "Many have benefited from their generosity." The residents understand what these gifts mean and many have made this an annual tradition. Resident Inez Johnson said everything matters for those in need. "Little things mean a lot and that's why this is such a good idea," Johnson said.

**Blood drive**

St. Mary Mercy Hospital and the American Red Cross are partnering in a blood drive campaign. The last blood drive of 2011 is from 6 a.m.-6 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 27, in the Auditorium. To schedule an appointment call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE or visit redcross-blood.org. Walk-ins are accepted, but appointments are preferred. St. Mary Mercy Hospital is at 36475 5 Mile Road at Levan in Livonia.



**American Red Cross**

**Veterans care group looks to locate in township**

By Lonnie Huhman  
Correspondent

Midwest Veterans Care Foundation wants to use the former Women of Purpose facility at 16115 Beck as a location for housing, rehabilitating, educating and training veterans, but the current zoning on the property does not permit these uses. MCVF spokesman Peter Blakeley went before the Northville Township Planning Commis-

sion to introduce the project, which will require the location to be rezoned as a Planned Unit Development. He was told, along with his project architect, John Nowitsky, that they would have to come back next month with an overall plan detailing such things as what type of uses would occur at the location and projected timeline of the renovations.

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# Canton church hopes to inspire spirit of Christmas with live nativity program

By Jill Halpin  
Correspondent

In what is becoming a tradition for some local families, a Canton Township church is inviting the community to experience the true story of Christmas in the form of a real live nativity, complete with living portrayals of Mary, Joseph, the baby Jesus and much more.

Friendship Church, a local congregation of the United Methodist Church, will recreate the story of the birth of Jesus when it presents its annual Living Nativity from 4:30-8 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 18, at 1240 N. Beck, Canton.

"We are taking people on a journey back 2000 years, trying to bring the focus back to what Christmas is really about," said Scott Petersen, pastor of spiritual formation at the church.

"There is so much commercialization in today's world; we sometimes lose the meaning in all of



Friendship Church of Canton will recreate the story of the birth of Jesus when it presents its annual Living Nativity on Sunday, Dec. 18 at 1240 N. Beck Road in Canton. Sheep and goats from Real Life Farm in Canton will stand alongside as actors from within the congregation deliver first person accounts from four different scenes depicting Jesus's birth including "Shepherds and Angels in the Fields" and "The Nativity."

it. We want to help people connect back to what it really is all about," he said.

This is the 10th year that the church has held the living nativity in some form, and the event grew even larger with last year's move to its new Beck Road location with almost 400 people attend-

ing, Petersen said.

### Larger crowd

Church members said they are expecting an even larger crowd this year.

"We are preparing for at least 700 people this year. We are hearing a lot about people's friends, neighbors and co-workers both locally and distantly saying they are planning to return again," said church member Michelle Ramey of Canton. "We've had a lot of great feedback about it."

The free activity features a 10-minute guided walking tour through woods on the church grounds to stations where actors and animals reenact the miracle of Christ's birth in an effort to give meaning to something people usually just read about and "bring back the awe and wonder of Christmas," Petersen said.

Petersen said that cows,

sheep and goats from Real Life Farm in Canton will stand alongside as actors from within the congregation deliver first-person accounts from four different scenes depicting Jesus's birth. The scenes include "Shepherds and Angels in the Fields," "King Herod's Palace," "The Wise Men," "The Nativity" and a reflection of Jesus's death and resurrection.

At the close of each narrative, contemplative questions are posed to the audience in an effort to give visitors something to reflect upon, Petersen said, adding that the living nativity offers something for everyone, he added. "For adults, it's a great opportunity to refocus and realize that not be everything that culture is telling us it is and for children it's important to see and hear the real Christmas story and see it come alive in front of them," he said.

### Labor of love

The event is a labor of love for church members with more than 100 people volunteering their time in some form, he said.

"We have people constructing sets, writing scripts, making costumes and working as parking lot attendants," he said. A refreshment team will also provide snacks inside the church for attendees following the event.

Experiencing the Living Nativity underscores the true meaning of the holiday for Kathy Haar of Howell.



Animals from Real Life Farm in Canton join actors and members of Friendship Church, a local congregation of the United Methodist Church, to recreate the story of the birth of Jesus at the annual Living Nativity from 4:30-8 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 18 at 1240 N. Beck Road in Canton.

"It's very moving ... it brings it back to where it all started and you feel like you are right there," Haar said. "It's so beautiful. It is what Christmas is really supposed to be about: a new beginning," she said.

Dee Ball of Plymouth agrees, "Christmas for so many people has become a time of rushing around, trying to fit it all in and just plain stressful. We get so caught up in the busyness of it all that we forget what Christ-

mas is really all about. A walk through The Living Nativity gives people a chance to slow down for a few minutes and refocus on what Christmas really means. The birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. My hope is that many will visit and experience the story of God's love for us," Ball said.

The event is free; however, the church will have the Salvation Army's signature Red Kettle available for anyone wishing to make a donation.

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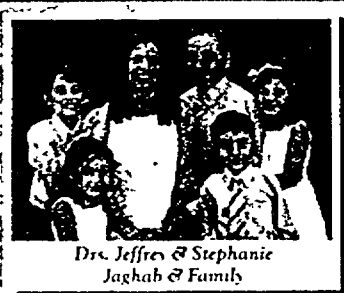
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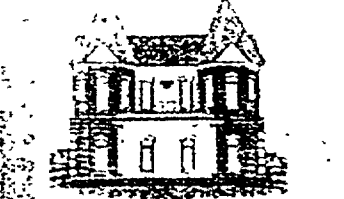
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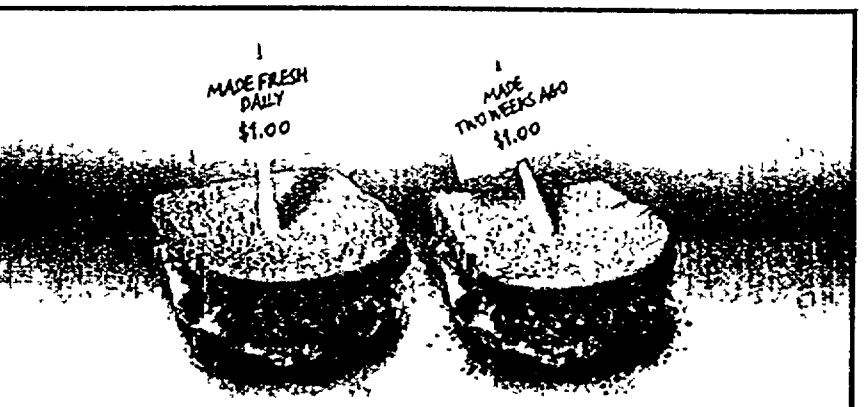
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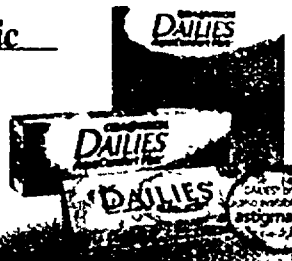


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# Clinics, concert offer 'All That Jazz' for young musicians

## Program runs Friday through Monday

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

Riccardo Selva has been director of jazz studies at Schoolcraft College since January 2009. He's looking forward to bringing in his former professor and mentor, Don Owens of Northwestern University, to work with local high school and college students.

"He is just a wonderful teacher and musician," Selva said of Owens, who was on his dissertation committee at Northwestern.

Donald Babcock of East-

ern Michigan University's also involved in the upcoming events. Selva met Babcock through students.

"We got in contact and I met with him and went over to Eastern. We became good friends," said the Schoolcraft educator, who had a student who passed along his compositions to Babcock, who also knows Owens.

This past May, Schoolcraft's jazz program went to Northwestern as part of a Chicago tour. "All of the students really liked him. We're bringing him back

in," Southgate resident Selva said of Owens.

Sunday, Dec. 18, will feature an Open Rehearsal at Schoolcraft, on Haggerty north of Six Mile in Livonia. "We're really trying to spread the arts to the younger generation," Selva said.

"There's nothing like participating in a musical group. We're trying to turn them on to that. That should be really fun," he said of that Sunday.

Selva has contacted Livonia schools as well, and found interest among local



Don Owens Northwestern University faculty

educators in working with Owens. He sent out a large number of mailings.

"It's kind of a busy time with finals and the holi-

days," he said.

"Experiencing some great music-making is unlike recorded music. It's an aesthetic experience unlike anything else." Europeans appreciate jazz more than we do, he's found.

"The popular music doesn't really do justice to

musicians. That's been one of my frustrations."

There's a lack of sophistication in current music, Selva said. "They don't sing," he said of rap artists. "It just kind of breaks off into its own subculture."

It's great for students to hear the trumpet or saxophone. "It's interesting, but they don't get exposed to that."

Arts are often an afterthought in the educational system, said Selva, who was valedictorian at his high school. "Most of the kids are going to be the top students in the graduating class. We just don't really support that as we should in our culture. And it's just fun. There's

nothing like making music with your friends."

Owens has written original work for selected groups, named for one of his grandkids, "The Chicken Borman Shuffle." It will be performed Monday, Dec. 19, as a premiere.

Selva plays in a jazz ensemble with men in their 70s and 80s. "The music is something very near and dear to them," he said. Many have been involved all their lives.

"They pass it on to their children. They love music and they sometimes play in groups together. It brings us all together, all ages, and it's something that enriches everybody's life."

### DETAILS

Riccardo Selva and the Schoolcraft College Jazz Program team up with Donald Babcock and the Eastern Michigan University Jazz Ensemble to welcome Don Owens, professor emeritus of jazz studies, conducting, and ensembles at Northwestern. There will be four days of clinics, workshops, and performances that are open to the public.

On Friday, Dec. 16, at Farmington Harrison High School ([www.farmington.k12.mi.us/hhs](http://www.farmington.k12.mi.us/hhs)) from 3-6 p.m., there will be a Clinic hosted by Peggy Babcock - Farmington Harrison High School Jazz Band director. Owens will work with local high school jazz ensembles. It is open to the public.

On Saturday, Dec. 17, at Eastern Michigan University - Alexander Music Building

([www.emich.edu/music](http://www.emich.edu/music)) the clinics will take place at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. These are open to school and community groups as well as the public. A pickup jazz ensemble will be formed with musicians that attend. Participants should bring their instruments.

On Sunday, Dec. 18, at Schoolcraft College VisTaTech Center, DiPonio Room, there will be an Open Rehearsal from 3-6 p.m. with the Schoolcraft College Jazz Department & the EMU Jazz Ensemble. Students of all ages are encouraged to bring their musical instruments and sit in with the college musicians.

On Monday, Dec. 19, at Schoolcraft College VisTaTech Center, Presentation Room, from 10:30 a.m. to noon, there will be a Composers Workshop. Participants should bring their instruments. Piano and drums will

be provided. From 3:30-5 p.m. another clinic will take place called Musical Skills for Jazz Combo & Jazz Ensemble featuring: Don Owens, guest artist; Riccardo Selva, Schoolcraft College Jazz; Donald Babcock, Eastern Michigan University Jazz; Barton Pokot, piano, Schoolcraft College; Paul Keller, bass; Bill Cairo, drums.

The presenters will provide insight and examples on the specific roles of each player in both a jazz combo and jazz ensemble. Participants will form a jazz combo and receive coaching. Participants should bring their instruments. Piano and drums will be provided.

At 7:30 p.m. on Monday, the event culminates with a Concert at Schoolcraft College VisTaTech Center, DiPonio Room. Tickets are available at [www.scbboxoffice.com](http://www.scbboxoffice.com) and at the main bookstore: \$8 general admission; \$5 students and seniors; children under 12 will be admitted free.

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# Global Journeys: Ward pastors bring the message of Christmas close to home

## Teaching series takes congregation to Mali, India, Hamtramck and local communities

To most people, no matter how the holidays are observed, these weeks represent a season of gifts and a season of sharing. Traditions and festivities with friends and family highlight the final days of the year. Yet even when we start with the best of intentions, it seems our focus as a society shifts too quickly from "the giving" to "the getting." Many members of the Chris-

tian faith wonder if we've somehow lost the meaning of Christmas. And if we have, how might we rediscover it in a way that lasts?

This December, Ward Church in Northville is exploring that very question through its teaching series, "Christmas On Location." In the weeks leading up to Sunday, Dec. 25, sermons at Ward will take the congregation around the

world to discover how the Christian church is being established in locations as far away as India and Mali and as near as Hamtramck and local neighborhoods in Detroit's west suburbs.

"Christmas on Location is an epic journey covering five destinations and weaving them together into one amazing story," Scott McKee, senior pastor of Ward Church. "For us, that story is cen-

tered on the good news of the Gospel. Christmas is a time to remember that God sent Jesus to be the hope of the world. And through this series, we're looking at what it means to share that hope with people near and far who've not yet heard the message of Jesus."

In November, McKee and Phil Linton, Ward's pastor of global outreach, traveled to India and Mali to document the work of church planters and Christian communities being established there, in part, through the support of Ward Church. Since its founding more than 60 years ago, Ward has maintained a strong commitment to global outreach - sharing people and resources to meet physical and spiritual needs in places that are not yet served by the Church. In fact, each year Ward commits some 16 percent of its budget to global outreach in hopes of seeing new people hear and receive the message of the Gospel in ways that are meaningful to their culture and community.

Linton explains, "A passion and commitment to expanding the church globally is one of Ward's primary values. It's a key element

### DETAILS

Ward holds five worship services each Sunday. An early morning traditional service at 8 a.m. in the Chapel; traditional services in the Sanctuary at 9:30 and 11 a.m.; and contemporary services at 9:30 and 11 a.m. in Knox Hall. Ward will continue "on location" on Sunday, Dec. 18. There will be full programming and childcare. Visit [www.wardchurch.org](http://www.wardchurch.org) for more information.

On Christmas Eve there will be 3 identical "Home for Christmas" services held in the Sanctuary at 4, 5:30 and 7 p.m. It will be a beautifully unique and cross-cultural musical experience including a handbell choir, sitar, orchestra, electric guitar, and a vocal choir. Childcare will be available through age 4.

On Christmas Day and New Years Day there will be only one combined service at 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary. No childcare will be available.

of our DNA. We care about the world and believe we are compelled to share the message of Jesus with those who've not yet heard it. That means supporting missionaries, sending medical teams overseas and providing resources where they are needed most. Simply put, we go with a message of hope and we serve with a spirit of love."

Linton says the stories shared during "Christmas on Location" are intended to help Ward's congregation understand the impact of their giving and inspire even greater commitment in the future. McKee and Linton's experiences in November were documented on video and the footage is being shared each week to help bring the stories closer to home. The videos can also be viewed on Ward's website at

[www.wardchurch.org](http://www.wardchurch.org).

On Christmas Eve, the series focus will shift to the theme of "Home for Christmas" as the congregation is challenged to consider and celebrate what the birth of Jesus means to their own home and family.

"Through all of this," shares McKee, "we're inviting friends and neighbors to look at Christmas from a different angle than maybe they've considered before. It's a wonderful way to get a deeper perspective on how the story of Jesus' birth speaks into our personal stories and the stories of the growing Christian church around the world. Our doors are always open with a warm welcome, but I'm especially excited to invite families and individuals who are seeking a spiritual home to join us at Christmas."

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Northville Township firefighter Jesse Marcotte talks to a group of Northville High Hometown Heroes students on Dec. 8. The students reach down to see what a fully-pressurized firehose feels like during their visit to the Six Mile Road firehouse. Students, who were taking part in the program to fulfill study requirements, were allowed to suit up in the firefighters' "turnout gear," maneuver around the obstacle course and operate their fire hoses.

**Hometown heroes**



Firefighter Jason Raschke maneuvers around the department's obstacle course during a Dec. 8 visit by Northville High students.

348-7026 or kp\_design@yahoo.com or at the high school box office from 2:15-3 p.m. Monday-Friday.

**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 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, sometimes 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.

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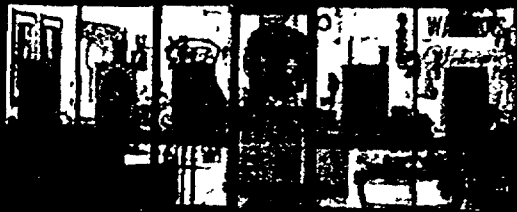
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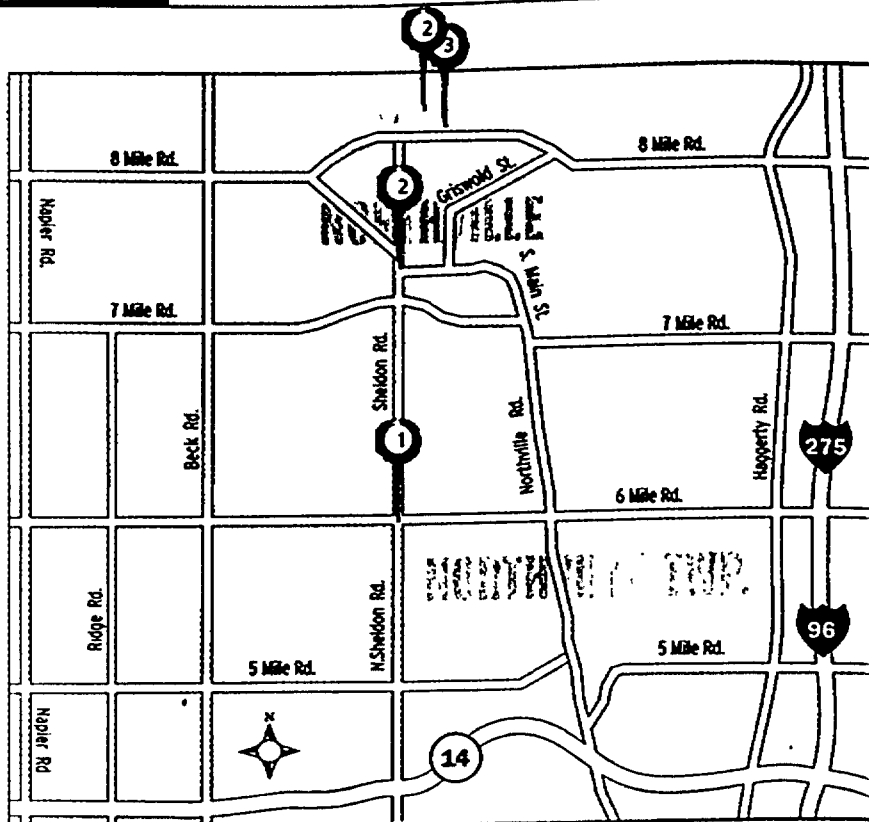
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### NORTHVILLE POLICE BRIEFS

#### Drunken driving

1 A Farmington Hills woman was arrested for drunken driving after she hit another vehicle head on at Six Mile and Sheldon roads.

On Dec. 9, Northville Township police were dispatched to the accident scene to find two vehicles involved in an accident, which left them stuck together. Everyone involved was unharmed. However, when police spoke with the 38-year-old woman it was reported she smelled of alcohol and had difficulty responding to directions.

After saying she had nothing to drink, the police asked her again and she then said, "a lot." She was arrested after the preliminary breathalyzer test registered a .297 percent blood-alcohol content.

#### Vehicle break-ins

2 Earlier this month, two residents went to the Northville city police to report their cars had been broken into and items were stolen.

The first incident happened sometime during Dec. 10-12 at the Tree

Top Apartments on Novi Road. The car owner said someone had entered his unlocked car and took a small amount of money. The second incident occurred at the city lot #1 parking deck on Mary Alexander Court and Center Street.

The vehicle owner said his car was locked, but he came back to find his stereo face plate and some loose change missing.

There are no leads in either case.

#### Drunken driving

3 A 23-year-old Sterling Heights man is arrested for drunken driving after taking a wrong turn.

The man was stopped at Novi and Eight Mile roads after police used radar to spot the man going 62 in a 40 mph zone. He said he was on his way to Ann Arbor and was confused to where he was exactly. He smelled of intoxicants, and said he had a few drinks.

He was arrested after his breathalyzer registered a .18 percent BAC.

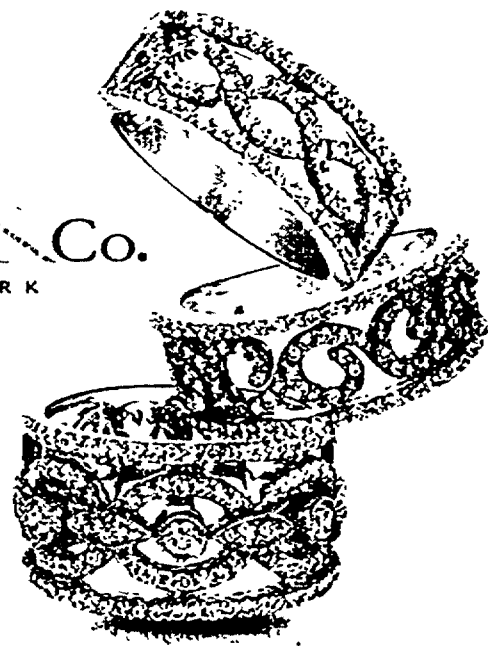
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## Cooke concert



Parents and friends of Cooke School students applaud their efforts during the school's annual Holiday Concert on Dec. 7.



Cooke School student Greg Gagne plays along to a tune during the school's Holiday Concert on Dec. 7.

## New IB program 'interfacing very well' with Northville's curriculum

By Lonnie Huhman  
Correspondent

Even though it's still in the early stages, the International Baccalaureate program is now beginning to have an impact in the classrooms at Northville High school and both middle schools.

"I'm excited about what IB has to offer at Hillside Middle School and for the students," Hillside Principal Jim Cracraft said at last week's IB parent informational meeting, which gave district staff an opportunity to share their thoughts on the new program's impact.

He likes the seamless alignment, and after going through IB training last month is thrilled to introduce the thematic instruction and focus on interdisciplinary learning into the classroom. At Hillside, IB will be introduced as the Middle Years program.

The MYP is for students ages 11-16 and a teaching philosophy acting as an overlay for the entire curriculum, meaning each student from grades sixth through 10th will be impacted by this new program. However, the certificate a student can earn in 10th grade is a voluntary choice.

"I see IB as interfacing very well with what we are currently doing in our existing curriculum," Cracraft said, adding it gives kids a broader, full perspective and will improve the school.

Meads Mill Principal Susan Meyer agrees and said the overall IB approach is great for middle school learning because it emphasizes exploration and puts an equal importance on very subject.

Northville High School Principal Robert Watson said MYP will carry over to

high school, but after 10th grade IB will become voluntary. High school students can participate in the IB Diploma Program.

Watson said during training, which involved the building principals and six teachers, the excitement was powerful because they felt this new learning/teaching style will have a positive impact on the entire school.

"It elevates the level of instruction, but even more importantly, it elevates the learning for the kids," he said.

Meads Mill teacher Jeff Balagna said he's already taking IB instructional training lessons and putting them to work. He said as an English/language arts teacher many books are taught, but students do not always take away the right lessons. Not only will his students remember a character's name, he says, but they will also explore the bigger themes and how these may be at work in their own lives.

He said "IB brings the students out of their bubbles" and makes them more aware of the world outside of Northville.

High school English teacher Kary Couchman gave parents a lesson example used for the unit on the book "Of Mice and Men." She said the lesson is not just about the story of George and Lenny, but also about mental health and how the students treat people. Couchman emphasized the fundamentals of learning are not lost in IB, but are just combined with the bigger ideas.

The Northville Educational Foundation is providing the funding, around \$300,000, for implementing the IB program. These funds come from community donations.

## Just Baked



Congratulations to Silver Springs Elementary School third grade teacher Mrs. Starosciak for being selected by Jay Towers and the morning crew at 100.3FM as the Just Baked Teacher of the Week.

## NORTHVILLE SCHOOL BRIEFS

### Holiday Dance Party

The Northville High School varsity dance 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 Agnelo at (586) 344-8125 ksagnello@hotmail.com.

### Custodian gift cards

All of the custodians employed by the Northville Public School system will be laid off effective Dec. 26. Many of these people have worked at the high school for many years and their familiar faces will be missed by both students and staff. As a thank you for all of their hard work, the Northville High School PTSA is contributing money to purchase thank you gift cards for each of the nine custodians employed at the high school.

If you or your student would like to make a contribution to this cause, checks can be sent to PTSA President Dawn Carson, 44964 Lightsway, Novi MI 48375. Checks should be made out to NHS PTSA. Please write "custodian gift" in the memo. If you would like to send a card or note, that would also be great.

The high school PTSA plans to present these gifts during the week of Dec. 17-21. For more information, contact Janet

Roberts at janetr@hotmail.com.

### 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.

### Graduation assembly

The Herff Jones assembly for all Seniors regarding Cap & Gown and Graduation Announcements has been rescheduled for Monday, Jan. 16.

There will be a mandatory senior assembly held during seminar on Jan. 16 and order packets will be distributed at that time. Orders will be taken during all lunches on Monday, Jan. 30 for last names A-L and Tuesday, Jan. 31 for last names M-Z.

Cap and gown are required to participate in commencement exercises in June. Other optional items, such as graduation announcements and Class of 2011 memorabilia, are available as described within the catalog in the packet.

More information will be sent after the winter break and posted on the high school website.

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**BOOMS, FLORENCE ARLENE (CONNARN)**

November 18, 2011. Predeceased by loving husband Richard A. Booms 2007, loving mother of Ray (Pam), Rich (Amy), Tom (Judith), Ruth Ann (Mike) Jirasek, Tim (Lorraine), Mary (Sean) Sellers. Grandmother of 16, great grandmother of eight. Loving sister of Marge (Don) Nelson, John (Pat) Connarn, Ruth (Lou) Mazzaro, Maureen (the late Bill) Krause. Mrs. Booms was a charter member and past president of Northville Town Hall. She was an ardent supporter of Our Lady of Victory School and Parish also U of D High School. Donations may be made to Father Solanus Casey Guild 1780 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207. Family will receive friends Wednesday, December 21, 2011 at 9:30 am with Funeral Mass at 10:00 am, Our Lady of Victory Church 133 Orchard, Northville MI. Condolences may be sent through www.coxgiffordseawinds.com



**GALE, NANCY J.**

Age 66, passed away December 8, 2011. She was born on April 20, 1945, in Ionia, daughter of the late Harry and Helen Martin. Nancy grew up on her parent's dairy farm, in Ionia, giving her a love of cows and livestock. She traveled extensively throughout the country with her family and the NSDCA. She was the past president of the local chapter of NSDCA named the "Traveling Squares". She loved doing crafts and quilting. Nancy was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother and will be sorely missed by all who knew her. She is survived by her beloved husband Walter; her loving children Tina Marie Gale Bailey, Beverly Jean (Justin) Marlow, and Walter Edwin Gale, 9 grandchildren and her foster children: Jahmelah and Ahmenah. She is also survived by her sister Lucille Bates and her brother James Martin. She was preceded in death by her parents and her siblings: Joane, Gerald and Donald. Visitation was held on Sunday, December 11, from 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Funeral services were held on Monday, December 12, at 11:00 a.m. at the Fellowship Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 22200 Pontiac Trail, South Lyon. Memorial contributions may be made to the Fellowship Evangelical Presbyterian Church or to the Arbor Hospice Foundation. She will be laid to rest in Almer Township Cemetery. Online guestbook at www.phillipsfuneral.com



**MCLAUGHLIN, WILLIAM F.**

"Bill," age 79, went to his eternal rest on December 11, 2011. Bill was born in and raised in Syracuse, NY on October 10, 1932 to Edward T. and Rosalind (nee Couch) McLaughlin, moving to Detroit in 1951. He was united in marriage to Janet Lemaster on October 29, 1960. Bill studied political science at the University of Detroit and worked in the Detroit theatre business in the 1950s. He became involved in Republican politics in 1960 when he volunteered for the Macomb County Republican Party. He was Vice Chairman and Executive Director of the Michigan Republican State Committee from 1965-1969. He was elected Chairman in 1969 and was the longest serving Chair in the state party's history when he was appointed by Gov. William Milliken as Director of Commerce in 1979. In 1981, Bill was appointed President of the Metropolitan Detroit Convention and Visitors Bureau (MDCVB). During his tenure, he played instrumental roles in Detroit's hosting of the 1980 Republican National Convention, the bid team and host committee for Super Bowl XVI in 1982 at the Pontiac Silverdome, and the expansion of Cobo Hall. After retiring from the MDCVB in 1995, Bill served as President of the Michigan Sports Hall of Fame from 1997-2001, and as Chair of the Detroit Sports Commission from 2001-2006. A resident of Northville for 48 years, Mr. McLaughlin was a longtime member of Our Lady of Victory Catholic Parish. He served as a director and football coach for the Northville Colts Junior Football Association, athletic director and basketball coach for OLV and statistician for the Northville High School varsity football team from 1979-2001. He also became active in the Northville Genealogical Society and served as its director. Bill McLaughlin is survived by his wife, Janet of 51 years, sons, Michael Patrick (Arne) Timothy (Michele) and Sean (Roxanne), grandchildren Shannon Erin Ryan, Patrick, Mary Catherine, Katie Daniel Kelly and Matthew, and his sister Rosalind (Lloyd) Stansberry. A funeral mass will be held Friday, December 16, 2011 at 11am at Church of the Holy Family 24505 Meadowbrook Rd (north of Ten Mile Rd.) in Novi. The family would appreciate memorial contributions to Northville High School Athletic Department-Football Field Fund Arrangements entrusted to Casterline Funeral Home Inc of Northville.



**BRIGGS, JACK C.**

Age 85, of South Lyon, went home to be with his Lord and Savior December 6, 2011. He was born on November 22, 1926 in Detroit, Michigan to Ralph and Margaret (nee Bruinekeol) Briggs. Jack was united in marriage to Ruth G. Lutzenkirchen on November 29, 1944 and they spent 67 loving years together. He proudly served his country with the Army during WWII in occupied Japan. Jack, a longtime resident of South Lyon, attended Solid Rock Bible Church. He is described by his family as a very distinguished man. Following his retirement from Ford Motor Company in 1975, Jack was able to focus on farming, which he loved, he provided hay for many of the area horse farms. He enjoyed restoring antique tractors and during his lifetime lovingly crafted the 3 homes where he and his family lived. He is survived by his beloved wife, Ruth G. Briggs; his children, Janet Christine (Claude) Cobb, David Briggs, Belinda (Steve) Hillis, Jackie (Lon) Briggs, Peter (Tracie) Briggs, and Paul (Valene) Briggs, 14 grandchildren, 23 great grandchildren, and his sister, Patricia Roberts. He was preceded in death by his parents. A funeral service was held Thursday, December 8, 2011 at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc of South Lyon. Deacon Ted Roskens from Solid Rock Bible Church in South Lyon officiated the service. Mr. Briggs was laid to rest at South Lyon Cemetery, where Military Funeral Honors were rendered on his behalf. The family would appreciate memorial contributions to Samaritan's Purse, PO Box 3000 Boone, NC, 28607.

**GORDY, CHARLES "CHARLIE"**

Age 15 passed away December 8, 2011. He was born on February 5, 1996 in Royal Oak, son of William Gordy and Michele Gordy. Charlie was good humored, fun young man. He enjoyed working out, hunting, playing guitar, video, world of Warcraft and music. He was a history buff and wanted to enroll into the Air Force when he turned 18. He had many interests in life, but the most important was his friends and family which he loved deeply. He is survived by his mother Michele (Mike Chekal) Gordy, his father, William (Colleen) Gordy, his sisters Crystal, Kaitlyn, and Haley, his step-brother Jonathon and his brother who is to be born later this month. He is also survived by his grandmothers, Anna Gordy and Judith Derick and several aunts, uncles, cousins and loving friends and his two dogs, Lucy and Suzy. Visitation was held on Monday, December 12 at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME Funeral services were conducted on Tuesday. A memorial service will be held in Brighton later in the week for his friends and classmates. Donations may be made to Michele Gordy for the children's education. Online Guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com

**KIMBALL, AGNES IRENE**

Age 98 of Lowell, Michigan, formerly of Northville, MI, and Birmingham, AL, passed away on December 3, 2011. She was employed by Kroger for many years. She was a tender and loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She was preceded in death by her husband, Emory Kimball. Survivors include her daughters Shirley Baxter (James) and Janice Sauber, grandchildren David Baxter (Bonnie), Kathryn L. Sauber and William Sauber Jr (Angie), step-grandchild, Jonathan Phillips (Chrissy), and great-grandchild Evelyn Hastings (Daniel). Visitation will be held on Friday, December 9, 2011 from 10:00AM-11:00AM at Jefferson Memorial Funeral Home, with the service to follow at 11:00AM. Burial will be in Jefferson Memorial Gardens East. Reverend Joel Mills will officiate the service. Jefferson Memorial Trussville directing.

**MATSON, JOHN F. "JACK", SR.**

83, formerly of South Lyon, died December 4, 2011. Memorial services were held December 10th in Atlantic Mine, Mich. Condolences may be sent to Helen Matson, P.O. Box 13, Atlantic Mine, MI 49905 or online at anblafuneral.com

**MEROLA, GERARD "JERRY"**

Of Highland Twp. died December 10, 2011. For more information please contact Lynch & Sons Millford at 248.684.6645 or visit www.lynchfuneraldirectors.com

**MORAN, CATHERINE**

Age 96 passed away November 24, 2011. A private family service was held. Arrangements entrusted to Phillips Funeral Home South Lyon. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com

**POTTER, WILLIAM E.**

Age 94 passed away December 8, 2011. He was born on Dec 4, 1917 to the late William and Mildred (Blakey) Potter. He was a resident of South Lyon, Gaylord and Royal Oak, Michigan. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. William snuck off base in Palo Alto, Ca on Jan 21, 1943 to marry his sweetheart Inez. They spent 64 years together until her death in 2007. He was a decorated veteran of the European Theatre in Company G 179th Infantry. He enjoyed watching his favorite sports teams, Tigers, Lions and Red Wings. William is survived by his 4 children: Bob (Pam) Potter, Neil (Mary) Potter, Barb (Ricardo) Gonzales and Jean (Mark) Dendel. He is also survived by his brother Keith and 5 grandchildren: Susie, Rob, Michele Kelly, Angela, and 7 great-grandchildren: Mary Althea, Madeline, Reganne, Austin, Jake and Lauren. He was preceded in death by 3 of his brothers: Don, Neil and Ted. Visitation was held on December 14, Wednesday, from 10:00 am - 11:00 am. A funeral mass followed at 11:00 am at St. Joseph Catholic Church, South Lyon MI. Online Guestbook at www.phillipsfuneral.com

**ROOT, CHARLES W.**

Age 57, passed away December 1, 2011. A private family service was held. Arrangements entrusted to Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com

**THOMAS, RUTH H.**

Age 92, of South Lyon, formerly of Farmington Hills, passed away 12/9/11. Contributions to MI Humane Society or Farmington Presbyterian Preschool Casterline Funeral Home Inc

## Handcrafter's Show



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Becky Spinale organizes some of the knit hats she's selling at the Dec. 9 Handcrafter's Show at the Northville Community Senior Center. The show took place from Dec. 9-11. Spinale said she sold quite a few of her scarves earlier in the day.

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**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, games, or entertainment followed with an ice cream social.  
**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.

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**Contact:** (248) 437-2875

### FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE

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

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CHURCH

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

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Sunday Worship: 7:45 a.m., 10 a.m.
Sunday School and Nursery
Care: 10 a.m. Worship Service
Alzheimer's Support Group

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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
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9 a.m.: Contemporary service in multi-purpose gymnasium
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Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study 8:45-10:30 a.m.: (cafe)
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)
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Contact: Rabbi Avrohom & Leah Susskind at (248) 790-6075 or rabbi@novijewishcenter.com; www.novijewishcenter.com

NOVI UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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 congrega-

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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
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Evening Service 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.
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Rev. David Brown, Pastor
248-437-2222 • www.fellowshippe.org

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9:40 a.m. Sunday School
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Worship - 10:30 a.m.
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Northville, MI 48167
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Phone 248-374-2268
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Sunday Service and Children's Church at 11:00 AM
Bible Study Thursday at 7:00 PM

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Wixom

# Pets are the cat's meow at the holidays

By Joanne Maliszewski  
Correspondent

Imagine your pet dog or cat scribbling a holiday wish list. Surely, squeaky toys and delicious treats would top the list. But some area pet businesses are taking holiday wishes a step further with luxurious and upscale gifts for the furry members of your family.

There's no wonder that pet products put retailers on the map, especially during the holidays. Today, more than 85 million households own 164.6 million dogs and cats. And that's not including reptiles, birds, horses and fish, according to the American Pet Products Association.

"People take care of their pets regularly," said Terri Bennett, longtime owner of Specialty Pets on Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth. "At Christmas, friends and relatives jump in. I think pets have become more important to people as economic times have gotten tougher."

National sales attest to that. In 2010, pet owners spent \$48.3 billion. This year, the American Pet Products Association estimates that at least \$50.8 billion will be spent on all types of products that ensure the health, safety, comfort and enjoyment of pets. Pet retailers aren't much different than any other type of retailer. They count on the winter holidays to



PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
Ana Sakuta, manager of downtown Northville's Celebrity Pets, says that one of the hottest gift items this holiday season are these "Roxy and Rose's" all-natural baked dog treats. The store on Center St. in downtown Northville gets several deliveries each week from the local bakery.

boost sales.

### All about comfort

There's no doubt that pet owners make like Santa at the holidays and spend somewhat unabashedly for their furry family members. It's all about comfort. For example, Bennett sees families spending as much as \$500 on quality cat furniture, including multi-tiered scratching posts, some with tree houses nestled at the top, while others are tall

enough to be skyscrapers in the cat world.

And for families who keep track of feral cats, the Backdoor Friends Cat Shoppe in Farmington Hills has outdoor heated beds and homes. "There is hope for the outdoor kitties," said owner Anne Klein, adding that the number of abandoned cats has increased as families have lost their jobs and in some cases, their homes.

Dogs don't fare too badly themselves when it

comes to gifts of furniture. Families are buying quality beds including chaise lounges, sofas, loveseats, self-warming loungers, beds with feather tops, air beds and travel beds, special orthopedic beds for their senior dogs.

Sweaters, coats, leashes and collars — all that can be customized with the pet's name — are big at Celebrity Pets, an upscale pet attire shop in Northville. "We have them in all types of materials including wool and fleece. Some coats have legs while others cover the chest of your pet, which is very important in cold weather," said Ann Sakuta, manager of the Northville store. Celebrity Pets is also at Laurel Park Place in Livonia.



Northville's Celebrity Pets shop offers lots for the dog or cat owner - including a wide variety of leashes.

Don't forget the Mutt-luks boots for a cold and snowy day or sunglasses and ski glasses for the winter sun. "People are becoming more discriminating with quality. Quality comes first. Customers ask first about the safety of the product," Bennett said.

### Treats, toys and memories

The owners of Specialty Pets, Celebrity Pets and Backyard Friends see an increase in the demand for quality treats preferably made in Michigan, or at least in America. Popular Three Dog Bakery in Plymouth is known for its fresh-baked dog treats made of natural wheat products, frosted with yogurt, and without refined sugar.

"We use honey and molasses to sweeten," said bakery owner Gary Atkinson. At Three Dog Bakery, dogs are welcome to join their owners who on average spend \$15 to \$20 on individual

treats, as well as holiday tins filled with delicious pet goodies.

Like kids, pets are surely waiting for the toys that Santa will bring. How about a tiger mobile that you can hang from a door for your cats? The mobile rotates round and round. "It mimics exercise," Klein said. "It is designed to catch their interest." Neko Flies is another new toy for cats that includes a wand with various attachments, including realistic looking bugs of all kinds. "It is a great wand toy," Klein added. "And it is really sturdy."

Klein also specializes in out-of-the-ordinary catnip toys, some look like bananas and cigars. You can also buy pillows with eau-de-catnip. In addition to all sorts of extraordinary catnip toys for the feline group and squeaky and pull toys for the canines, retailers, such as Specialty Pets, also feature interactive toys.

Please see PET5, A11

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF NORTHVILLE

The City of Northville has prepared draft text amendments to the City of Northville Zoning Ordinance regarding Article 23, Flood Hazard Zones.

The proposed changes involve updated references to the Flood Insurance Rate Map and Flood Boundary and Floodway maps and updated flood regulations, as required by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

The proposed text amendments will be considered at a public hearing conducted by the Planning Commission on January 3, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. at the City of Northville Municipal Building -lower level meeting room, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-349-1300. The purpose of this hearing will be to receive public input on these proposed changes. The complete text of the draft amendments can be reviewed at the City Hall during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Written comments will also be received at the above address.

JIM PENN, BUILDING OFFICIAL

DIANNE MASSA, CITY CLERK

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF NORTHVILLE

The City of Northville Planning Commission has prepared draft text amendments to Article 29 of the Zoning Ordinance regarding ordinance amendments and conditional zoning. The proposed changes are described as follows:

Section 29 01  
Section 29 02

Factors to be considered  
Conditional rezoning

The proposed text amendments will be considered at a public hearing conducted by the Planning Commission on January 3, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. at the City of Northville Municipal Building -Lower Level Meeting Room, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-449-9902. The purpose of this hearing will be to receive public input on these proposed changes. The complete text of the draft amendments can be reviewed at the Building Department during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Written comments will also be received at the above address.

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**PETS**

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known as "home alone" toys that allow the pet prolonged play to reach a hidden treat. "Overall, customers are looking for treats with a purpose. There are new ones coming on the market every day," Bennett said.

Pet owners and friends and families of pet owners use the holidays as good time to immortalize their furry friends. Well-known pet photographer Jill Andra Young, in Plymouth, can attest to that. More than two months ago, Young began photographing families and their pets for holiday cards, portraits, even key chains, holiday ornaments, jewelry and magnets. Young's pet photographs are of archival quality that can endure the strain of time for at least 100 years.

Pet photographs are great gifts from friends and relatives. "Their loved ones understand how much they love their pet," Young said. "People are ecstatic when they receive these gifts."

**Loving care**

December is also the time when pet owners want their pets clean and groomed ready for the holidays. Doggy Do's Pet Grooming in New Hudson and Aussie Pet Mobile specialize in sprucing up your pet in time for holiday guests.

The schedule at Doggy Do's is fast filling up, but owners Joyce and Kenneth Somero will be open on Christmas Eve to accommodate all of the requests. If your pet is a large pooch or a breed, such as one of the doodles, Doggy Do's is the right place. The Someros specialize in hand scissor cuts that allow a good trim and style for longer hair. When all is done, you pup will be topped off with a fancy bow or a colorful bandana, and freshened with a cologne sold in New York, Paris and London. The Aussie Pet Mobile,

**Pets reveal wish list**

**Dear Santa:**  
Hi. We are eagerly awaiting your arrival at our house this year. Me — the dog — and my feline friends are beyond excited and have tried really hard not to destroy any of the holiday decorations.

We were just talking the other day how you had a tight squeeze coming down our chimney last year. But that's why we ate your cookies and drank the milk that was left for you. We thought we would help you stay healthy! If it makes you feel any better, I did get blamed for all the cookie crumbs on the carpet.

Speaking for all of my canine and feline buddies, I have to say sometimes we feel a little left out when you visit. It's great that you think of our human family. The kids always have a really long list that is fun to yank on and tear up a bit. But, we would be very happy if you could consider us — the pets in our human families' lives this year.

For starters, us dogs and cats are really hoping for two very important gifts that you can share around the world. Here they are:

**Gift No. 1:** Please make sure that all the pets that need good homes get them.

We know a whole lot of very lonely pets and other outdoor-kind-of-animals that don't have very good lives. I, for one, would give up a chewy bone every week if you could make this happen.

**Gift No. 2:** Please put a giant lump of coal in the stockings of all the people around the world who neglect, hurt or even do worse things to pets. It's just not fair. Us four-legged creatures have lots of feelings, just like humans. All we really want is to be safe, healthy, cared for and loved. Is that too much to ask?

Now, me and my furry friends wouldn't mind if you might throw in a few toys for us. The cats like that catnip stuff and I like a good squeaky toy and cookies. Oh, hold on ... the cats are hissing because I didn't include a new soft and stuffy bed for them. Well, while we are going on ... I could use a new winter jacket and a good sturdy leash because I walk faster than anyone in this family!

Well, I think that's it. Have a good holiday. And please don't forget us. Happy sleigh travels.

Signed,  
Leo and my feline friends — Sweet Pea, Benjamin and Princess



which travels from Farmington Hills south through western Wayne County, comes to you to pamper, bathe and groom your pet. "We can meet them wherever they need us to be," said owner Arlene Dalida.

Pampering includes a "pawdicure," as well as de-

shedding for cats, and a 15-step spa bath that includes a massage followed by hand drying with a brush. "It's a different experience. It's a luxury experience. Everyone wants their pets to look their best for the holidays," said Dalida, adding that gift certificates are available for

humans, as well as coupons online at [www.petgroommetroitdetroit.com](http://www.petgroommetroitdetroit.com) for special pet facial treatments.

That panic of what to do with your pet as your schedule gets busier, or if you leave town is a constant worry for pet owners during the holidays. That's when Cheryl Hixson of Check on the Dog LLC and Backdoor Friends Cat Hotel can come in handy.

Hixson is a professional pet sitter who visits your house according to your needs to let your pooch out, feed and walk him and her, and who leaves a daily sheet of the visit on your kitchen counter ready for you to come home. Cats are included. She will make sure they are doing fine, have water and food, and some hugs. "I take care of anything that has four legs, fur and a bladder."

Licensed, bonded and insured Hixson takes pet sitting a step further. If you want, she will photograph your pets and send the photo immediately to your cell phone or computer with a date and time stamp so you can see your pet.

The cat hotel at Backdoor Friends offers pet owners a number of choices: the Victorian Parlor, providing cats with a birds-eye view of the retail area; the Presidential Suite, which offers two rooms to relax and dine; and the Senior Resort that boasts a ramp leading to sleeping quarters.

The importance of pets has grown over the decades, creating a perfect opening for pet product retailers, whether big box stores or small independent shops. The billions of dollars spent on pets doesn't surprise photographer Young in the least. She opened her studio in 1989 just as the role of family dogs and cats began to change.

"It's amazing how everyone understands the bond. They have everything for pets now. It's kind of fabulous!" Young added.

**Keep your pets happy, safe when boarding this season**

As much as pet owners may want to take their furry or feathered friends with them wherever they go, sometimes you can't take them with you and finding a kennel or pet care service you can trust is paramount. That's why Better Business Bureau has created a checklist to help pet owners choose a safe and reliable home-away-from-home for their pets.

Every year, BBB receives hundreds of complaints from pet owners about kennels. To date, in 2011, BBB has received more than 400 complaints arguing disputes over billing, and over the treatment of the pet — which is up from the 273 complaints filed in 2010.

"Our pets are like family and the last thing we want to do is stress over their care during the holiday season," said Patrick Bennett, BBB director of Community Relations. "Take a few moments to do your research and find a kennel you can trust so your time out of town will be easier for you and your pet."

**Check them out and get recommendations.** Always check out the kennel with BBB at [www.bbb.org](http://www.bbb.org) first to make sure they have a good track record for keeping customers satisfied. Also ask your friends, neighbors, veterinarian or local animal shelters for recommendations.

**Make a visit.** Personally visit the facilities you are considering before scheduling the boarding. Check for cleanliness and offensive odors, and note the overall safety of the kennel and cages.

**Ask lots of questions.** If your pet is prone to running away, ask about steps the kennel has taken to make their facilities escape-proof. Ask about how your pet may come in contact with other animals. Some kennels let animals play together while others keep them separate at all times. Ask about the feeding schedule, water accessibility and frequency of — or fees related to — exercise.

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The 2012 Regular Meeting Dates are:  
January 19, 2012  
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March 15, 2012  
April 19, 2012  
May 17, 2012  
June 21, 2012  
July 19, 2012  
August 16, 2012  
September 20, 2012  
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## OUR VIEWS



## Priceless gift Generosity of spirit is holiday lesson to learn

Before heading out to the malls and down city main streets to get those last-minute items for Christmas, parents ought to pause a moment to think about a particular gift their children can really use.

It's so small, it often gets overlooked. But it's also so big, that it won't fit under the tree.

*For your children, however, it's so important that they will keep it for life. The gift is the generosity of spirit, a life skill that needs to be learned as a child. It is taught through example and experience.*

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The visions of sugar plums children have these days are often expensive and numerous. But there is another side to giving, one that starts

with caring and a clear-sighted understanding that, for some people, it takes more than sitting on Santa's lap to get basic necessities.

The impact of the generosity of spirit has more outcomes than the best-stocked toy store. With a sensitive nature, our children are gifted as quick learners, hugging tightly that lesson for a lifetime of use.

That truth is borne out by people who live and work in our communities. Their generous spirit can also be seen daily as volunteers ring the bell at Salvation Army red kettles at businesses around the community. It can be seen in the donations made to both the Novi and Northville Goodfellows, who between them are going to be able to help hundreds of needy families have a better Christmas this year. Rotarians, Lions and numerous other church and civic organizations are also doing their part.

For those gifted with a generous spirit, their gift of volunteering is priceless. They are ready, willing and able to step up and help. And the example they set is a gift that can last a lifetime when children are involved.

We urge people to take a moment out of their busy schedule to make a donation. But when you do, let your child do it. It's the questions that follow after a little one puts money in the red kettle that opens the door a lifelong lesson in giving.

It isn't shiny and bright, but the generosity of spirit is one gift continually found anew through compassion, but it must be acquired first.

Parents don't have to pay for it at the checkout, but our children are sure to treasure it always.

## COMMUNITY VOICE

### What's the best Christmas gift this year?



"Probably cash. Then you can spend it on things you like."

**Mark Franchi**  
Northville



"Ipod Touch. Good music player; games."

**Alex Braeseker**  
Northville



"American Eagle clothes. That's what everybody wears, and it's cool."

**Conrad Landis**  
Northville



"A PlayStation 3 because people want to play games."

**Drew Lemke**  
Northville

## LETTERS

### Religious intolerance

Before making the claim that Christians are persecuted and don't have a voice, one needs to first examine the facts. Many religious groups like The Family Research Council, Concerned Women For America, Home School Legal Defense Fund, Traditional Values Coalition and the U.S. Catholic Conference of Catholic Bishops are not only well financed, but are also in lock step with other conservative religious groups on many issues like abortion, same-sex marriage and the taxing fund.

If you add up the budgets of these organizations, the total tops \$95 million. If you include Pat Robertson's Christian Broadcasting Network and the empire created by Jerry Falwell, which are overtly political, and add in a handful of the top "religious right" legal groups, the numbers reach the stratosphere, exceeding \$1 billion annually.

No religious movement that has control of that much cash can claim to be persecuted. How much of that was spent on lobbying? No one knows because they aren't required to say. A secular group like Americans United For Separation of Church and State that refused to disclose this information would quickly find itself in trouble with the federal government. Far from being persecuted, religious groups actually receive preferential treatment in this area.

Anyone who might dare to criticize these groups for their views on abortion or same sex marriage is quickly labeled a bigot who doesn't believe in religious freedom. To these groups, religious freedom has a curious definition: Its the right to force you to live by their religion.

They have also been successful in putting across the idea that to speak against their political agenda is the same as speaking against their religion. No truly persecuted movement is this savvy in the game of politics.

Some Christian groups may claim persecution, but the numbers tell a different story. If you doubt this, just spend a day shadowing their employees in Congress, where, increasingly, they are greeted with warm smiles and open arms.

**Richard Jankowski**  
Milford

### Teachers' perspective

We are both retired teachers, each having nearly 40 years of experience teaching at all different levels. We are writing to comment on the article by Tom Watkins in the Dec. 8 edition of the Northville Record.

Speaking from our experiences in the classroom, we believe that many politicians and educational entrepreneurs simply do not understand the challenges that classroom teachers face every day. Jamie Vollmer's "The Blueberry Story" illustrates this perfectly.

We, as teachers, must educate every child, regardless of race, creed, color, sexual orientation, learning style, social status, family situations, physical condition, relationships with peers, medical needs and the list goes on and on. Not everyone in the business world would understand the detailed process involved in creating a lesson plan, breaking it down for all students to understand, modeling and checking for understanding, which a teacher must do multiple times per class. The same applies to

### WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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**Fax:** (248) 437-3386

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teaching a foreign language; a native speaker of any language would not necessarily know the best way to teach it.

Obtaining a master's degree allows teachers not only to become more proficient in their field, but also to take graduate classes in education that teach them in greater depth how students learn, how the human brain works, how to help students with special needs, how to assess student progress, and how to keep curriculum current. Research is not needed to understand that. These classes are often at great personal expense to the teacher, and now teachers are required to take graduate classes to keep their certification valid. A raise in pay is justified for teachers who study to be the best in their field.

At least once a year, districts will provide in-service time for teachers. We can count on one hand the number of in-service opportunities that we attended that were relevant to our situations. Most districts will not pay for attendance at state, regional or national conferences; even if teachers pay their own expenses, the districts will not pay for substitute teachers. This would be a minimal investment for maximum opportunities. Almost all doctors are members of the AMA. Can you imagine a doctor who did not know the latest developments in the field of medicine? ...

Teachers despised No Child Left Behind and were disillusioned with Race to the Top. Fewer and fewer young people are considering the profession because of the complete disrespect from the president on down and the constant cry to lower salaries and benefits and to raise class sizes. They know what's going on — they see the writing on the wall — at least for the time being. Fortunately, we see students and new teachers, including our own son, who are not only inspired to teach, but they're smart, articulate, idealistic and recognize the value of good teaching in their own development and growth. Outstanding teachers are usually concerned in the classrooms of other outstanding teachers.

Many times, students maintain contact with teachers that influenced them, and we are thrilled that some

of our former students are now Facebook friends and keep in touch with us. Teachers are delighted with the success of their current and former students and are proud to have played even a small part in their lives.

So, one more thing — who won the Academy Awards last year? Who won the Stanley Cup? The Super Bowl? The World Series? You may have to think hard to remember, or you could Google the answer. Now, who were the teachers that influenced you the most? We bet you don't have to think for more than five seconds to answer that question.

**Peter J. Manschot**

art teacher, Birmingham Public Schools (retired)

**Emily Serafa Manschot**

Spanish teacher, Northville High School (retired)

Student Teacher supervisor,

University of Michigan-Dearborn

### Bazaar benefits

The check is in the mail! The fourth annual Community Bizarre Bazaar to benefit Village Banking through FINCA was held at the First United Methodist Church in Northville on Oct. 22 of this year.

Thanks to the wonderful support of the community, we raised \$15,000 to sponsor three additional village banks in El Salvador, Afghanistan and Haiti. This brings our total sponsorship in four short years to 12 banks (\$5,000 per bank sponsorship). Other locations of our banks are: Malawi, Tajikistan and Zambia. Micro loans and education through the Village Banking system provides the members with working capital — something they have never had access to. With your support, we have been able to bring real sustainable change to the lives of the poorest of the poor. With a hand up, not a hand out, we have empowered them with a means to escape poverty.

The Bazaar parallels FINCA's cause by inviting local entrepreneurs with home-based businesses to join us and gives them a chance to grow their businesses at a low-cost, friendly venue. Many of our vendors are also supporting charities of their choice. We have a booth, Bead for Life, which supports women in Uganda.

In addition, we support a group of disabled adult crafters from Cass Community Center in Detroit. At no charge to them, we set them up with space to sell their goods, provide a liaison from the committee and volunteers to support them during the day. They are able to supplement their meager incomes and feel loved. Another vendor donates all proceeds to Joy Southfield.

We are also Made in Michigan friendly! Our two beautiful door prize baskets are comprised exclusively of Made in Michigan products that are either donated or provided by committee members. This is truly a day that reaches out locally as well as globally to offer hope to so many and works towards world peace. We look forward to seeing you next year on Oct. 20. Come join the fun and give a hand up. For further information on FINCA's micro lending programs: [www.FINCA.org](http://www.FINCA.org) or [www.fumcnorthville.org](http://www.fumcnorthville.org).

**Pat Bongiovanni**

Missions co-chair, First United Methodist Church - Northville

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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 TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION**

**Holiday music**



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Members of Northville High's Treble Makers ham it up a bit during a Dec. 9 performance at Winchester Elementary.

**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**

**ABOUT ETC.**

The Lists: Etc. Includes Meetings; Senior Events; Library Lines; Parks and Rec; Volunteering; Support Groups; Clubs and Groups; Class Reunions; Golf Outings; and Health Events.  
**Submit:** Send item submissions via e-mail to [cstone@gannett.com](mailto:cstone@gannett.com); by fax to (248) 685-2892; or by mail to Northville Record, 101 N. Lafayette St., South Lyon, MI 48178. Items must be received by noon on Tuesday to be included in Thursday's newspaper.  
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8 a.m.: Walking Club  
 9:30 a.m.: Mah Jongg  
 10 a.m.: Beginning Line Dance; Oxygise  
 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.: Oxygise  
 11 a.m.: Strength Training  
 11:30 a.m.: Walking Club  
**Noon:** Bridge  
 1 p.m.: Cribbage  
 7 p.m.: Bridge  
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**Holiday Office Closings:**

Monday, January 2	New Year's Day
Monday, January 16	Martin Luther King Jr.'s Presidents' Day
Monday, February 20	Good Friday
Friday, April 6	Memorial Day
Monday, May 28	Independence Day
Wednesday, July 4	Labor Day
Monday, September 3	Thanksgiving Day
Thursday, November 22	Day after Thanksgiving Day
Friday, November 23	Christmas Eve
Monday, December 24	Christmas Day
Tuesday, December 25	

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# VETERANS

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Blakeley said the MVCF, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, would work closely with the Veterans Administration and universities and colleges throughout the state to reach the primary goals of transitioning vets back into a normal life and caring for the disabled.

He wanted to get into the location right away after seeing it, but was told by Northville Township he would have to go through the PUD process to change the location from R-2 single family residential. This current zoning allows churches, which were there before. However, what Blakeley has in mind is not religious, but rather a place to help young and aging veterans.

The location, which is 20 acres with 13 buildings on it, was also used by the Revival Outreach Center International Church and Sisters of Providence. According to legal papers posted to its front door, ROC had been in court with Women of Purpose over payment. Northville Township's community development director, Jennifer Frey, believes it's currently bank-owned.

Blakeley said the property is ide-

al because of the numerous buildings located on it that could be used for housing and classrooms. According to MVCF, there are 362,000 veterans in southeast Michigan, and approximately 10 percent are disabled. He says there is a big need for this kind of facility.

However, as it stood at the Planning Commission meeting, the plan is still in its infancy and MVCF will have to go through a process that could take months, that is if everything goes perfectly. Questions of potential financing, uses, traffic increasing on Beck and residential concerns remain.

Northville resident Bo Westerkamp, whose home is located in a neighboring residential area, thinks the whole idea is cloudy. A Vietnam veteran, Westerkamp understands the needs of former service members, but said he wants more answers.

Commissioner Robert Nix said MVCF needs to develop a complete plan and go through the PUD process, which includes a public hearing and Board of Trustee approval. He said the township wants to know exactly what MVCF wants to accomplish, and what construction or renovation work will be done to get the facility up and running.

# OLV donates



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Our Lady of Victory School recently gathered and donated Christmas gifts to families of Northville Civic Concern. Here are a small gathering of those students involved. From left: J.P. Lafferty, Allia McDowell, Mercedes Hein, Cassidy Twan, and Nick Schubert. The school gave the gifts to Civic Concern on Dec. 8 as the organization held its holiday distribution the next day.

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# NORTHVILLE COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## Community Events

### SADD HOLIDAY MOVIE NIGHT

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 16

Location: Northville High School cafeteria

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mas decorations and the children were given the chance to see Santa Claus, who was surrounded by gifts ready to be handed out. For one unnamed client, this could not have come at a better time.

"We are not quite making it to be able to get gifts this year, so having Civic Concern and the donor families help us in this way is just wonderful and very much appreciated," said the 24-year-old Northville woman, a full-time college student and the mother of a baby boy.

Brodie said this event comes together because of the community's generosity. Various groups and individuals volunteer



Bags of gifts line the hallways of the Church of the Nazarene on Haggerty on Dec. 10 during the Northville Civic Concern holiday distribution. Needy families were adopted by individuals, families, churches and businesses.

their time to find the gifts on the client wish lists, which include everything from new bikes, gaming systems, toys and clothing.

These gifts were

wrapped and brought to the church by the donor families and then handed out by the volunteers. She said it's amazing that so many give in such tough economic times.



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Shauntay McKinney, left, smiles as she gathers some of the gifts given to her family at the Dec. 10 Northville Civic Concern holiday distribution. Volunteer Monica Inchaustegui is at right.

Civic Concern Director Marlene Kunz said the Northville community has been coming through for many years to make Christmas morning a happy one for needy families.

"This is a prosperous community, but there are many families just getting by who need some help now and then," Kunz said. "And that's why we are here and why the community always helps out."

One unnamed volunteer, a lifelong Northville resident, used to be a client of Civic Concern. She said in the recent past her family was struggling, but she "got back on her feet" with a new job prospect. It's her goal now to give back to those who need it.

"I understand what it's like to not have a lot of extras or the ability to get Christmas gifts for everyone. Many people are struggling right now, including here in Northville," she said. "This organization is one of the best around. They



Northville High Rotary Interact volunteers James Chen, 15, and Suchita Chandrasekhrunia, 14, bring out a couple of bikes for a family during the holiday distribution of Civic Concern.

are making this a great Christmas for many who wouldn't have had one otherwise."

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## Mustangs bow in first contest of season

### Boys basketball team loses to Walled Lake Northern

By Sam Eggleston  
Correspondent

The Northville Mustangs boys basketball team has some growing pains they are experiencing right now, and it has nothing to do with a lack of experience.

The squad, coached by Todd Sander in his fourth year at the varsity helm, took a tough 53-31 loss to Walled Lake Northern last week in their season opener — a pain, for sure, but one compounded by the fact that the team is without their starting point guard, Jeff Gertley.

Gertley, a senior, broke his finger the day before Thanksgiving, leading to surgery that will keep him off the court until mid-January. "He was our point guard, so we're learning to play

without him, which is tough right now but it should help us in the long run," said Sander. "Other guys are getting opportunities to improve."

Yet, playing without your point guard in the opening game of the season can keep a team off balance, no matter how hard others are attempting to fill the role. Against Northern, the Mustangs had a tough time with turnovers, committing 24 of them throughout the game — including nine in the first quarter, which led to 13 of Northern's 16 points in that stanza.

"I would say we beat ourselves," Sander said. "We also shot 27-percent. Turning it over 24 times and shooting 24-percent is not a good recipe for going on the road against a

good team."

The Mustangs did have some bright spots, despite the L in the record books. Brett MacDonald, last year's leading scorer and a senior this year, scored 13 points and had four rebounds. Stewart Henzi added seven points and eight rebounds in the losing effort.

"I was proud because we never quit fighting," said Sander, noting his team even cut the Northern lead to seven points midway through the third quarter.

The Mustangs will no doubt bounce back, looking to improve on last year's 11-10 record. The team returns eight players from last year, including seven seniors and a junior. MacDonald, Gertley, Andrew Poterala, Andrew Wright, Ryan O'Callaghan, Jeff Hewlett and

Mitchell Alameddine are back from last year in their senior campaign while Nick Raad comes in as a returning junior.

Newcomers this year include juniors Jake Hansen, Brandon Patrone and Alec Lasley as well as towering sophomore Andrew Meacham, who stands 6 feet, 6 inches and weighs in at 200 pounds.

Northville isn't setting their sights any lower than a division championship this year, looking to challenge Salem and Novi for the Central title.

"The Central division is usually the toughest in the conference," said Sander. "Salem will be very tough, and we start division play by opening with them. Novi and Stevenson have new coaches, so we need to adapt and adjust to their styles."

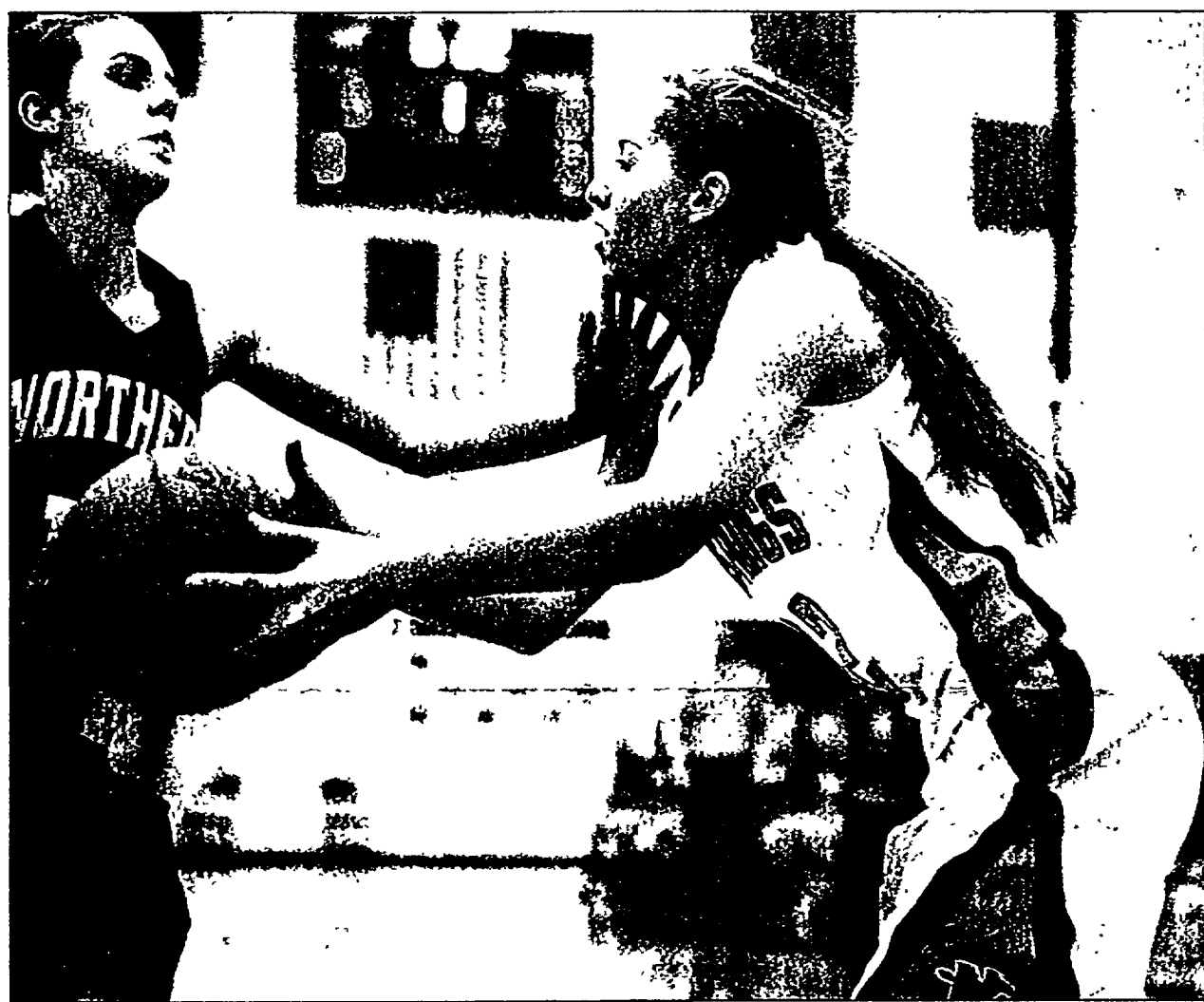
#### ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs boys basketball team will be back in action when they play at Canton tomorrow at 7 p.m. before hosting their annual Northville Invitational Holiday Tournament Dec. 28 and 29.

South Lyon is always a tough opponent, and I think that going there is maybe the hardest place to play."

Northville will be banking on their experience to make up for the number of top-scorers that graduated from last year's team. Sander said he won't be looking for one or two players to step up, either — but rather the whole team.

"We should be hard to defend because very guy will be asked to contribute," he said. "It will be difficult for teams to focus on one or two players."



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Mustang Kendra Brenner gets a face-full of pressure from a Walled Lake Northern Knight during their Dec. 6 game.

## 'Stangs have Walled Lake's number

### Squad defeats Northern, Central teams to open season

By Sam Eggleston  
Correspondent

Apparently, 53 points was the magic number last week when the Northville Mustangs girls basketball team took on two schools from Walled Lake.

The Mustangs, coached by Todd Gudith, scored 53 points in both victories as they upended Walled Lake Northern, 53-32, before topping Walled Lake Central, 53-30.

Against Central, the Mustangs found themselves in a tight game throughout the first half, though they chipped out a 23-16 lead by the time they headed into the locker room.

"We didn't do a particularly good job getting to the shooters and rebounding in the first half," said Gudith.

The close game continued into the third quarter as the Vikings — backed by their rowdy student section — cut the Northville lead to 25-22 with just over five minutes left in the stanza. The suddenly too-close-for-comfort contest was the wake-up call the Mustangs needed.

"Once they cut the lead to three, our girls really switched gears defensively and we limited their chances the rest of the way," Gudith said. "It's not easy playing on the road, and our girls weren't used to dealing with the hecklers in the crowd. It made it fun, though. Just another piece of adversity we have to play through. We kept our composure

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and didn't lose our cool."

Northville shut the hecklers up for good, going on a 22-point run before the Vikings were even able to respond to blow the game wide open.

Leading the way for the Mustangs was senior Alex Moynes, who poured in 16 points in the winning effort, while junior Kendra Brenner added 14 points in the victory.

Northville climbed to 2-0 on the season with the victory.

Just a few days before their game against the Vikings, the Mustangs had themselves a convincing victory over the Walled Lake Northern Knights to open the season.

The squad jumped out to a 23-4 lead in the first quarter and didn't bother looking back as they stomped their non-division foes. By the time the half rolled around, the Knights found themselves in the precarious position of a 31-12 lead in the Mustangs' favor.

Northville hit the first four shots they took, including three-

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Mustang Meredith Williams blows past Walled Lake Northern's Maria Ropke on her way to the hoop during Northville's Dec. 6 game against Northern.

## Gymnastics team full of enthusiasm

### Youth will not be a deterrent for Mustangs

By Sam Eggleston  
Correspondent

The Northville Mustangs gymnastics team might be young, but they know what it takes to be successful — hard work, dedication and a determination to get better each week.

That's the moxie coach Erin McWatt has built the program on over the past nine seasons as head coach. Where the girls lack in experience, they make up for in an eagerness to learn and a willingness to push themselves.

"We have a better mixture of experienced to non-experienced this year (as compared to last season), and the girls have a great attitude," said McWatt. "Bottom line is, we

need more difficult skills to be competitive, so that's what we're really working toward."

Leading the way will be captain Victoria Clay, as well as juniors Taylor Dempsey and Erin Warwood. That trio of leaders will join Hannah Mitchell, Morgan Price, Jennifer Upmeyer, Daisy Ference, Yara Mousaied and Alyssa Breen as members of this year's squad.

The team will be looking to make a trip back to the state finals this year as a unit — a big goal that is circled twice due to the fact that last season was the first the Mustangs didn't make it to the finals as a team.

In addition, McWatt said her team is looking to get as many girls qualified for the regionals as possible.

But there is a lot to be done between now and then — including going into competition against some extremely experienced and talented gymnasts.

"We always love competing against Farmington United and Canton because they routinely perform excellently, and it's great for the girls who don't have a lot of experience to see how veterans handle the pressure of competitions," said McWatt. She noted that unlike many sports, teams in gymnastics tend to interact with the goal of helping one another become better competitors. "The coaches do a great job of collaborating; we're here to help everyone, not just our own kids."

Northville will be relying on the positive team attitude to build their season on.

McWatt said that though the team may not be quite where they want to be competitively, the girls "have a fabulous attitude, work hard" and that competitions are about improving and becoming a better gymnast week in and week out.

"It's not all about winning for them," she said. "It's about getting better every single time they get in front of the judges."

Northville will be focusing on working hard, improving their difficult skill sets and improving their routines.

#### ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs gymnastics team will compete in a four-team meet tomorrow at Milford with a 6:30 p.m. start before taking a break until Jan. 3 when they will visit Canton.

# Cheer team looking for a three-peat

## Squad wants to make run for KLAA Central Division title yet again

By Sam Eggleston  
Correspondent

The Northville Mustangs competitive cheerleading team is working its way through some key injuries to start the season, but they have their sights set on a lofty goal nonetheless.

The squad, coached by Mindy Gentz in her eighth year at the helm, will be looking to earn their third-straight Kensington Lakes Activities Association Central Division championship this season. In addition, they hope to win the conference title and qualify for the MHSAA regional tournament — a feat that can only be accomplished with a top-four finish at the district tournament.

The first step on their road to potential championships? Getting experience.

"We are a very young team — only (three) seniors and two juniors,"



Northville High School's varsity and junior varsity competitive cheer teams teamed up to adopt a family for the Holidays through Northville Civic Concern's Adopt a Family Program.

said Gentz. "We are very inexperienced as a group. To improve, we just need to put in the hours at practice and keep getting out on the mat each week."

If Northville's beginning is any indication of where they have come so far, the proof is in the pudding as far as their potential. The squad just competed in the CCCAM

Scholarship Invitational at Southgate Anderson and finished third in Division I — the team's best finish at that particular competition.

"We had a very good round three performance, earning high execution scores and having no falls even this early in the year," said Gentz. "In round two, we competed with a new skill for

our team, the handstand forward roll. I believe we are the first team in the state to compete this skill in round two — it was just added last season as a new skill option. We scored pretty well on this skill, being our first time performing it, and the officials first time scoring it in competition."

Part of the success at the invitational was due

### ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs competitive cheerleading team will have a lengthy break over the holidays before returning to compete on the road against South Lyon at 6 p.m. Jan. 4.

to the senior leadership, said Gentz — as well as the effort put forth by the relatively young squad. "The coaching staff is very pleased with the team's first performance and the girls were excited about how well they did as a team today," she said. "There were a lot of nerves, but they really pulled through and learned from the day."

Northville will be looking to their key returning cheerleaders to rally the rest of the team throughout the season. Seniors Rachel Polanski and Castille Asmann and sophomores Suzie Gutows-

ki and Alyssa Kowalski — they were all a part of last year's team that went 4-0 in the division, 9-1 in the conference and 20-2 overall.

Also on this year's team are seniors Alex Romano, juniors Sarah Raymond and Valerie Trupiano, sophomores Abbey Baum, Maggie Blissett, Kyra Dahring, Alison Iafraite, Arielle Iafraite and Miho Morioka and freshmen Kelsey Clay, Alyssa Corn, Shayla Croteau, Jordan Hermiz, Ryan Jeannotte and Ashley Williams.

Northville will have to stay ahead of Stevenson and Novi if they hope to win the division, while Canton looks to be their biggest challenger in the conference.

Brighton and Hartland are the tough teams in the association again this year.

"We measure our growth by how we compete against them," Gentz noted.

### NORTHVILLE SPORTS BRIEFS

#### Correction

Last week's Northville girls basketball preview misidentified Meredith Williams as a junior. She is a senior captain with the Mustangs varsity team.

#### Girls lacrosse clinics

Try something new this year! The lacrosse season will start in spring, so get ready now. Are you currently playing? Come meet the Northville High School team captains and players at a clinic for girls current-

ly in grades first through fifth. They are looking forward to meeting all new players and working with you to teach the skills of lacrosse. A clinic will be held from 7-8 p.m. on Dec. 15, Winchester Elementary's gym, 16141 Winchester Drive

The clinic is free; however, registration is requested to confirm attendance. E-mail Beth Donovan at nhswoomenslax@gmail.com.

No equipment is needed for the clinic, but please wear proper workout attire, gym

shoes, loose fitting pants and a shirt.

#### KVBSA travel baseball

The Kensington Valley Baseball Softball Association (KVBSA) is currently accepting applications for travel baseball teams for the 2012 season. There are openings in all age brackets for newly formed or existing teams.

There will be divisions for all ages from U8 through U18 with league breakouts (community, advanced and open) where

available. For further information, contact Jeff David at jeff.david@kvbsa.com or visit www.kvbsa.com to learn more about the league and the 2012 season.

#### Sports admission

For the 2011-12 school year, there will be an admission charge for home middle school events in volleyball, basketball and swim and dive of \$3 for adults and \$1 for students. The Northville Booster Pass will be accepted at all middle school home contests.

One can purchase a 2011-12 Northville Athletic Boosters Club Sport Pass which provides admittance to all Northville High School and middle schools sports regular home games. A one-time cost of \$125 covers your immediate family including your NHS student or students or \$50 for an individual pass. All funds generated from the sales of these passes goes directly to support Northville Athletics. For more information, contact Maureen Owen at (248) 348-0075.

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# Northville tankers take loss in season opener

## Team has a lot of holes to fill, but potential to win

By Sam Eggleston  
Correspondent

Taking a loss to Brother Rice definitely wasn't the way the Northville Mustangs swimming and diving team had intended to start their season, but it was a lesson in the school of hard knocks that is going to be the team's teacher throughout a good portion of this year.

The potential difficulties the Mustangs face this year have absolutely nothing to do with the amount of talent the team has, nor its drive to succeed — both are positive aspects for the swimming and diving program for the 2011-12 campaign. But there are a lot of holes to fill, and not just from graduation, either.

"This season we not only have to replace a lot of very good seniors that left, but we also have to replace some kids that did not fulfill their commitment to the team this year for

whatever reason," noted coach Rich Bennetts, who is in his 13th season at Northville. "It is tough, but we have 47 swimmers and three divers that we will move forward with from here. These are the guys that want to be here, and I know that they will work hard to achieve the goals that we have set for ourselves."

Leading the way will be captains Dawson Laabs, Spencer Koblinski, Greg Putman and Aaron Zalewski. They are charged with the task of not only leading their team verbally, but as examples of how to push themselves as well.

"We do not have the stand-out student-athletes as we have had in the past," said Bennetts. "We have some kids with some potential, but this team will have to out-work everyone else if we want to have any kind of success this season. I am excited to start, and I am hopeful that we will out-perform the

pre-season predictions."

Seniors on this year's team include: Akbar Ariswala, Phillip Bondy, Adam Curry, Josh Dufresne, Chris Kim, Koblinski, Laabs, Alec Latta, Filippo Miavaldi, Mike Miller, Spencer Miller, Putman, Matt Smelt and Zalewski. Juniors are: Sam Boyea, Edward Han, Nick Hayes, Austin Hunt, Alex Joslin, Dennis Kim, Spiro Morris, Sergio Reyes and Scott Wang. Sophomores are: Daniel Brown, Nick Dufresne, Tom Franchi, Josh Liu, Ryan Moore, Alan Ruan, Danny Teng, Anton Travis, Andrew Westphal, Christian Yap, Frank Zhang and Kevin Yang. Freshmen are: Yash Bajaj, Colin Bondy, Troy Cini, William Ding, Mark Kaminski, Sho Kikumori, Ben McCarthy, John Monterosso, Nam-Jun Park, Matthew Schafer, Fred Schultz, Nirek Sharma, Dominick Tripoli, Greg Vargo and Kevin Yang.

One of the most effective

ways for a team to learn is to make mistakes and realize what they did wrong. The Northville squad had a full dose of learning from their errors when they swam against Brother Rice in the season opener, taking a 124-62 loss.

"Obviously, Brother Rice is a much more talented team than us at this point in the season," said Bennetts. "We made a lot of mental errors in race strategy tonight and it showed in the final score. We just have to keep working hard in practice and try to clean up some of the weaknesses we showed tonight."

Northville wasn't without highlights during the meet, however.

Spencer Miller started his season with a first-place finish in the 50 freestyle, finishing in 23.34 seconds, while Westphal won the 100 free in 51.08 seconds. Also taking first was Miavaldi, who swam a 57.64-second

### ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs boys swimming and diving team will be back in the pool January 7 when they swim at the Salem Invitational.

race in the 100 backstroke for the top spot.

The 200 medley relay team of Miavaldi, Liu, Laabs and Spencer Miller swam to second place while Hunt took third in the 200 freestyle. Wang finished fourth in the 200 individual medley while Westphal took third in the 50 free. Liu also had a good day, finishing fourth in the 100 breaststroke for the Mustangs.

Bondy had a strong showing in diving, capturing third place. Wang and Hunt took fourth place finishes in the 100 butterfly and the 500 freestyle, respectively. The 200 free relay team of Westphal, Spencer Miller, Boyea and Laabs took second, the same place the 400 free relay team of Chris Kim, Boyea, Hunt and Westphal finished.

# Mustangs split week

## Hockey team beats South Lyon, bows to Salem

By Sam Eggleston  
Correspondent

You win some. You lose some. You keep on playing.

That's what the Northville Mustangs boys hockey team went through last week, earning a 3-2 victory over the South Lyon Lions before taking a tough 2-0 loss against Salem just a few days later.

The squad, coached by Clint Robert, found themselves in a 0-0 game against the Salem Rocks throughout the first period of play before a power play goal at the 13:50 mark by Mark McGee put the Rocks on the board and in the lead for good. Assists were credit-

### ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs boys hockey team will be back on the ice when they visit Brighton at 7 p.m. Monday before taking a holiday hiatus until Jan. 4 when they host Livonia Stevenson at the Novi Ice Arena.

ed to Alek Zultowski and Evan Patton.

The Rocks scored again just over two minutes later, this time on a shorthanded, unassisted play by Jake Sealy that gave the Salem squad their 2-0 final.

Northville was penalized five times in the game while the Rocks were whistled three times.

Taking the loss for Northville in goal was Jake Pawlowski, while Anthony Veresan earned the win for the Rocks.

Against South Lyon, the Mustangs had a much better showing despite a lot of penalties being called on both teams.

Northville collected a tough 3-2 victory over the Lions after falling behind 1-0 in the first quarter on a goal by Cam Thomas at the 3:44 mark.

Northville tied the game early in the second, scoring at 13:05 on a power play goal by senior forward Clay Neal, who was assisted by Connor Brown and Alec Debrabander on the play.

The Lions didn't let the

goal phase them much, scoring just five minutes later to go up once again, but that would prove to be the last time their shots would find their way past Northville's defense.

Neal put his second goal of the game on the board with 5:03 left in the second period to knot the game up, 2-2. Assists were credited to junior forward Jacob Strom and freshman forward Jack Meacham.

The Mustangs put the nail in the coffin in the third stanza, scoring on an unassisted play by senior forward A.J. Bradley with just over two minutes left in the game.

Northville is currently 5-2-1 on the season.



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The Mustang bench during their Nov. 17 scrimmage at the Novi Ice Arena.

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# Schoenheide wrestling tournament a success

## Mustangs win season opener; have great time with three tourney victories

By Sam Eggleston  
Correspondent

The Mustangs may not have won their annual Todd Schoenheide Memorial Wrestling Challenge last week, but they sure had a great time representing their sport and the memory of the late grappler the tourney is named after.

The Mustangs took two tough losses to start the day, falling to eventual champion Saline in the opener before taking a loss to KLA A foe Plymouth. The team rebounded nicely, however, bouncing back to defeat the

### ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs wrestling team will be back on the mats Saturday when they travel to the Wayne County Invitational for a 9 a.m. start before taking a holiday break until Jan. 4 when they participate in a quad meet at Canton at 5:30 p.m.

Dearborn Pioneers, Ann Arbor Skyline Eagles and the Dearborn Crestwood Chargers to finish the day with a 3-2 record. Against Saline, which stayed

undefeated throughout the day to win the team championship trophy, the Mustangs fell in a 52-27 rout.

They came back against Plymouth, jumping out to an early lead and working their way to a dominate position with just five matches left and only one victory needed to seal the deal. Unfortunately, the Wildcats were ferocious in their defense, clawing their way to victory with 25 team points over the final five matches to earn a 38-33 win over Northville.

The Mustang grapplers did fire up for the remainder of the

tournament, however, beating Skyline, 72-12, before pounding out a 69-9 domination over the Chargers. To finish the day, the squad took a 52-21 victory over the Pioneers.

Northville's Trevor Maresh, currently ranked eighth in the state in his 171-pound weight class, and Alex Coe, who wrestles at 152, both went undefeated on the day. Maresh finished with a 4-0 record while Coe went 5-0. Both of them are team captains this year.

The Mustangs also had season-opening matches against Walled Lake Northern and

Walled Lake Western last week. Against Northern, the result was a one-sided affair with Mustangs walking away with a 68-8 victory. Northville won 12 of the meet's 14 matches against the Knights.

Against Western, the result was a little less lopsided, but a dominating victory for Northville nonetheless as they won 10 of 14 matches for a 60-16 victory. The Mustangs gave up just one loss by a pin while recording 12 pins of their own.

Sean Wagner and Max Mudar both went 2-0 on the day with wins by fall in all four of the matches.



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Mustang Brittany Berehulka in action on Dec. 6.

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point buckets by juniors Brittany Berehulka and Brenner to help give their squad a 10-0 lead just minutes into the contest.

Northville continued the basketball showcase as their defense put on a clinic as well, nabbing a number of steals and rebounds to help further their victory march in the first half. Senior Mallory Weber had seven steals on the night while Aly Bates was tasked with guarding Northern's top post player, Maria Ropek, and held her completely scoreless in the first half of play.

"Our girls were really excited to start the season tonight and I'm glad they went out and showed it on the court," Gudith said. "We played with a lot of energy all game long. We shot the ball well in the opening quarter and that just gave us more confidence."

The Mustangs were led by Moynes and Brenner, who had 11 points each.

### Warriors in championship



KEN HASSE

It looks like Northville will have some representation at the NCAA Division II football championship this Saturday. The Wayne State Warriors, who boast two Northville alumni in Greg Hasse and Jon Alandt, defeated Winston-Salem State University last week, 21-14, to advance to the title game. The game, which will be played at 11 a.m. and televised nationally on ESPN2, will feature the Warriors against Pittsburgh State. Pictured: Hasse pressures the Winston-Salem quarterback in last week's semi-finals game of the NCAA Division II football championships.

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### Meet the Teams



Northville Boys and Girls Basketball Programs would like to thank everyone that attended this past Saturdays Meet the Teams Pancake Breakfast. Over 500 people attended the three-hour event and enjoyed a relaxing visit with friends, neighbors and the student athletes. The gym was bustling with local children of all ages practicing their shooting skills against the boys and girls teams and meeting the team mascot. The morning was wrapped up with a pancake eating contest amongst the boys varsity players. The official winner was Mitch Alameddine clocking in at the five minute mark with 15 pancakes!

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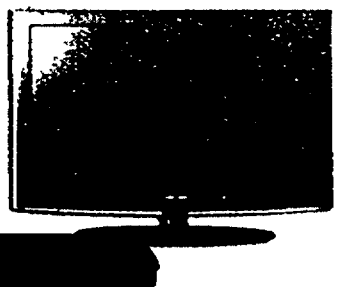
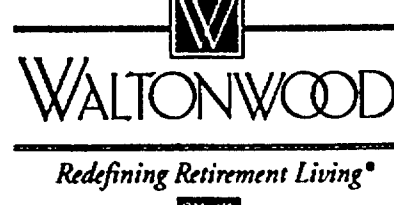


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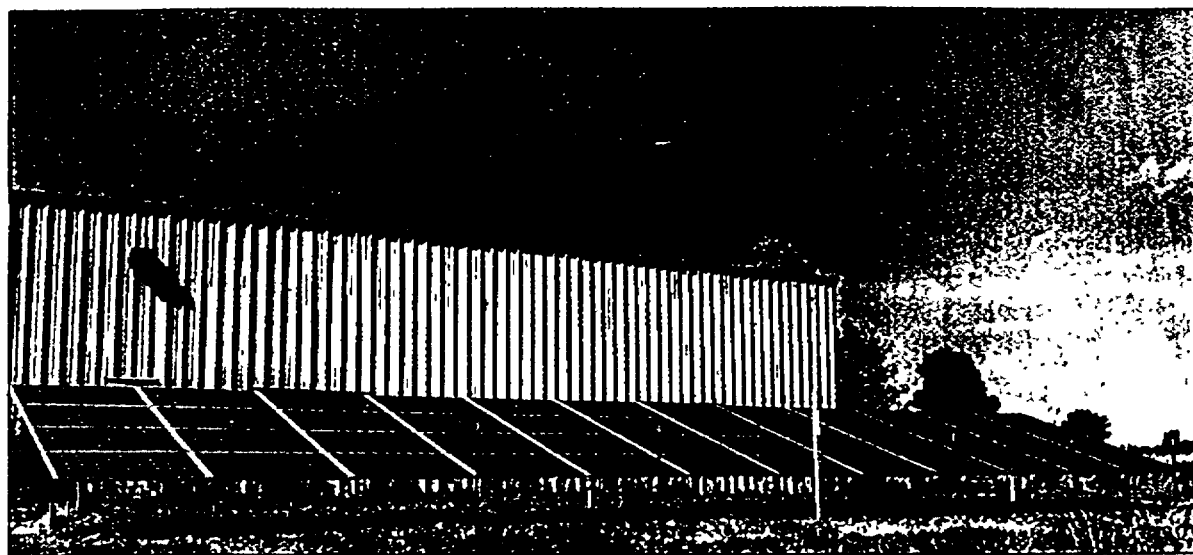
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energy," said Ajitha Kymal.

The combined energy savings over the next 25 years for the three installations is estimated to be equivalent to planting more than 53 acres of forest, powering nearly 30,000 homes for 24 hours and avoiding the production of 621 metric tons of carbon dioxide.

Completion of the installation is timely. Amma is paying her twelfth annual visit to Michigan this week to conduct free programs open to the public and a pre-registered retreat at the Hyatt Regency in Dearborn.

"We don't know if Amma will have time during her visit to Michigan to tour the installation, but we can be assured that she'll continue to deliver her message about the need to preserve our resources," added Kymal. "We have used more than we need, and we need to give back."

### NORTHVILLE BUSINESS BRIEFS

#### Community Financial kicks off Season of Giving

In the spirit of the holiday season, Community Financial Credit Union announced its plans to support local non-profit organizations by surprising them with donations throughout the month of December.

During its "Season of Giving" Community Financial will donate over \$50,000 to groups in the areas the credit union serves, including Plymouth, Canton, Northville, Novi, Gaylord, Hillman, Lewiston.

"There are many organizations that do so much good throughout the year," said Bill Lawton, Community Financial president and CEO. "What better time than the holidays to thank them and surprise them with a gift on behalf of our members."

During the holiday season, one recipient will be announced each business day from through Friday, Dec. 23. The announcements will be made through

Community Financial's social media outlets on Facebook and Twitter.

Throughout the year, Community Financial is actively involved in supporting the community. Lawton remarked that this is especially important during difficult economic times.

"As a community credit union, helping our members and supporting the communities we serve is at the heart of our mission," said Lawton. "The Season of Giving is a tremendous opportunity for us to give back and say thanks."

To follow the "Season of Giving" and find out which organizations receive gifts, please join Community Financial on Facebook at [www.Facebook.com/CommunityFinancial](http://www.Facebook.com/CommunityFinancial) or Twitter at [www.twitter.com/CFCreditUnion](http://www.twitter.com/CFCreditUnion).

#### Elizabeth's Bridal Manor honored

Downtown Northville's Elizabeth's Bridal Manor is one of only three bridal salons in Michigan to have been chosen to receive Editor's Choice Award from StyleLine Magazine's Metro Detroit 2012 Shopping Guide.

"This is the equivalent to receiving a 'seal of approval' for exceptional ability to exceed the expectations of their clients in this market," said owner Elizabeth Clancy. This is what the magazine stated:

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### OAKLAND COUNTY BUSINESS WORKSHOPS

Business owners and entrepreneurs who need assistance are invited to attend seminars offered by the Oakland County Business Center. Business Basics workshops are now offered in the evenings on alternating months.

Unless otherwise noted, all classes take place at the Oakland County Executive Office Building Conference Center, 2100 Pontiac Lake Road in Waterford. For pre-registration and location specifics, visit [www.oakgov.com/peds/calendar](http://www.oakgov.com/peds/calendar) or call (248) 858-0783.

#### Pre-Business Research

Are you thinking of starting your own business and want to research your business idea? Are you a business owner who wants to understand which research sources to use for your business plan and where to find the information you need? Presented by The Oakland County Business Center, The Entrepreneur's Source, Oakland County Market Research division, and a business reference librarian.

Tuesday, Jan. 10, from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Farmington Community Library, 32737 W. 12 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills

This workshop is free but pre-registration is required.

#### CEED Microloan Orientation

Many small business owners face obstacles when trying to obtain a business loan. The recognition of the serious need for working capital for existing businesses, start-up or expansion, equipment purchases, and job creation is not the priority it once was. If you have a need for alternative financing consider

#### FUTURE WORKSHOPS

(a.m.) Morning Class 9 a.m.-12/1:30 p.m.  
(p.m.) Evening Class 6-9/9:30 p.m.

**Feb 1:** Fundamentals of Marketing Your Business (PM)

**Feb 8:** Pre-Business Research Workshop (PM)

**Feb 8:** CEED Microloan Orientation (AM)

**Feb. 15:** Fundamentals of Starting a Business (PM)

**Feb. 15:** Twitter for Business - Beginner (PM)

**Feb. 16:** Team SBA Financing Roundtables (AM)

**Feb. 22:** Fundamentals of Writing a Business Plan (PM)

**Feb. 22:** WBE Certification Orientation (AM)

**Feb. 22:** Twitter for Business - Intermediate (PM)

**Feb. 29:** Twitter for Business - Advanced (PM)

**March 1:** Pre-Business Research Workshop (AM)

**March 14:** CEED Microloan Orientation (AM)

**March 15:** Fundamentals of Writing a Business Plan (AM)

**March 29:** QuickBooks Essentials Part I (AM)

**March 20:** QuickBooks Essential Part II (PM)

the MicroLoan Program. Discover the requirements and process necessary to apply and obtain a microloan. Program presented by the Center for Empowerment & Economic Development (C.E.E.D.)

Wednesday, Jan. 11, from 9-11 a.m.

This workshop is free but pre-registration is required.

#### Fundamentals of Writing a Business Plan

A workshop for small business owners who are developing a plan to serve as their road map to success. Workshop participants learn what elements are commonly found in effective plans and work on developing each of these for their own business. Assistance in the process as well as information on resources is provided.

Thursday, Jan. 19, from 9 a.m.-noon

Fee: \$30\*

#### Legal & Financial Basics for Small Business

This workshop covers many of the key legal and financial issues faced by both new and existing

small businesses in Michigan. The program initially focuses on the many management and liability concerns faced by entrepreneurs, as well as today's tax consequences. The program also provides solutions and techniques for business concession and individual investment and retirement planning. Presented by Carter & Affiliates, P.C.

Tuesday, Jan. 31, from 9 a.m.-noon

This workshop is free, but pre-registration is required.

#### FastTrac NewVenture

This is an intensive, 10-week program that helps you evaluate business opportunities and develop an action plan for owning your own business. Written by entrepreneurs for aspiring entrepreneurs, FastTrac NewVenture offers essential business information to help you develop your entrepreneurial skills and build your business on a strong foundation.

The class is from Tuesday, Jan. 31 through April 3 (10 consecutive sessions) from 6-9 p.m.

The fee is \$140. No refunds.

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## Specialty: Helping seniors move to new quarters

By Nancy Austin  
Seniors Real Estate Specialist

I specialize in helping seniors move. Usually that statement will evoke a surprised, questioning look. Most people don't realize there are Realtors who are dedicated to helping seniors move. If you glance at the foot of this column you will see I am a Seniors Real Estate Specialist. The designation is awarded by the National Association of Realtors. Let me tell you a little bit about it.

Seniors Real Estate Specialists (SRES) are Realtors qualified to address the needs of home buyers and sellers age 50+. The SRES Council awards the designation to those members who have successfully completed its education program.

The Realtor has demonstrated the necessary knowledge and expertise to counsel clients age 50+ through major lifestyle transitions involved in relocating, or selling the family home or both. The SRES also receives regular updates and is prepared to offer the options and information needed in making life-changing decisions. A network of SRES Realtors now exists

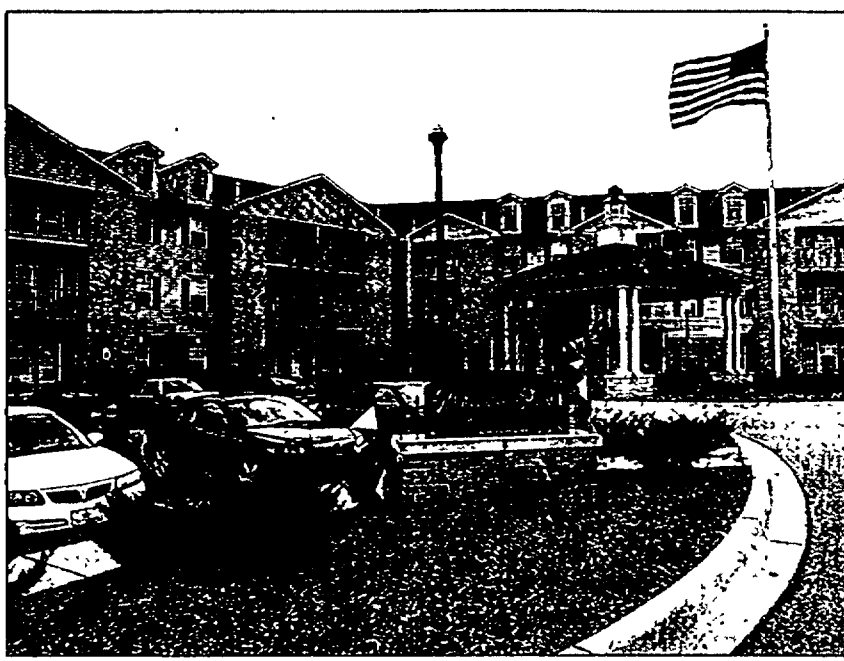
and can be found in metro Detroit, in Michigan and in our 50 states. Most families find us through referrals from retirement communities, workshops, and word of mouth.

I have been an SRES, for approximately 15 years. I love it. It is my passion. I love helping the seniors and working with their families.

My interest in obtaining my designation began with my parents. During their later years, their concerns about their home centered around which updates were most important so the house would sell easily. Utilizing the expertise I have acquired over the years, I was able to advise them of the importance of the updated kitchen and bath, removing wallpaper, neutral paints, decluttering and maintaining pleasant landscaping. These are the kinds of things that affect the overall appeal to a potential buyer.

I also realized at the same time that other seniors were exposed to losing equity in their homes due to a lack of updating; or perhaps, not knowing which were the more valuable updates. I knew I could help minimize their loss as well as smoothing and de-stress the moving transition.

How does it all work? Say, for example, I visit your home and ascertain through our visit and conversation, that your



A variety of senior housing options are available, including those owned by American House.

home needs some paint, new carpet or refinished hardwood floors. Additionally, since you have been in your home for the last 20-40 years or more, you have accumulated antiques, china, figurines, tools, vintage clothing, and years and years worth of National Geographic magazines. Maybe furniture needs to be repositioned to show off the space you are selling. I can advise you as to what is best for the appearance of your home. My consultations are complimentary. I can then refer you to my list of trusted contractors. If you engage any of these services, you would then pay whatever fee they charge. Or, of course, you are free to use your own plumber, electrician, painter or organizer.

We also recognize that many times the adult children, who could otherwise be helping, may live in other parts of the state or even in other states. I have worked with families who have adult children both locally and long distance keeping all abreast of the work being done. I work with compa-

nies that, if you have no help (or even if you do), will help from organize the move to the actual move. There are dedicated employees within these companies that are so thorough that they make sure that in your new living quarters, your new bedroom is readied, including making your bed to insure a good night's sleep. They will also make sure your kitchen is usable when you wake up your first morning there. There are companies that will dispose of or move items to children's houses or will dispose of articles through consignment, estate sales, and donations.

We know and respect the seniors' various financial and legal positions. Should you need professional help in those areas, we have contacts which include financial planners and elder law attorneys.

We have a firm grasp on retirement living options such as retirement communities, assisted living, Alzheimer units, senior condo complexes and other living arrangements such as retrofitting a

house to enable a senior to age in place if so desired.

There are so many facets to helping seniors with the transition. In short, an SRES understands that this can be a stressful time for a family. An SRES works with seniors because he or she enjoys interacting with them. They enjoy helping others. They have respect for older individuals. They have an ability to listen and to ask the right questions. They like to sit and chat with the senior and the family. They enjoy learning about their life and ambitions. They are there to tailor the move to the senior's needs.

They are patient and are prepared to take as long as the families deem necessary for this transition. An SRES is there for the senior. Short and simple. I think the best way to describe the help with the move is: if you need it, we can see to it that it will be accomplished.

Seniors Real Estate Specialist Nancy Austin may be reached at nancyaustin@gmail.com or by calling her at (734) 718-8900

## Food draws a crowd

By Robert Meisner  
Guest Columnist

Q: We have a problem which I suspect is like many other associations in that our co-owners are apathetic about attending meetings. Do you have any suggestions?

A: I have somewhat tongue in cheek told my association clients that there are two ways of getting co-owners at annual meetings. First, levy an additional or special assessment and, second, have an open bar. There is some truth to the latter in that I have seen situations where participation is

engendered by serving coffee and cake. It is also important to start the meeting with an explanation of what is going

to take place and what procedures you are going to follow. Another interesting idea is to schedule guest speakers; they could be local politicians or people of interest in your area. It could even be a fellow co-owner who has expertise in an interesting subject that they want to share with the community and, finally, it is the need to participate in the democracy of your association which directly affects the way in which you live. That is, of course, the most important reason for anyone to attend.

Q: We have a unit owner in our condominium that has asked the association to be placed at the top of a rental waiting list as an accommodation for their daughter's handicap. They live in a second floor unit (no elevator) and it is difficult to carry her up the stairs. So far the unit owner says that installing a lift up the stairs is not possible. They want to move where there is better access for her and they say that they need to rent their existing unit sooner rather than later in order to afford the new home. What do you think we have to do?

A: This is, indeed, a difficult question, but in a federal court case in the 2nd Circuit it was held that the Federal Fair Housing Act addresses accommodating handicaps, but not alleviating economic disadvantages with having a handicap.

The court held that there is not an obligation under the FHAA to provide an accommodation to remedy economic status. Simply stated, the FHAA is intended to insure that a handicap person has an equal opportunity to use and enjoy a unit, but renting the unit isn't using or enjoying the unit. At best, it allows them to use and enjoy a different unit in a different property.

They aren't asking for an accommodation to use a unit in the condominium. The association should be willing to let them install a lift or make other modifications to the building to accommodate them so they can use and enjoy their unit, but that should be enough. You are best advised, however, to retain an experienced condominium lawyer who can opine on the specific facts of your case.

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 should be construed as legal advice.

### HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Sept. 6-9, 2011, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON	
44152 Arlington Rd	\$128,000
44042 Bannockburn Dr	\$142,000
41663 Bedford Dr	\$47,000
49068 Belfair Ct	\$400,000
1660 Bennington Ct	\$50,000
6845 Bridgemont Dr	\$272,000
655 Cherry Orchard Rd	\$125,000
44941 Coachman Ct	\$126,000
3903 Cornerstone Dr	\$105,000
6230 Cottonwood Dr	\$675,000
4031 Elizabeth Ave	\$70,000
42135 Fairview Dr	\$125,000
3998 Fieldview Dr	\$199,000
41447 Glade Rd	\$100,000
1749 Glenshire Dr	\$160,000
3088 Haverford Dr	\$344,000

45097 Horseshoe Cir	\$120,000
44700 Kirk Ct	\$175,000
48895 Manhattan Cir	\$268,000
45195 Middlebury Ln	\$272,000
1704 Orchard Dr	\$23,000
47584 Pembroke Dr	\$76,000
377 Queens Way	\$159,000
7734 S Royal Ct	\$150,000
1789 Stonebridge Way Ct	\$335,000
45165 Thornhill Rd	\$269,000
8127 Warfield St	\$145,000
1031 Wildwood Ln	\$169,000
42087 Woodcreek Ln	\$293,000
2133 Woodmont Dr W	\$75,000
2500 Woodmont Dr W	\$150,000
48922 Woodson Way	\$305,000
GARDEN CITY	
32139 Balmoral St	\$45,000
30944 Barton St	\$62,000
29688 James St	\$40,000
341 W Rose Ave	\$40,000
LIVONIA	
36725 Angeline Cir	\$120,000
15989 Blue Skies Dr	\$200,000
33998 Brettton Dr	\$200,000
29680 Clarita St	\$52,000
14320 Doris St	\$145,000

18590 Gill Rd	\$190,000
19626 Hardy St	\$92,000
32052 Joy Rd	\$100,000
18857 Lathers St	\$71,000
29260 Lyndon St	\$135,000
18916 Norwich Rd	\$145,000
16540 Riverside St	\$155,000
15145 Taylor Blvd	\$190,000
16237 Wayne Rd	\$152,000
28562 Wentworth St	\$110,000
NORTHVILLE	
16932 Algonquin Dr	\$363,000
16022 Brook Trout Ln	\$135,000
18190 Cascade Dr	\$341,000
16856 Dundalk Ct	\$255,000
705 Randolph St	\$54,000
715 Randolph St	\$65,000
18549 Steep Hollow Ct	\$440,000
39748 Village Run Dr	\$195,000
PLYMOUTH	
764 Ann St	\$195,000
11846 Brownell Ave	\$140,000
8839 Cobblestone Cir	\$350,000
49559 Donovan Blvd	\$90,000
15214 Lakewood Dr	\$165,000
51191 Plymouth Lake Cir	\$540,000
11420 Spicer Dr	\$185,000

14150 Terrace Ct	\$125,000
1165 W Ann Arbor Trl	\$395,000
REDFORD	
25950 Five Mile Rd	\$205,000
12903 Beech Daly Rd	\$48,000
14383 Fenton	\$61,000
15087 Fenton	\$75,000
15803 Fox	\$42,000
9648 Garfield	\$60,000
9218 Louis	\$49,000
11439 Seminole	\$31,000
18457 Sumner	\$15,000
15425 Woodworth	\$23,000
WESTLAND	
34130 Beechnut St	\$50,000
33421 Fran Ct	\$60,000
8039 Fremont St	\$57,000
7912 Gary Ave	\$73,000
33530 Harvard Ave	\$130,000
30340 Marshall Ct	\$66,000
485 N Sybold St	\$72,000
34538 Nancy St	\$75,000
2054 S Newburgh Rd	\$72,000
8335 Sanford Dr	\$80,000
267 Summerfield Dr	\$165,000
30963 Windsor St	\$41,000

### HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Aug. 29 to Sept. 2, 2011, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

16925 Birwood Ave	\$127,000
19200 Devonshire St	\$360,000
BIRMINGHAM	
812 Chapin Ave	\$470,000
1368 Cole St	\$94,000
685 Kennesaw St	\$450,000
351 Lake Park Dr	\$905,000
1245 S Bates St	\$290,000
411 S Old Woodward Ave	\$210,000
411 S Old Woodward Ave	\$140,000
100 Shirley Rd	\$335,000
1621 Torry St	\$108,000
1347 Villa Rd	\$290,000
2236 W Lincoln St	\$665,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	
717 Browning Ct	\$635,000
2802 Heathfield Rd	\$218,000
3865 Oakhills Dr	\$185,000
1768 Shaker Heights Dr	\$265,000
2742 Turtle Bluff Dr	\$199,000
4224 Wabeek Lake Dr S	\$165,000
4755 Walnut Lake Rd	\$250,000
1515 Winthrop Rd	\$20,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	

250 Billingsgate Ct	\$75,000
1873 Chipping Way	\$140,000
2171 Devonshire Rd	\$100,000
1310 E Square Lake Rd	\$230,000
5530 Farmers Ct	\$171,000
1207 Hidden Lake Dr	\$1,310,000
3372 Indian Summer Dr	\$605,000
2617 Kopscon Ct	\$220,000
2895 Meadowood Ln	\$1,398,000
3926 Oakland Dr	\$1,400,000
3915 Orchard Hill Dr	\$240,000
3842 Wabeek Lake Dr E	\$355,000
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP	
2016 Alpha St	\$58,000
2170 Applebrook Dr	\$285,000
4660 Benstein Rd	\$92,000
4070 Bluebird Dr	\$27,000
4918 Driftwood Dr	\$270,000
7970 Driftstaff St	\$485,000
5170 Joe Dr	\$260,000
3712 Loch Bend Dr	\$345,000
6025 Lochmore Dr	\$150,000
2574 Solace Dr	\$40,000
5662 Strawberry Cir	\$383,000
FARMINGTON	
32010 Grand River Ave	\$19,000
32655 Meadowlark Ct	\$107,000
23800 Power Rd	\$98,000
FARMINGTON HILLS	
29463 Breezewood	\$105,000
30041 Briarton St	\$101,000
31118 Country Ridge Cir	

\$265,000	
30020 Eastfield St	\$93,000
29264 Fieldstone	\$228,000
29519 Fox Grove Rd	\$173,000
28564 Golf Pointe Blvd	\$249,000
33453 Harlan Dr	\$201,000
28300 N Skye Dr	\$83,000
21875 Parklane St	\$175,000
23045 Purdue Ave	\$45,000
29122 Raleigh Rd	\$168,000
32360 Red Clover Rd	\$100,000
20865 Rensselaer St	\$110,000
25580 Ridgewood Dr	\$199,000
21919 S Brandon St	\$80,000
25576 Westsex Dr	\$161,000
24740 Westmoreland Dr	\$87,000
30557 Woodstream Dr	\$255,000
FRANKLIN	
24770 Franklin Park Dr	\$440,000
30714 Helmandale Dr	\$475,000
MILFORD	
836 Chatham Dr	\$200,000
1092 Eagle Nest Dr	\$235,000
1464 Garden Rd	\$91,000
2858 Honeywell Lake Rd	\$405,000
1015 Pearson Dr	\$52,000
2795 Rivendell	\$535,000
1312 Yosemite Valley Dr	\$249,000
NOVI	
44463 Bristol Cir	\$313,000
20902 Chase Dr	\$440,000

22246 Chase Dr	\$406,000
29120 Eastman Trl	\$300,000
25948 Island Lake Dr	\$388,000
44891 Lafayette Dr	\$280,000
51146 Mayfair Ter	\$45,000
25675 Shoreline Dr	\$995,000
22785 Summer Ln	\$410,000
24178 Trafalgar Ct	\$379,000
40644 Village Oaks	\$204,000
45760 White Pines Dr	\$325,000
SOUTH LYON	
22365 Brookfield Dr	\$165,000
23794 Copperwood Dr W	\$50,000
1099 Century Dr	\$300,000
881 Heathside St	\$125,000
25785 McCrory Ln	\$223,000
344 S Warren St	\$68,000
54465 Villagewood Dr	\$30,000
SOUTHFIELD	
27308 Apple Blossom Ln	\$103,000
27555 Arlington Ct	\$142,000
26313 Franklin Pointe Dr	\$30,000
25520 Grand Concourse St	\$119,000
28720 Inkster Rd	\$80,000
17309 Jeanette St	\$135,000
22500 Lucerne Dr	\$33,000
20459 Mada Ave	\$30,000
27046 Selkirk St	\$65,000
28046 Senator Cir	\$139,000
16160 Sherfield Pl	\$108,000
30216 Southfield Rd # A135	\$16,000
WHITE LAKE	
10311 Cedar Point Dr	\$300,000
10882 Hillway St	\$290,000
2103 Kingston St	\$55,000
9410 Leona St	\$165,000

### BRIEFS

#### Career Seminar

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# Is Your Major Marketable?

Careers for popular college majors  
**Rachel Farrell,**  
Special to CareerBuilder

College majors are a funny thing. Some students know exactly what they want to major in before they even start the school year. Others don't declare until a year or so down the road. Some choose one knowing they could potentially earn a lot of money. Others follow in their parents' footsteps. The list goes on.

Our advice has always been to earn a degree in something that will lend itself to a career path that you can be passionate about. It can be uncommon, broad, challenging. As long as you love it, and can find some type of career doing it, go for it.

We took a look at the most popular college degrees, defined here as the number of degrees conferred in any given major.

Business was the most popular degree in 2007/2008, according to the 2010 Digest of Education Statistics from the U.S. Department of Education. Of the 1,601,368 bachelor's degrees awarded by degree granting institutions, 346,972 were for degree in business, management, marketing and related support services. Here's how other popular degrees broke down.

**Social sciences 133,789**  
Health professions and related clinical sciences 120,488  
Education 101,708  
Visual and performing arts 89,140  
Engineering and engineering

technologies 84,636  
Communication and communication technologies 83,169  
Biological and biomedical sciences 80,956

If you're thinking about earning your bachelor's degree in any of the above fields, here are some possible careers that line up with market demands.

**Business**  
Career: Market researcher  
A bachelor's degree is often adequate for entry level jobs but you may need a higher degree for advancement and more technical positions  
Job prospects: Employment is expected to increase approximately 28 percent from 2008-2018  
Career: Human resources analyst

A lot of schools don't offer specific programs for human resources, so many employers look for college graduates with a technical or business background or a well rounded liberal arts education.

**Job prospects:** Employment is expected to increase approximately 22 percent from 2008-2018  
**Biology**

**Career Forester**  
A bachelor's degree in forestry, biology, natural resource management, environmental sciences, or a related field is the minimum educational requirement for a forestry career  
Job prospects: Employment is expected to increase approximately 12 percent from 2008-2018

**Career Zoologist**  
A bachelor's degree in biology is generally sufficient for a career in zoology.

**Job prospects:** Employment is expected to increase approximately 13 percent from 2008-2018

**Social Science**  
**Career Social worker**  
A bachelor's degree in social work is most common to get a job in social work but majors in psychology, sociology or a related social science may qualify for some entry level jobs  
Job prospects: Employment is expected to increase approximately 16 percent from 2008-2018  
**Career Urban and regional planner**  
Graduates with a bachelor's

degree in urban planning qualify for some entry level positions, but they will most likely need a higher degree to advance  
Job prospects: Employment is expected to increase approximately 19 percent from 2008-2018

**Visual and Performing Arts**  
**Career Graphic designer**  
An associate or bachelor's degree is needed for entry level positions in interior design  
Job prospects: Employment is expected to increase approximately 19 percent from 2008-2018

**Career Interior designer**  
A bachelor's degree in graphic design is often required for most graphic design positions. Bachelor's degree programs in fine arts or graphic design are offered at many colleges, universities and private design schools.

**Job prospects:** Employment is expected to increase approximately 13 percent from 2008-2018

**SOURCE:** U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics (2010) Digest of Education Statistics 2009 (NCES 2010 013)



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