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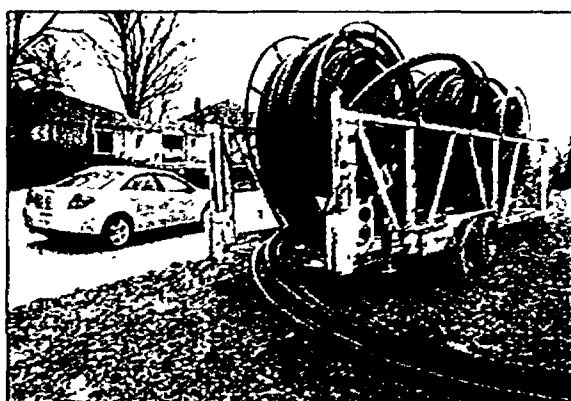
The Wayne County Department of Public Health emphasizes that "it's not too late to be vaccinated" to protect you and your family from the flu. Cost for adults and children six months and older is \$5 now through spring 2012 (regular price is \$15). Medicaid and Medicare Part B accepted.

The flu season typically peaks in January or February, and can last as late as May, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Wayne County flu shot clinic locations and hours include: Wayne Health Center, 33030 Van Born Road, (734) 727-7100, walk-ins 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays, by appointment 11 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Wednesdays and 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Fridays; Taylor Health Center, 26650 Eureka Road, (734) 955-3900, (same hours as Wayne Health Center); and Redford Area Health Office, 17421 Telegraph Road, (313) 537-1708, by appointment only 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Wednesdays.

For more information, call the Wayne County Department of Public Health at (734) 727-7000.

Public Health clinics will close for the holiday break from Dec. 23-Jan. 2 and Jan. 16 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.



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Northville Center Street residents and commuters have been delayed for months by a continuing gas line update that has torn up sidewalks and lawns. Here, a large section of line lies near Hillside Middle School at Eight and Center.

Center Street work nearing completion

By Lonnie Huhman
Correspondent

The AT&T conduit project has been working its way along Center Street since early fall, causing traffic shifts and property owners to shake their heads.

But relief is on the horizon.

The work should be coming to an end in the next several weeks.

According to Jim Gallogly, Northville city public works director, AT&T came to him last spring with a permit request to install new conduit along Center, which will

end at the switch station near North Ely Drive. The project contractor is Underground Contractors Inc. of Wixom. They have been digging holes about every 300 feet to direct and bore the piping conduit.

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Yule gifts at Lutheran school show style, love



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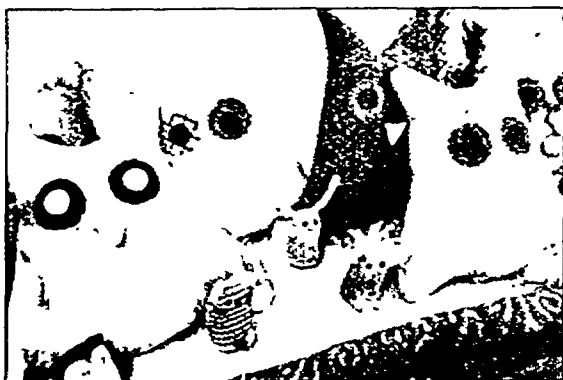
Marney Wolf checks out a hand-made snow globe along with her daughter Sawyer, 6, on Dec. 9 at Northville's St. Paul Lutheran School. Wolf organized a and made a lot of the goods for a home-made holiday craft shop for the school's students this year - as she hoped to bring in higher quality gifts that would be more treasured by its kids. The students were to visit the shop Dec. 12.

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Marney Wolf, a parent at St. Paul's Lutheran School in Northville, didn't really like that children ordered Christmas presents from a catalog at school. She got together with others and changed that.

This year, the kids are going to a Santa Shop full of homemade items ranging from knitted dish cloths to cloth animals, hand-dipped candles, ornaments, silk handkerchiefs and Mason jars with candy.

"It's been an amazing response," said Wolf, a Northville Township resident with a preschooler and first-grader at St. Paul's Lutheran. Some 500 items were available for youngsters' shopping



Owl-themed pillows and stuffed animals for sale at Wolf's holiday craft shop at St. Paul Lutheran School.

by donation last week.

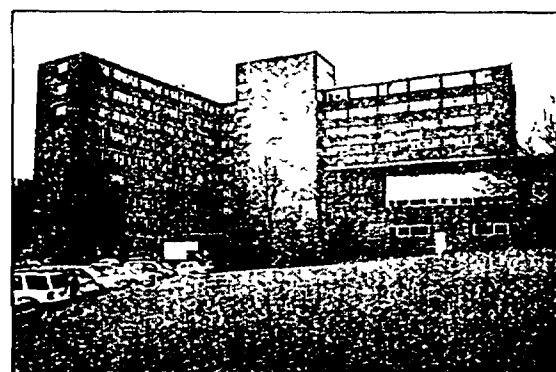
Wolf had the idea and got plenty of help, including from staffer Marlene Shoebridge. Wolf made the majority of the items, with Shoebridge chipping in a lot. Parents helped and donated money for materials.

"Now they'll kind of

have an idea of things to make," Wolf said, adding the project was done at her kids' old school as a fundraiser. "Why not bring it over to Northville and implement the same thing?"

The Wolf family is

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NORTHVILLE RECORD 2003 FILE PHOTO

The Northville Regional Psychiatric Hospital on Seven Mile Road.

Hospital site cleanup targeted

First stage begins summer 2012

By Lonnie Huhman
Correspondent

With a possible start time of next summer, Northville Township officials hope they can get the most out of the first stage of cleanup planned at the former State Regional Psychiatric Hospital on Seven Mile.

An environmental presentation and action plan was given by Conestoga-Rovers & Associates of Plymouth to the Board of Trustees last week, which emphasized public, health and environmental safety. Work will probably start with the vacant hospital's powerhouse.

CRA's Doug Chenoweth said the action plan goal should be to get as much as they can out of the \$200,000 Brownfield Cleanup Grant.

He said the powerhouse is the best place to start because its demolition would eliminate a popular destination for trespassers and could also bring in more money from the salvageable steel. This could help fund the cleanup/demo-

SEE THE PLAN

CRA's proposed plan will be posted on the township website. Public comments are needed and will be accepted until Jan. 31. This can be done through the website, e-mail, mail or telephone.

lition of a second building, possibly the maintenance building.

The grant will be used to conduct demolition and environmental cleanup activities, including such tasks as soil remediation, asbestos/lead abatement, and tank removal.

The grant requires a 20-percent match contribution from Northville Township, which amounts to \$40,000.

The nearly 350 acres is now owned by Northville Township and is planned to be redeveloped as a park. Established in 1952, the psychiatric hospital shut down its operations in 2003. The property consists of 20 structures.

Chenoweth said at

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Ward Church offers family 'home for the holidays'

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

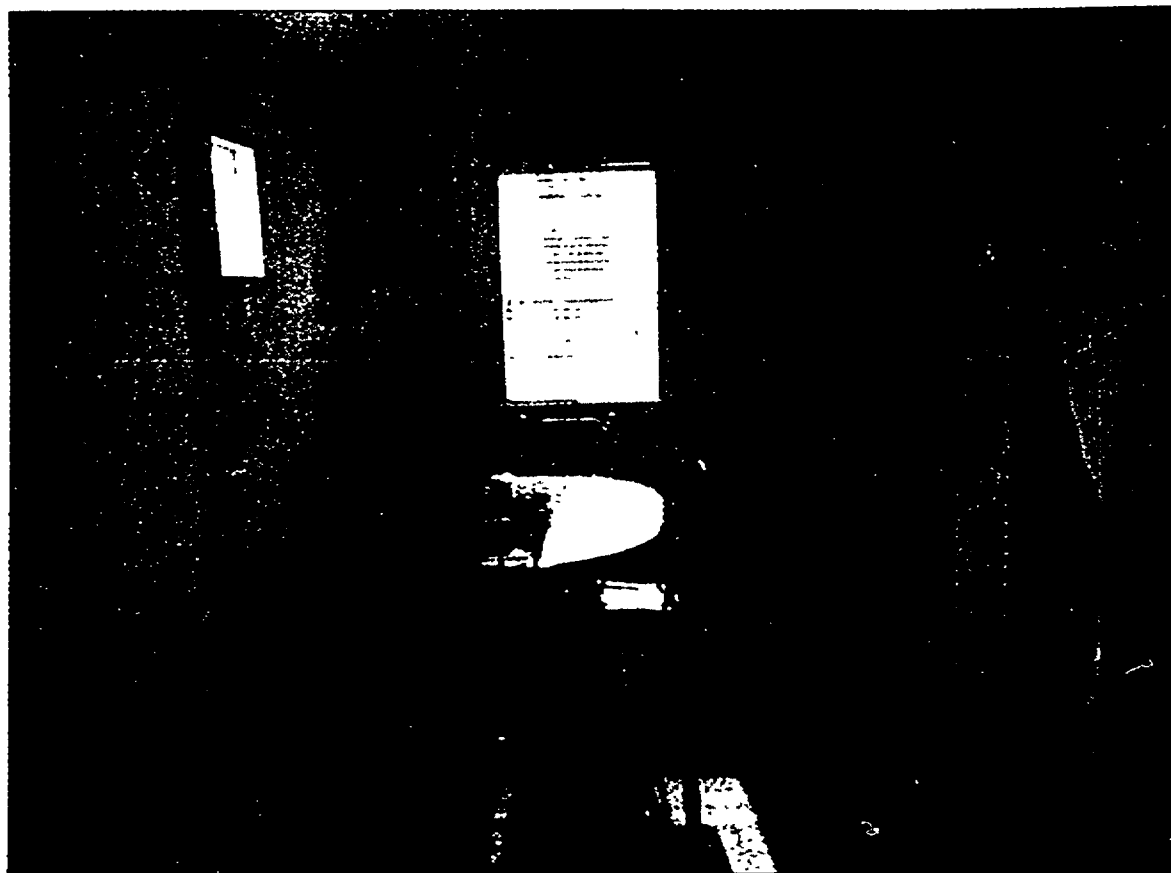
This Christmas, a single mom from Detroit and her three daughters will have a home, thanks to some hard workers with big hearts affiliated with Ward Presbyterian Church in Northville Township.

The church has done a "Motor City Make-over" for several years, and welcomed home the family this Christmas at the third home they've bought and fixed up. "We redo everything in it so it's a wonderful home," said the Rev. Paul Clough, outreach pastor, who coordinates the effort at Ward.

"The mom didn't even have a bed to sleep on," he said.

Ward works with the Central Detroit Christian Community Development Corp. in an ongoing partnership. That agency helps to find families, Clough said, and also lets Ward folks know when a home's available for auction sale.

The current home cost the church around \$500, and the first two (the first was done in 2009) cost



The dining room of the Detroit home looks warm and inviting for the family.

more. Clough puts the cost at \$15,000-\$20,000 once supplies are bought and work done.

On the current home, heating, electrical and

other work was needed, including drywall and painting. "We got a lot of donated furniture," Clough said.

There was a Dec. 16

inspection by the city, done in time to move the family in for Christmas. The mom and daughters moved in Saturday, Dec. 17.

About 150 people, mostly from Ward, worked on the home. "There were some people who brought friends," the pastor said.

He praised Tim Wood Construction, Abbey Flooring, Vartan Heating and a local plumber, Bill Dicks, for their support. "People have stepped up and done some really neat things," Clough said.

The current home was in good shape on the outside but gutted inside. Ward leaders hope to do more than one home per year. Clough noted many wish to get involved, which is great, but money to buy supplies remains a challenge.

The church owns a nearby home on the street, and will start that work in the spring. The homes are three blocks east of Woodward in central Detroit, near the Herman Kiefer Building.

He finds families are grateful. "No one has ever done anything like this for them." The mom moving in is about a year away from earning her college degree, he said. "You begin to change a neighborhood by putting some good families in there. This is part of what we're trying to do to help the city of Detroit," Clough said.

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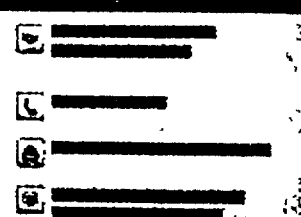
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Moraine student, 10, dances at Grand Ole Opry show

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

It's a long way from Nashville Township to Nashville, but 10-year-old Lauren Yakima knows both well.

Lauren, a fifth-grader at Moraine Elementary and daughter of Dan and Mary Beth Yakima of Northville Township, is appearing as the Nutcracker's Clara in the Radio City Christmas Spectacular at the Grand Ole Opry.

"It was a great experience when I got picked," said Lauren, who dances at the Noretta Dunworth School of Dance in Dearborn and shares the Clara role with friend Sarah Sibole, also from that studio.

Older sister Amy has danced several years as Clara, and was a big help. "She was helping me and I just caught on after awhile," Lauren said. "I was excited."

She's with her mom in Nashville and due home soon as the show's run ends. She's danced at the good-sized Dearborn Performing Arts Center with her studio, so the

Grand Ole Opry didn't really bring on stage fright. Lauren hopes to dance professionally as an adult.

Her dad and other sister Emma, who also dances, came down for Thanksgiving to see the show. "It was fun to see my family again because I hadn't seen them for awhile," said Lauren, who was glad they could sit up close to the stage.

Moraine classmates, where Lauren is class president, were happy she landed the part. "They were excited for me but they were sad at the same time. They didn't want me to leave," she said.

Her number within the show, which features the Rockettes, is based on the Nutcracker story. There are only three shows outside New York City with the Rockettes, said spokeswoman Jenny Barker, and Lauren and Sarah are the only children in the Nashville cast.

Lauren and Sarah work in Nashville with On Location Education for their studies, and mom Mary Beth said Moraine



Lauren Yakima, 10, of Northville Township has enjoyed dancing as Clara at the Grand Ole Opry this Christmas season. She's a fifth-grader at Moraine Elementary.

teacher Jan Dabkowski and others from Northville have been a big help.

"It'll be hard coming back into the routine of regular school,"

Mary Beth Yakima said. Lauren has liked the arrangement, and classes start later in the morning due to the evening performances.

Mary Beth said their

three daughters are close and will enjoy Christmas. "They're all looking forward to being together."

Lauren auditioned in May. "It's like a chance of a lifetime," her mother said. After getting the part, she and Lauren went to rehearsal in Myrtle Beach, S.C., for about a week in the fall and then flew to Nashville.

"It was very exciting to be in that venue," Mary Beth Yakima said. "The people are very nice, very friendly. It's been packed audiences."

She and the girls have heard some live music while exploring the city, and also bought cowboy boots. "They're fitting right in," Mary Beth said. "It just seems more small town."

Sister Amy, 18, is in her freshman year of a dance scholarship at Marymount Manhattan College in New York. Emma, 15, is a sophomore at Northville High. The sisters have danced since they were quite young and do varied kinds of dance.

Amy did the Clara part

three years at the Fox Theatre in Detroit, and then in eighth grade at Radio City Music Hall. "That's what Lauren wants to do, too," mom said.

Amy's interested in working on Broadway or in Los Angeles. There are height requirements to be a Rockette, Mary Beth explained, but other options to pursue. Her oldest niece is a Rockette and the family will see her perform in New York City.

Their family dynamics have changed, she said, both with Amy starting college and two family members on the road in Nashville. "His schedule got a little rearranged," she said of husband Dan, who's taken on more home duties.

Lauren's friends have been able to follow her on Facebook, which has worked out well. The show has run to Dec. 24.

"It will be a little hard at first," Lauren said from Nashville of her return to school.

"It will be hard for me, too," her mom added.

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Wadsworth to step down from Northville Board

Long-time Northville Board of Education member Joan Wadsworth will step down from the post she has held for more than 18 years at the end of January to relocate to Dublin, Ireland, with her husband, Stephen Calkins, who has accepted a two-and-a-half-year appointment with the Irish Competition Authority.

Wadsworth made the official announcement of her intention to resign from the Board of Education at the Board's Dec. 13 meeting. Elected to her fifth term on the Board in 2008, Wadsworth's current term expires at the end of 2012.

"While I am excited by this new opportunity for my family, I am saddened that I will not be able to complete my current term on the Board



Wadsworth

of Education," Wadsworth said. "However, as I leave, I am heartened that despite these challenging economic times, Northville Public Schools is on a positive path focused on providing the best education possible for Northville's school children. Over the years, I have had the honor of working with my friends and colleagues in the Northville school community to create and support one of the finest systems of public education in the state."

First elected to the Northville Board of Education in 1993, Wadsworth is currently serv-

ing as president. During her tenure on the Board, Wadsworth has served 16 terms as an officer. In addition, throughout her 26 years in Northville, Wadsworth has been involved in a variety of school and community organizations.

The associate vice president for Academic Personnel and a professor of law at Wayne State University, Calkins is on a two-and-a-half-year leave of absence from the university while he works with the Irish Competition Authority (similar to the U.S. Federal Trade Commission). Wadsworth and Calkins plan to return to Northville once Calkins' work in Ireland is completed. The couple has three grown children, who all graduated from Northville Public Schools.

Next step

Wadsworth will remain on the Board until a replacement is named, to ensure a smooth transition. In the case of such resignations, the Board's by-laws require the remaining Board of Education members to appoint a legally qualified individual to fill the vacancy. The appointee will serve on the Board through Dec. 31, 2012, and may choose to run for election to the open four-year term beginning January 2013 in the next regular school election in November 2012.

Northville school district community members interested in serving the 11-month term are asked to complete the Board of Education Appointment Application, which can be found on the district's website www.northville.k12.mi.us. The deadline for applications is Jan. 6. The Board of Education will interview candidates at a public meeting to be scheduled between Jan. 10 and Jan. 19, with final approval by the Board anticipated at the Board of Education's regular meeting on Jan. 24. The specific date, time and location for candidate interviews will be announced as soon as the information is available.

"A member of the Board of Education for nearly two decades, Joan has been a tireless and thoughtful advocate for Northville school children and families," said Northville Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher. "We have all learned from and with Joan over these many years and know that Northville Public Schools is better as a

result of her service."

"It is with great gratitude for so many years of dedicated service that we wish Joan and Steve well on this new adventure," said Board of Education Vice President Dottie Garrity. "As a member of the Board of Education, and a passionate community volunteer, Joan has had a tremendously positive impact on the children, families, teachers and staff of Northville Public Schools."

"We welcome applications from Northville school district residents interested in serving on the Northville Board of Education and look forward, as a Board, to working in partnership with district leaders, school families, staff and community members to serve the educational needs of all our students."

Last school board meeting for Smith and Price

By Lonnie Huhman
Correspondent

Two long-time Northville school board members were honored at last week's meeting, which was their last after years of rewarding memories and tough decisions.

Board members Libby Smith and Marilyn Price, both first elected in 2003, are retiring after nearly nine years of service to Northville. They are remaining in the community, and will now serve as members with the Northville Youth Assistance.

Price said her it has been a pleasure to serve on the board. She has developed many rela-

tionships over the years, and for her what she will miss most are these people.

Smith thanked the district staff and community for their support and help in making Northville schools a great place to learn. She said it's been her passion for this work which has motivated her throughout the years of meetings and events.

"Marilyn and Libby have been extraordinary colleagues. I cannot recall a meeting that either one



Price



Smith

of them did not come prepared to work," board president Joan Wadsworth said.

"That takes a lot," Wadsworth said they have balanced family and work in a graceful way. Both have always displayed a willingness to go above and beyond.

Price served as the liaison to the NYA, and has a played important part in the subcommittees for instruction, human resources, and policy. Smith was the liaison to

the senior citizens, PTAs and chamber of commerce.

"A focus on student learning and on the children of Northville has been the focus of every decision," said Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher of both board members.

On hand were Sen. Patrick Colbeck and Rep. Kurt Heise, who presented recognition certificates to Smith and Price. In addition, two water color paintings created by school children in their honor were presented to them.

"I would like to thank Marilyn and Libby for their commitment and dedication to our kids," said Debbie Grant-Kelterborn, of the Northville Council of PTAs.

She said each school PTA has made a donation to the NEF or to the school library in honor of their service to the district.

NORTHVILLE SCHOOL BRIEFS

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.

"You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown"

The Northville High School Drama Club announces its upcoming student-run production of the musical "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" Jan. 27-28. General admission tickets (\$5 each) for this fun, family-friendly show will go on sale in early January. Specific box office hours and ticket ordering information will be available soon.

The NHS Stage Parents are currently selling show program advertising space and the production sponsorship opportunity. Local businesses

should contact nhsstageparents@comcast.net before Dec. 30 if interested in learning more.

Senior All Night Party tickets on sale now

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

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

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By Diane Gale Andreassi
Staff Writer

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"Don't Mess with the Mitten" T-shirts, hoodies and auto air fresheners could be just the right gift for out of town guests, Michiganders who had to leave their beloved state and Michigander wannabes.

"We want to show our pride in Michigan," Burnia said. "We grew up here and we want our kids to stay here."

Merchandise can be found at independent retailers throughout Michigan, or ordered online and shipped. A portion of all proceeds are donated to Bridgepointe, a Michigan-based charity that helps families throughout the state.

The Northville-based company uses all local vendors, including T-shirts from Border Bros. in Plymouth, screen printing at the Identity Source in Novi and layout by Pryor Design in Ann Arbor.

The company was founded in 2009 by lifelong friends, Terri O'Brien, of Northville, and Burnia.

"We've been friends since we were 12 and ever since the auto bail-



HAL GOULD | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Lyon Township resident Lisa Burnia, co-owner of YesMichiCAN, shows off "Don't Mess with the Mitten" T-shirts and hoodies.

outs and learning about friends who were losing their jobs, we wanted to do something to help," Burnia said.

Their slogan is, "We can't do everything but we can do something to help neighbors, family and friends," Burnia said.

The merchandise can be found at independent retailers throughout Michigan or ordered online and shipped direct-

ly to college students, military personnel and Michigan natives who have moved out of state. To learn more about the products call O'Brien or Burnia at (248) 347-4350 or visit www.yesmichican.com.

Look for new YesMichiCAN products, including baseball caps, in 2012.

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

REUNIONS

NORTHVILLE HIGH SCHOOL CLASSES OF 1971-75

Date: Aug. 4, 2012

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

NORTHVILLE RE-UNION IN FLORIDA

Date: 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16

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

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

Camaraderie, sharing of anecdotes, sharing of presents is the entertainment for the event.

Contact: To make reservations for the luncheon contact host, Hazel (Hammond) Kelliher at (352) 259-1146 or hjkdancer@aol.com. Cutoff date for luncheon reservations is Jan. 12. There will be no snow. Cutoff for room reservations at The Waterfront Inn is Dec. 30. Contact Kathleen "Charlie" Cunningham at 1-800-592-0774. Other hotels in the area are Marriott Towne Place, Comfort Inn and Suites, Holiday Inn and Hampton Inn.

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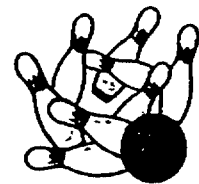
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Blessed with laughter — and nun the wiser

By Aileen Wingblad
Staff Writer

It was the most fun I've ever had with a nun — without getting in trouble for it.

No apologies to Sisters Conrad, Emma, Marie Ann, Geraldine and the other "brides of Christ" responsible for the bulk of my Catholic School education. They'd be the first to remind us that the classroom wasn't for fun — it was for learning the rules of punctuation and grammar and times tables, hearing tales of Father Damien and the lepers, purgatory and the pagan babies and the souls in Limbo. And to always say "no" to temptation. Especially if you're a boy.

It might have taken a swat or two — or more — by Sister for a particular lesson to be learned in those days, or perhaps a hefty dose of humiliation while your 35 fellow students kept their eyes forward, wondering if they would be the next to stand with their faces plastered against the

SHOW DETAILS

Tickets to "Sister's Christmas Catechism: The Mystery of the Magi's Gold" (\$34.50-\$39.50) are on sale at the Gem Theatre box office (313-963-9800) Ticketmaster charge by phone (800-982-2787) and at all Ticketmaster outlets. Dinner, show and party packages also available.

chalkboard or made to sit in the trash can in the middle of the room.

In spite of, or perhaps because of, that seemingly lost art of "discipline," most of us Catholic school kids probably turned out OK. And we can laugh about it now, right?

If you find yourself nodding in agreement, chuckling at a memory or two, or maybe wondering what the heck I'm talking about, I'd suggest you get acquainted with Mary Zentmyer — or rather, "Sister" of Sister's Christmas Catechism: The Mystery of



"Sister," portrayed by actress Mary Zentmyer, keeps class in order at "Sister's Christmas Catechism: The Mystery of the Magi's Gold," running through Dec. 31 at the Gem Theatre.

the Magi's Gold. Running through Dec. 31 at the Gem Theatre in Detroit, Sister's Christmas Catechism is the holiday version of the Late Nite Catechism series.

It's OK to laugh in this classroom, and you will.

And generally speaking, there's no penance to be paid. In fact, you

might even walk away with a trinket or two.

I won't reveal details that could spoil the show, but I will offer a few hints and tips. Come prepared — prepared to crack up from start through finish. If it's your "thing" to be singled out and challenged to recall a lesson or two

taught by a wimple-clad, pointer-holder teacher from yesteryear, you can have a chance at being part of the show. There are plenty of opportunities to be "called on" by Sister — but if you raise your hand, be ready for her keen eye, nev-

er-miss-a-beat wit and, if you deserve it, sharp tongue. She berates for inappropriate dress, tattling or talking out of turn; she pities the non-Catholics or those who have admittedly fallen away from the Faith. And encourages everyone else to do so, as well.

Rounding out the show, Sister enlists help from the audience to conduct an on-stage investigation into a missing gift of gold, presented by the Magi at the Nativity. If you're lucky enough — or brave enough — Sister will pick you as a cast member.

And then make you dress the part.

Though a couple bits of Sister's shtick might border on the sacrilegious for some, overall the show is dang funny. Really. Lots of laughs with a nun. What could be better, especially during the Christmas season?

Aileen Wingblad is the Milford Times staff writer.

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The 2012 Regular Meeting Dates are:

January 19, 2012
February 16, 2012
March 15, 2012
April 19, 2012
May 17, 2012
June 21, 2012
July 19, 2012
August 16, 2012
September 20, 2012
October 18, 2012
November 15, 2012
December 20, 2012

Visit the township's web site: www.twp.northville.mi.us for Board Agendas, to request meeting minutes, general information or to subscribe to receive selected material of the township's boards and commissions.

This notice is posted and published in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as Amended (Open Meetings Act), MCLA 41.72a (2) (3) and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Individuals requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Township Board by writing to the Deputy Clerk's Office at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168 or by calling 248-662-0492

Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk

Publish December 15 & 22, 2011

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

The following ordinance amendments were approved at the December 15, 2011 Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

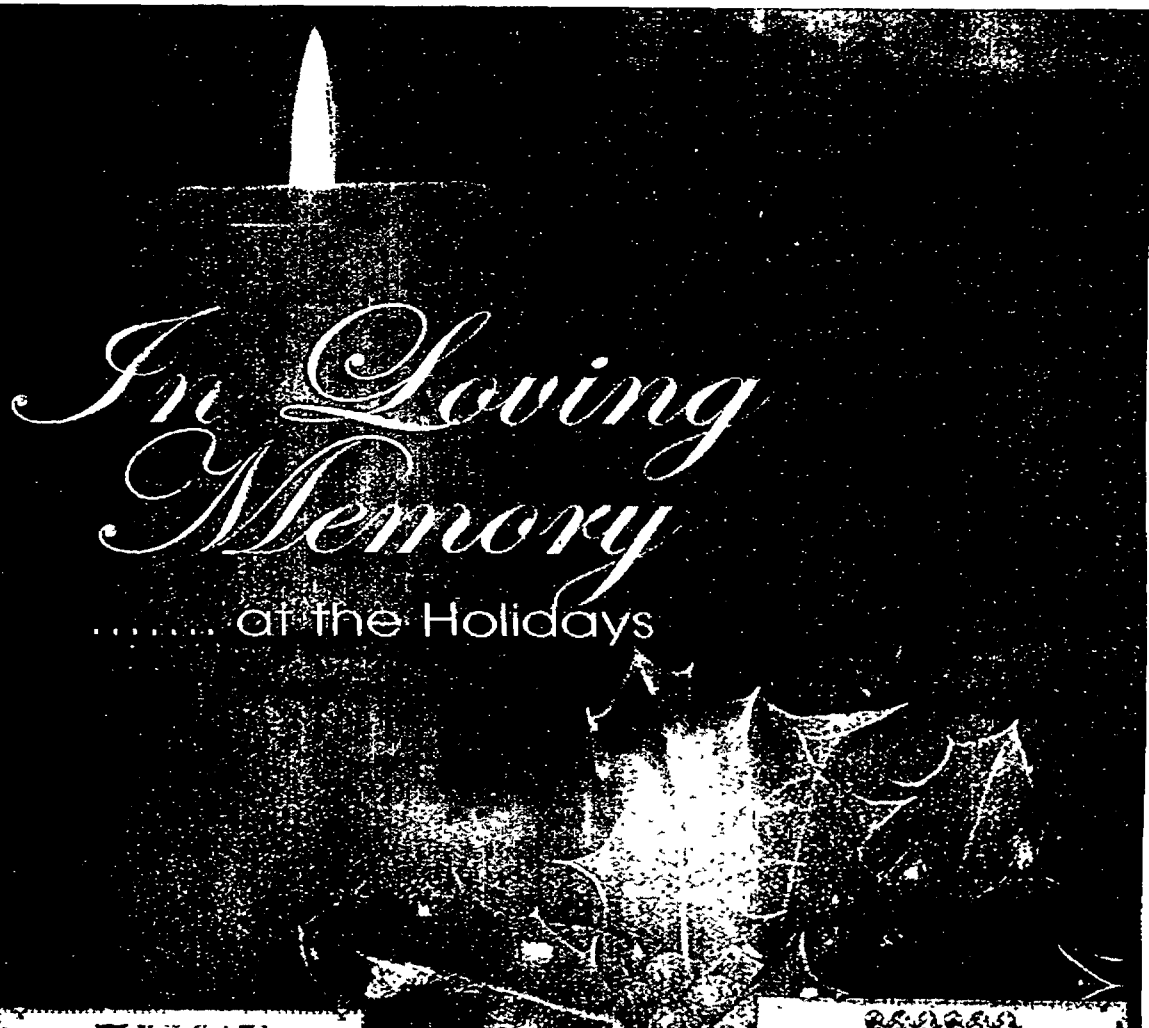
The majority of the changes contained within Articles 6-13 of the zoning ordinance are organizational and streamlining text so that it is more concise. Additionally, the proposed amendments address new uses that are not currently addressed in the ordinance, updating permitted and special land uses within the districts, revisions to state licensed residential care facilities to comply with state statute, removing procedural requirements contained in other ordinances, rules or regulations and uploading provisions of special land uses.

Article 6 - Single Family Residential Districts (R-1 through R-4)
Article 7 - Multiple-Family Residential District (MF)
Article 8 - Senior Housing District (SH)
Article 9 - Public Recreation and Open Space District (PROS)
Article 10 - Office Service District
Article 11 - Northville Road Mixed Use District (NRMU)
Article 12 - Local Business District (B-1)
Article 13 - General Business District

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

Sue A. Hillebrand
Clerk

Publish December 22, 2011



In Loving Memory Of Charles J. McPhee

October 3, 1940–October 3, 2010

Dearest Chuck,

With the second Christmas Holiday without you approaching, the feeling of your loss is still heavy within my heart. I miss your bright, warm smile and your gentle and loving nature. Your profound wisdom and guiding light will be with me forever. You were truly one in a zillion.

Love always,
Mary

David Harry Lynch

March 31, 1960 - October 2, 2011



My sweetheart, every day you have been gone seems like an eternity. You were the most loving husband I could have ever imagined.

You were kind and generous to everyone in your life, but I was the luckiest of all to have so many years with you by my side. You taught me the true meaning of love and friendship.

The Christmas lights will remind me of you: a bright star in my life. I know you are now in a beautiful place, and I can't wait to see you again.

I miss you and love you so much.
Your sweetheart, Angelyn

Deb Borst,

I miss you so very much. The hurt and pain of missing you is still so real. You are the best thing that ever happened to me. I could not have asked for more. My love for you will be everlasting. Your husband, best friend and soul mate.

Roger

Fran Condon

March 6, 2011



Forever in our hearts!
We love you!

Carol, John,
Marcia and Mary

Kelly Moscarello

Aug 4th, 1978 - Dec 26th, 2010



One year ago last Christmas Eve, I prayed along the bedside of a very special, amazing friend who was fighting for her life. I held her hand in my hand as the tears rolled down my face and sadly wondered why God would take her away to heaven, a beautiful but far unreachable place. As I held her hand, I kissed her cheek, and told her it's okay. "I whispered, Kelly don't be scared, an angel will show you the way". I tried so hard to stay strong, but couldn't help but cry. I knew she earned her angel wings, and soon she'd be able to fly. Kelly an amazing friend whose smile was as bright as the moon, was taken away from all that knew and loved her, unfairly way too soon, but as angry as we all want to be, we must accept God's plans. He needed a very special angel, and placed Kelly in the palm of his hands. I will never forget our special times through the passing years. We sure enjoyed our morning coffees, shared lunches, long talks on the phone, long walks, hang outs, lots of hugs, smiles and laughter and many unforgettable tears and how you'd hand me your brush at work and say, "Shereee, will you brush my hair?" I am so proud of you Kelly, your strength, your dignity and pride. You amazed all of us with your unforgettable, courageous fight to survive! You will live forever in my heart, YOU Inspire me. I will never let you go, I love you, and I miss you, My Dear Friend, Kelly Moscarello!

Written by Sherie Hockenberry

Ben R. Davis

One year ago today you left us.

It's hard to believe you are no longer here. We think of you, you feel so near, in some small way, every single day, Memories of you come our way.



With love,
Your family

Food assistance available

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

Distributions will be the third Thursday (Jan. 19) of each month from 10 a.m. to noon at St. Kenneth Catholic Church (14951 North Haggerty Road). All recipients must be pre-registered to become certified for eligibility (meeting both income and residency requirements) before being able to receive food on distribution days. Recipients who are not currently on any governmental program (Food Stamps, ADC and General Assistance) will need to provide documentation such as birth certificates or social security cards, proof of income and residence and proof of the number of household members. Bridge Card holders will automatically be qualified to participate but must still register.

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

Art House exhibit call for entries

The Annual Member Exhibition was developed to showcase the art made by members of the Northville Art House. This year's event, the sixth annual, runs Feb. 3-18. Entry forms in this call for entries must be received by Jan. 13 and are available at the Art House, 215 W. Cady Street or online. Call (248) 344-0497 for more information.

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.

The American Red



Pets for patients

A PetSmart representative came to Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital recently to donate stuffed animals to the children in the Pediatric unit. PetSmart customers purchased the stuffed dogs and cats, and approximately 100 were donated to Henry Ford. Pictured (l to r): Christie Reed of PetSmart and nurse Diana Anderson present Ayden Enriquez of Northville with a new friend at Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital.

Cross encourages area residents to join St. Mary Mercy Hospital employees and volunteers to donate blood.

St. Mary Mercy's 2011 blood drive theme is "Be an All Star and Donate Blood". December's theme is, "Football". Donors will receive a holiday cookie.

Donate your car

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

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

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

For more information, call toll free (866) 448-3487 or visit www.cars4charities.org.

Salvation Army seeks bell-ringers

As a chill starts to come

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

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

Interested in becoming a bell ringer? Contact Rochelle Holman at (248) 443-5500 or log on to www.ringbell.org. Want to help but can't volunteer to ring a real bell? Consider a virtual bell instead. Sign up for an Online Red Kettle at www.onlineredkettle.com.

Township's Beautification Commission seeks members

The Northville Township Beautification Commission is an all-volunteer organization that works to

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

Stop senior hunger

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

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

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

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

Reel Michigan Film Festival call for entries deadline April 23

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

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

Reel Michigan welcomes all genres, from

student films to the experimental.

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

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

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

Toddle Time Tuesdays

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

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

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

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

Passages

Obituaries, Memos & Remembrances

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

DAHL, DONALD J.

Age 80, of South Lyon, passed Dec. 17, 2011. Funeral mass was held Dec. 21, 2011 at St. Joseph Catholic Church. He was laid to rest at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery military honors were rendered www.casterlinefuneralhome.com

DEVERS III, DR. WILLIAM J.

A long time resident of Highland, passed away in the care of his family December 18, 2011. He was 60 years old. In addition to Deborah, his beloved wife of 38 years, William is survived by his son William J. Devers, IV "Jamie" and daughter Emily Denise Devers, siblings Janet Devers, Paul Devers, Kathryn Smith, Mark (Margaret) Devers, and Ruth (Gary) Swick, also many nieces, nephews extended family, colleagues and dear friends. Funeral Liturgy was held from Church of the Holy Spirit Church, Highland, December 22. Fr. Leo Lukko officiated. Burial All Saints Cemetery, Waterford. Memorials to: Huron Valley Educational Foundation. For further information, please phone Lynch & Sons, Milford at 248 684 6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

DILWORTH, MARY L.

Age 80, December 15, 2011. Funeral is Dec. 22 at the O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, Novi. Donations in Mary's memory can be made to Fr. Solanus Guild 1780 Mt. Elliott Detroit, MI 48207.

EVELETH, PHILLIP E.

December 16, 2011, age 72. Beloved husband of Marylou Eveleth for 50 years. Funeral was Dec. 20 at Our Lady of Victory. Donations to Angela Hospice. Online Condolences: obrien-sullivanfuneralhome.com

HAYES, EVELYN CLAIRE

Age 86, December 15, 2011. Funeral was December 19 at O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, Novi. Donations can be made to St. John Hospice

KIMBLE, CHARLES E.

Age 87, of Milford, peacefully passed away at home on December 12, 2011. Beloved husband of the late Dolores Kimble (Don) Green; Charles (Cathy) Kimble Jr., and the late Ronald Kimble. Grandfather of Donald (Kimberly) Green, Christina (Patrick) Hartsig, Melody Green and Alyssa Kimble. Born in Meyersdale, PA. to Charles and Margaret Kimble. A Funeral Service was held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, Milford, on December 17, 2011. Fr. Ron Anderson officiated. For more information please phone 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

KOWALCHUK, STEVE

Age 22, of Novi, passed away Dec. 15, 2011. Funeral Service Thursday, Dec. 22, 2011 at 11 a.m. at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. of Northville. In lieu of flowers contributions to: www.davidlawrencecenter.org

MCCALL, MARY CATHERINE

December 11, 2011, Age 79. Funeral was Dec. 14 at Christ the King Church, Detroit. Donations can be made to St. Vincent DePaul of Christ the King. Condolences: obrien-sullivanfuneralhome.com

STRICKER, MARGUERITE M.

Age 87, Dec. 17, 2011. Beloved wife of Herbert Stricker. Funeral was Dec. 19 at Holy Family Church, Novi. Donations to Alzheimer's Association or Seasons Hospice. Condolences: obrien-sullivanfuneralhome.com

THEISEN, EDNA THERESE "E.T."

Dec. 13, 2011, age 84. Funeral was Dec. 17 at Holy Family Church, Novi. Donations to Capuchins, 1820 Mt. Elliott Street, Detroit, MI 48207. Online Condolences: obrien-sullivanfuneralhome.com

WILSON, DOROTHY

A life long resident of Milford Twp. passed away in the care of her family December 14, 2011. She was 94 years old. Survived by her brother Wesley James (Ruth) Wilson and their children Jim (Patty) Wilson, and Don Wilson; and her sister Florine Ruth "Rene" (and the late Jack) Pulliam, and their children Tim (Pat) Pulliam, Tom (Janet) Pulliam, Chris (Debbie) Pulliam; also nine great nieces & nephews. Dorothy was preceded in death by her nephews Jerry Wilson and Rob Wilson. Funeral Service was held Saturday, December 17th. Deacon Bob Dryer officiated. Burial St. Mary's Cemetery, Milford. Memorial contributions encouraged to Alzheimer's Association and Odyssey Hospice. For further information, please phone Lynch & Sons, Milford at 248.684.6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

SOCIAL SECURITY

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

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



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In addition to practicing only Social Security disability law Attorney Bieske has written a book for attorneys about the subject and has been interviewed on various television programs. Both attorney Bieske and Alfonsi have also been interviewed on radio programs and have given speeches to many groups.

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

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

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Community Events

NORTHVILLE NITE FAMILY NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

Time/Date: 4:30-8 p.m. Dec. 31
Details: Carnival games, music, food, crafts are only a few of the activities on this fun-filled family night. A great way to bring in the New Year at the Recreation Center at Hillside School.
Contact: Northville Parks and Recreation for tickets (248) 349-0203.

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through Jan. 29
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Location: 195 S. Main Street, Northville, MI 48167
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Location: 215 W. Cady St., Northville
Contact: Northville Art House (248) 344-0497 or www.northvillearts.org for on-going art classes, lectures, events, rentals, volunteering.
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Marney Wolf puts a barrette on the head daughter Keaton, 4, at St. Paul Lutheran School on Dec. 9. Wolf organized and made goods for a home-made holiday craft shop for the school's students. Marlene Shoebridge, seen in back, helped by crocheting many goods.

CRAFTS

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green in products they buy for the children, so the Santa Shop was a natural. It also ties in with the Victorian era history being taught to Northville children.

Wolf recently did a school project for younger kids who used hand-dipped beeswax candles. She'd made shapes cut from sheets of rolled beeswax.

Kids warmed their hands by rubbing them together to make the wax pliable, working their fingers into the wax for shapes.

St. Paul's Lutheran kids will do several old-fash-

ioned crafts this winter, winding jump ropes, wet painting and working with wool roving.

Carl Hall, St. Paul's Lutheran principal, said, "I think it's really nice. It gives them a little bit different experience for the kids to go shopping, pick out things for the family that they wouldn't normally do, 'They've got some pretty neat things in there,' he said. 'I just think it's kind of a neat experience.'"

The project benefits children, including with supplies the money raised supports, Hall said. "A lot of good stuff in there," the principal said.

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STREET

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Project superintendent Kevin Mekom said they still need to finish digging work near Amerman Elementary School before finally reaching the sub-station, which he describes as the main switch for telephones in Northville. He said the project has entailed them adding four new 4-inch conduits to the line.

"We are adding to the infrastructure for AT&T," Mekom said of the ultimate project goal.

However, some property owners along the route have been wondering when it will end and how it will look.

Center Street homeowner Larry Parks said he has been dissat-

isfied with the project and expected more from AT&T. He said workers have knocked down street lamps, driven on sidewalks and left them dug up. These mistakes have been fixed or will be, Mekom said.

"We expect quality here in Northville, but we haven't got it with this project," said Parks.

Northville City Council member Nancy Darga, who lives along the work route, has been wondering who will be accountable for the mistakes made and potential repairs. Gallogly said AT&T and the contractors have a permit contract with the city and will be responsible for any mistakes or repairs.

This spring, he will reinspect the work to see if it has been put in properly or needs any

repairs. The primary concern is the sidewalks, which repair work on had been delayed because Gallogly said they needed to be up to code and provide handicap accessibility.

As of Dec. 14, Mekom said they were consulting with an engineer about this and expected it to be done in one day, depending on the weather.

Mekom understands the frustrations, but said considering the challenges they've encountered, "things have gone pretty good overall." The rocky ground and "boulders" have caused many problems.

Some of the boring equipment was damaged, delaying work until Christmas break so the work near Amerman will not cause too many traffic issues.

CLEANUP

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least 200 tons of steel could be salvaged from the powerhouse, which he described as a conservative estimate. He added steel is going for \$400 a ton.

Some of the biggest challenges will be the removal of the asbestos and lead paint, which was used in many of the buildings. Awarded a nearly \$50,000 contract, CRA was tasked with doing a

full assessment of all the structures. Chenoweth said they conducted their work this fall and now have a plan ready for public input.

He said combining the cleanup and demolition work is the best way to utilize the limited project budget.

Supervisor Mark Abbo said going forward the township will need to develop an overall master plan for the entire cleanup. He and Chenoweth said this may help with future grant requests.

According to Che-

noweth, the previous property owner, REIS, estimated a total cleanup of \$17 million. Abbo said the cleanup standards set by REIS were high.

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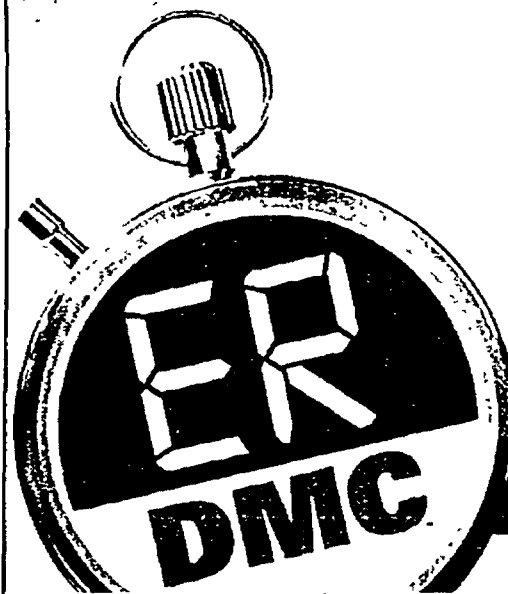
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OUR VIEWS

Gospel message the same Christmas story withstands test of time

Local churches are using the latest technology in new ways to help spread the Gospel message.

NorthRidge Church in Plymouth Township has a virtual campus people can attend online to worship with others around the world. Bell Creek Community Church in Livonia uses Twitter to remind people to stop what they were doing and pray during the week during a series on prayer. Grace Chapel in Farmington Hills has an e-vite component on its youth ministry Facebook page so kids can easily invite their friends to church events.

While the methods have changed, the message hasn't.

The story of God's love in sending his only son to earth to die on the cross and take the punishment for everyone's sins, as told in the Bible, is one that has withstood the test of time.

The Bible remains the best-selling book of all time.

This Christmas, more than 2,000 years after Jesus was born, believers around the world will still celebrate his birth.

Times have changed, but the story of the birth of a Savior in a stable on a starry night so many centuries ago is one that continues to touch hearts and change lives.

Merry Christmas!

Give the 'perfect gift' as a blood donor

The American Red Cross is encouraging people to give the "perfect gift" this holiday season by donating blood.

One blood donation can give up to three families more time — hours, days, even years — and more memories. Yet it doesn't cost the donor a single penny — just an hour of his or her time.

According to a national survey by the American Red Cross, about one in five (19 percent) respondents plan on giving blood this holiday season. Donations often decrease this time of year as weather woes increase and family schedules turn tumultuous. Yet, the need is constant. Every two seconds, someone in this country needs blood.

St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia is hosting a blood drive 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday. It's one of many being held this holiday season in the Metro Detroit area. Donors will receive a holiday cookie. Walk-ins are accepted, but appointments are preferred. Here are several other opportunities to donate blood locally:

- Thursday, Dec. 22, Providence Park Hospital, 47601 Grand River, Novi, 7:30 a.m. to 7:15 p.m.

- Monday, Dec. 26, Resurrection Church, 48755 Warren Road, Canton

- Wednesday, Dec. 28, First United Methodist Church, Plymouth, 1-6:45 p.m.

- Wednesday, Dec. 28, Risen Christ Lutheran Church, 46250 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, 1-6:45 p.m.

- Thursday, Dec. 29, Plymouth Library, 223 S. Main Street, 10 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

- Thursday, Dec. 29, First Baptist Church, 44500 Cherry Hill, Canton

- Thursday, Dec. 29, Salem High School, 46181 Joy Road, Canton, noon to 5:45 p.m.

To schedule an appointment, contact Diane Risko at (313) 549-7052 or call (800) GIVE-LIFE. To find another blood drive near you, visit redcross-blood.org.

COMMUNITY VOICE

What would you like for Christmas?



"Well, my mom just moved to Nevada, so I'd like to have her back here. I'd also like a new camera for my trip next spring to Europe."

Kim Sumsel
Livonia



"I'm not asking for anything that can be wrapped - just to spend more time with my friends."

Mary Ann Blazinski
Northville



"Peace on earth - and I'd like to hit the lottery."

Barb McIntire
Livonia



"I'd just love to get a new pair of pajamas. I get a new pair usually every year."

Marci Howes
Northville

LETTERS

Teen pregnancy not glamorous

The issue of teen pregnancy has been a problem in the United States for decades. In 2009, the show "Teen Mom" aired on MTV and highlighted the lives of four teen mothers. Many people think that this show is not appropriate for teenage girls to watch. They say that the show glamorizes teenage pregnancies and even promotes it. I completely disagree.

I have been watching the show from the very start and I've never seen anything "glamorous" about being a teen mom. I believe that the show actually does the opposite and shows the hardships that teen mothers face. Most of the teen moms on the show have to tackle the already difficult job of parenting without a partner. This is because most of the teen dads leave after the baby is born, because they don't want to take on the responsibility of caring for another life. The show really highlights the struggle of the young mothers to juggle school, work, having a baby to care for, and just being a teen.

I believe that the show is a great way to promote abstinence. I think young girls need to understand that when they choose to sacrifice their virginity, they are also sacrificing their teenage years. Teen pregnancy is 100-percent preventable, and by educating our youth we can make a difference in the lives of millions of teenage girls. Therefore, I feel that parents should actually be encouraging their teens to watch "Teen Mom" and ask questions about this important issue.

Megan Zydeck
concerned teen

For Sammy

Just wanted to express our gratitude for the beautiful story written about the passing of Sammy, our beloved golden retriever, at Donna and Larry's Flowers. The continuing love and compassion from our customers, neighbors and friends has touched our hearts immensely, with many stories shared and many tears shed. Judging by the amount and depth of the sentiments written in his memory book, Sammy left a lasting impression on the many lives he touched with his love. A love that has now come full circle. Our hearts are forever grateful!

Donna and Larry Podpora
Donna and Larry's Flowers
Northville

Why teach?

As a retired teacher myself, looks like Peter and Emily Manschot pretty much did a good job in summing up the Teachers' Perspective (Letters to the Editor, 12/15/11). Teaching is one of the most unappreciated and disrespected professions. It can be a thankless job. I am wondering, who will be the teachers of the future? I can't imagine sending one of my children off to college for an expensive four years to get a teaching degree, only to find out that the starting pay would be low and may go lower! None

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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

Web: www.hometownlife.com

Mail: Letters to the Editor, Northville Record, 101 N. Lafayette St., South Lyon, MI 48178

Fax: (248) 437-3386

E-mail: cstone@hometownlife.com

Blog: You may also let your opinions be heard with your own blog at hometownlife.com.

Deadline: Letters must be received by 9 a.m. Monday to be published in the Thursday edition.

Online: Due to space limitations, not all letters submitted can be published in our print edition. However, all letters will be published online each week at www.hometownlife.com.

of my four children are teachers. I didn't recommend it to them. On the upside of teaching: As a teacher, you will never know how many lives that you may have touched, how many students that you may have guided and influenced. And 20 years from now, when those students are sitting around talking, one of them just might mention that YOU were their favorite teacher, or that they learned a lot in your class, or they may have a story to tell about your class!

My fellow classmates from Melvindale High School have a Facebook site and many teachers are included in our discussions. Even after 45 years, they still remember the teachers! I, too, am Facebook friends with some of my former students and I am glad that I played a small part in their lives!

Carol Maynard
Northville

Great community spirit

I am writing to thank the Northville Township Fire Department for hosting an extraordinary all-access event for high school students on Dec. 8. We learned things beyond our imagination and gained a new appreciation and deep respect for these true Northville Hometown Heroes.

Northville High School students are becoming more aware of our role in making this community stronger, friendlier and supportive of each other. As one of the coordinators of the new Community Impact Awards for Students program, I've had access to inspiring role models who shine so much light and spend so much energy volunteering to help others. There are many quiet heroes in our midst who reach out, listen, act and make a difference.

With the holiday season upon us, I encourage you to thank the quiet heroes you know. They are ringing bells, coordinating parties for inner city schools, collecting food, managing service organizations, teaching your children, and

setting examples for how we can all engage in caring and sharing. Please drop a few extra coins in whatever red bucket means the most to you, and take a moment outside the holiday madness to be thankful that we live in such a wonderfully kind and generous community. Thanks, Northville!

Miranda Niemiec

Northville High School junior
CIAforStudents.com

Buy local AND made in U.S.A.

Your editorial on Shop Local made good economic sense, so how about taking it a step or two further. As you shop small and local businesses check to see where what you look to buy is made. Buying made in U.S.A. means even more jobs and dollars in America.

The National Retail Federation estimates that the average American spends \$705 in holiday gifts. If \$64 was spent on products made in the U.S.A., it would create 200,000+ jobs in America.

We have a consumer economy, 70 percent of all economic activity is based on consumer demand. This means despite politicians saying the rich are the job creators it is you and I the consumers through our buying that create the most jobs. Witness how our state's economic recovery rating has gone up now that American cars are selling.

So if we do not look for and demand made in U.S.A. there are fewer jobs here in America. For me the choice is easy although sometimes harder to find. I prefer the quality of made in U.S.A. and if it sometimes cost a little more I feel I'm worth it. And those times when I cannot find made in U.S.A., I sometimes find I didn't need it anyway.

Also I have found many made in U.S.A. products available online. One that is local in West Bloomfield is allusaclothing.com. Another helpful site is howtobuyamerican.com that list products made in U.S.A. and companies that make them.

Chuck Tindall
Novi

Bullying illegal now

Why does Michigan need an "anti-bullying" law? The dictionary meaning of bully is "to intimidate with superior size or strength." That is already illegal, regardless of the offender's motivation.

Interestingly, Senate Bill 137, with or without the "sincerely held religious belief" section, does not specify any penalties for bullying. All it does is require public schools to adopt "anti-bullying" policies.

Could such policies, in some cases, be used to punish students who express unpopular religious or political opinions? That seems to be a real possibility. Why else would Democrats be so upset over a pointless clause in a useless bill?

Larry R. Kostecke
Milford

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Location: 24505 Meadowbrook Road
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Mass Schedule
Time/Day: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday-Friday; 7 p.m. Monday-Wednesday.
Holy Days: 9 a.m., 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.

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Location: 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile Road

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Bible study classes: 10 a.m. for all ages

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Destiny Worship Center

Location: Ridge Wood Elementary School, 49775 Six Mile Road, Northville

Contact: DestinyW3C@Gmail.com or visit www.DW3C.org.

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Location: 34567 Seven Mile Road, Livonia

Contact: (248) 442-8822 or www.newhopecenter.org.

FAITH COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile Road

Contact: (248) 349-2345 or visit www.faithcommunity-novi.org

Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.

GET LISTED!

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

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE

Location: 217 N. Wing

Contact: (248) 348-1020

Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m. and 5:45 p.m.

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

Ladies Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesdays

Men's Bible Study: 9 a.m. first Saturday of every month

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NOVI-FAMILY INTEGRATED CHURCH

Location: 45301 W. 11 Mile Road

Contact: (248) 349-3647 or firstbaptistchurchofnovi.org

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

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Coffee Hour: 9:30 a.m.

Sunday (Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend); 10:15 a.m.

Sundays (Sept.-May)

Healing Service: 4 p.m. first

Monday of every month

Logo Youth Club: 5 p.m.

Wednesdays for fourth-12th

graders (Sept.-April)

Men's Club: 8 a.m. second

Saturdays

Contact: Heather J. Wallas,

communications director,

(248) 349-1144, Ext. 26, or

e-mail hwallas@fumcnorthville.org.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE CODE OF ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION CHAPTER 82 - FLOODPLAIN REGULATION

The following ordinance was introduced to the Board of Trustees at the December 15, 2011 Regular meeting. This ordinance will be before the Board at the January 19, 2012 Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees for adoption.

Chapter 82 - Floodplain Regulation

82.1. Purpose. The purpose of this chapter is to designate an enforcing agency to discharge the responsibility of the Township of Northville, located in Wayne County, and to designate regulated flood hazard areas under the provisions of the State Construction Code Act, Act No.230 of the public Acts of 1972, as amended.

82-2. Agency Designated. Pursuant to the provision of the state construction code, in accordance with Section 8b(6) of Act 230, of the Public Acts of 1972, as amended, the Building Official(s) of the Township of Northville is hereby designated as the enforcing agency to discharge the responsibility of the Township of Northville under Act 230, of the Public Acts of 1972, State of Michigan. The Township of Northville assumes responsibility for the administration and enforcement of said Act throughout the corporate limits of the community adopting this ordinance.

82-3. Code Appendix Enforced. Pursuant to the provisions of the state construction code, in accordance with Section 8b(6) of Act 230, of the Public Acts of 1972, as amended, Appendix G of the Michigan Building Code shall be enforced by the enforcing agency within the township of Northville.

82-4. Designation of regulated Flood Prone Hazard Areas. The Federal Emergency management Agency (FEMA) Flood Insurance Study (FIS) Entitled Wayne County, Michigan Flood Insurance Study dated February 2, 2012 and the Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMS) panel numbers 26163C0020E, 26163C0028E, 26163C0036E, 26163C0037E, 26163C0038E, 26163C0039E, and 2613C0045E dated February 2, 2012 are adopted by reference for the purposes of administration of the Michigan Construction Code, and declared to be part of Section 1612.3 of the Michigan Building Code, and to provide the content of the "Flood Hazards" section of Table R301.2(1) of the Michigan Residential Code.

82-5.Repeals. All ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

A complete copy of the proposed ordinance is available in the Clerk's office at Township Hall during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday and on the Township Website <http://www.twp.northville.mi.us>.

Sue A. Hillebrand
Clerk

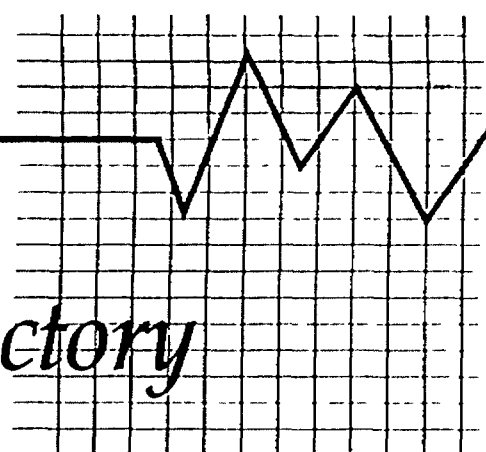
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SUN	DEC 27	10:00AM	5:00PM	
MON	DEC 28	8:00AM	10:00PM	
TUE	DEC 29	8:00AM	10:00PM	
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Police to target drunken drivers during holidays

Motorists who don't want to observe the holidays from inside a jail cell need to designate a sober driver during this festive time of year. Nearly 170 law enforcement agencies are putting extra officers out on the road to look for and arrest drunk drivers through Jan. 2.

Law enforcement officers in 26 counties, including Oakland and Livingston, will be conducting drunk driving enforcement paid for through federal traffic safety funds administered by the Office of Highway Safety Planning. "Drunk driving is simply not tolerated in Michigan," stated Michael L. Prince, OHSP director. "We want the 2011 holiday season to be the safest in Michigan history. To do that, we need the public to do their part by designating a sober driver when they have been drinking. Those that choose to be irresponsible drivers face arrest and aggressive prosecution."

During last year's Christmas and New Year's holiday periods, 11 people died in traffic crashes. Four of those deaths were alcohol-related. In 2010, there were 283 alcohol-related traffic deaths, a decrease of 5 percent from 2009. However, alcohol-related fatalities still remain one-third of all traffic fatalities.

In Michigan, it is illegal to drive with a blood alcohol content of .08 or greater, although motorists can be arrested at any BAC level if an officer believes they are impaired. Motorists face enhanced penalties if arrested with a .17 BAC or higher.

Michigan State Police plan increased enforcement along the area's expressways on Dec. 17, 23, 24 and 25 starting at 11 p.m. The Oakland County Sheriff's Office will increase enforcement throughout the county on Dec. 23, beginning at 11 p.m. A number of local police departments have enforcement crackdowns planned, as well.

NORTHVILLE POLICE BRIEFS

Possession of Marijuana/Paraphernalia/DWLS

An 18-year-old Northville girl was arrested for marijuana possession after police reportedly found her parked at the Kohl's department store parking lot after the store had been closed for several hours.

On Dec. 19, the Northville Township police stopped the girl for attempting to drive away as they approached her parked vehicle. The report stated the inside of the vehicle smelled like marijuana. After being asked twice, the girl said there was a baggie of it inside the center counsel, police said.

She was also reportedly charged with possessing a pipe and driving with a suspended license.

Home Invasion

A Northville man's apartment was robbed while he was at the hospital for treatment.

Sometime during Dec. 14-18 the 54-year-old man's apartment on E. Harbour Village Drive was broken into by an unknown suspect(s). Missing items include a Dell Desktop computer and Apple MacBook Pro. The combined value is \$3,700.

The man came home to find his front door kicked in. Northville Township police reported the door had been forced in with the frame broken. The deadbolt lock was engaged.

OWI/PDA

A two-car accident led to the drunken driving arrest of a Plymouth woman, police said.

The accident occurred Dec. 13 at the intersection of Eight Mile Road and Center Street. A 36-year-old Novi man was going through the green signal on southbound Eight Mile when he was hit by the 23-year-old woman. The police report stated the woman attempted to make a left turn from Center onto Eight Mile through a red light. There were no injuries.

The police report stated the officer smelled intoxicants on the woman as they were speaking. After having trouble with the field sobriety test she declined to take a Breathalyzer test, police said. She was detained on evidence of the sobriety tests and later did give a test, which registered .25 percent blood-alcohol content, police said.

Compiled by correspondent
Lonnie Huhman

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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

ABOUT ETC.

The Lists Etc. includes Meetings; Senior Events; Library Lines; Parks and Rec; Volunteering; Support Groups; Clubs and Groups; Class Reunions; Golf Outings; and Health Events.
Submit: Send item submissions via e-mail to stone@gannett.com; by fax to (248) 685-2892; or by mail to Northville Record, 101 N. Lafayette St., South Lyon, MI 48178. Items must be received by noon on Tuesday to be included in Thursday's newspaper.
Web: Visit www.hometownlife.com to view a complete listing.

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: City Hall

HOUSING COMMISSION

Date: Second Wednesday of every month

Time: 3 p.m.

Location: Allen Terrace, 401

High St. HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

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

Location: City Hall

ARTS COMMISSION

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

Location: Art House, 215 W. Cady St.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION

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

Details: Individuals and organizations invited to attend.
Location: Northville City Hall, Meeting Room B

NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP

PLANNING COMMISSION

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

Location: Township Hall, 44405 West Six Mile

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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

Location: Township Hall
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

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

Location: Township Hall
BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION

Date: Third Monday of month
Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: Township Hall
YOUTH ASSISTANCE

Date: Second Tuesday of every month
Time: 8 a.m.

Location: Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road
Contact: Sue Campbell (248) 344-1618

Senior Events

SENIOR COMMUNITY CENTER

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

Thursday

9 a.m.: TOPS; Massage by appt.

10:30 a.m.: Yoga

11 a.m.: Cribbage

Noon: Walking Club

12:30 p.m.: Pinochle

Friday

11 a.m.: Poker

11:30 a.m.: Walking Club

Noon: Walking Club

1 p.m.: Movie

Monday

8 a.m.: Walking Club

9:30 a.m.: Mah Jongg

10 a.m.: Beginning Line

Dance; Oxyrise

11 a.m.: Adv. Line Dance

12:30 p.m.: Pinochle/Euchre

Tuesday

8 a.m.: Walking Club

10:30 a.m.: Yoga

11:30 a.m.: Walking Club

12:30 p.m.: Pinochle

Wednesday

8 a.m.: Walking Club

9 a.m.: Foot Reflexology by appt.

10 a.m.: Oxyrise

11 a.m.: Strength Training

11:30 a.m.: Walking Club

Noon: Bridge

1 p.m.: Cribbage

7 p.m.: Bridge

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HEALTH WALKING

Date: Monday-Friday

Time: 8-10 a.m.

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

PILATES CLASS

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NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS
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Holiday Office Closings:

Monday, January 2	New Year's Day
Monday, January 16	Martin Luther King Jr.'s
Monday, February 20	Presidents' Day
Friday, April 6	Good Friday
Monday, May 28	Memorial Day
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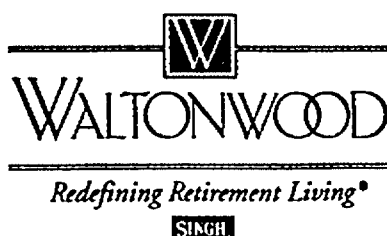


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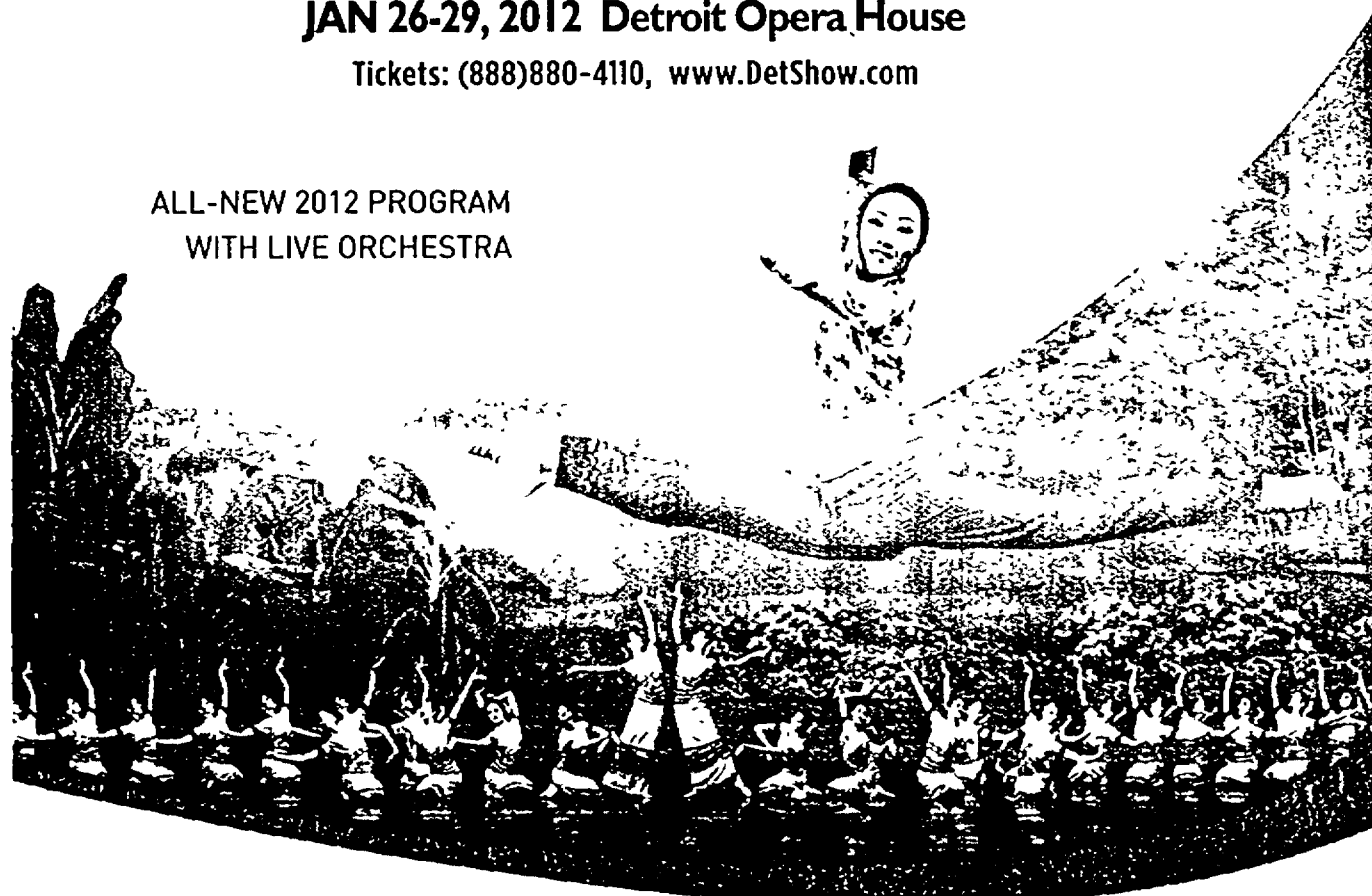
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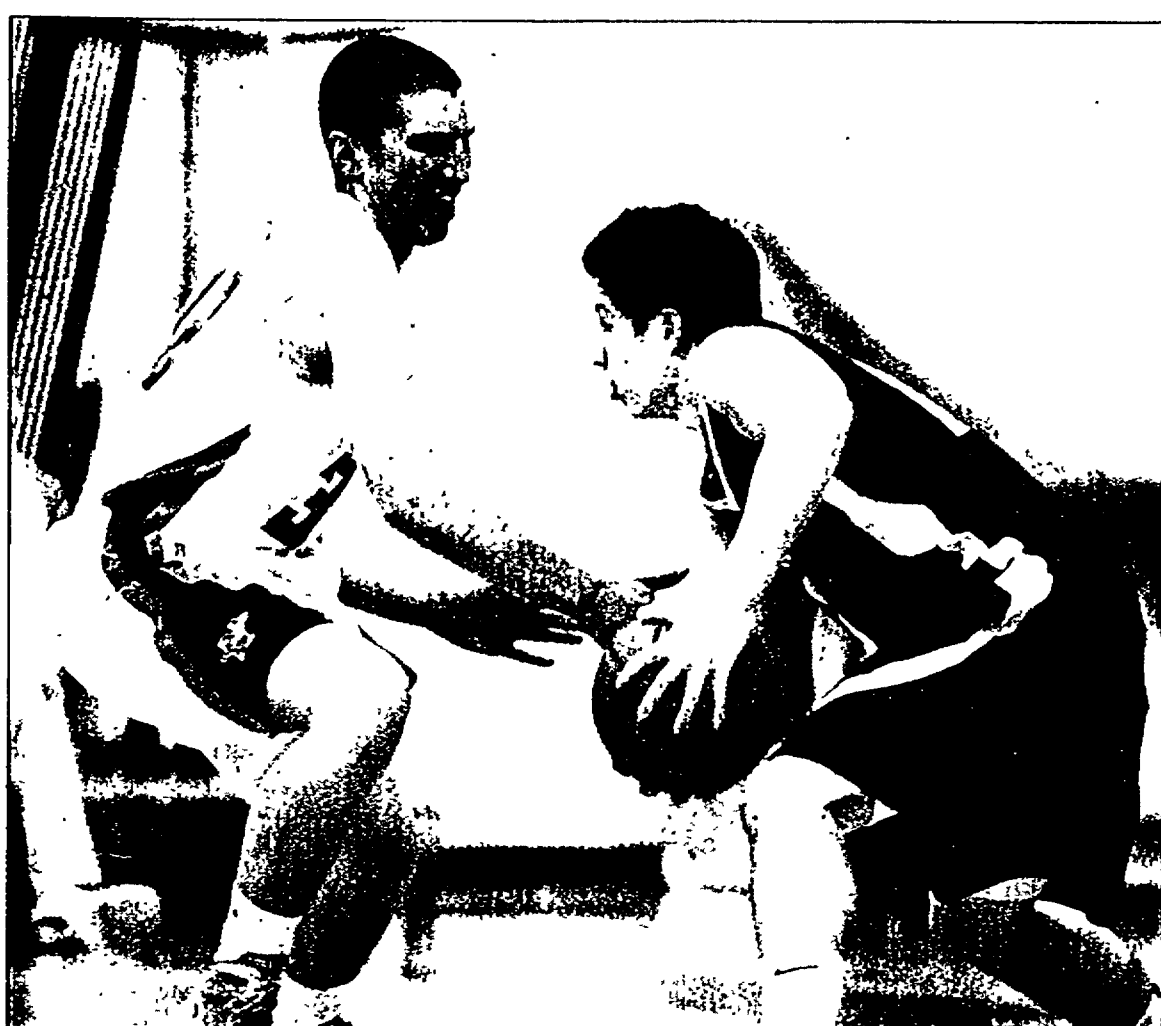
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Mustang Mitch Alameddinhe tries to keep a Central Viking in check on Dec. 13.

Northville narrowly wins home opener

Hewlett snags offensive rebound, hits clutch free throws to win game

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

Northville senior Jeff Hewlett may not be the tallest guy on the basketball court at any given time — in fact, at 6-feet tall he's usually right in the middle of the pack — but he's sure walking around like he's 10-feet tall right now.

That's because Hewlett plays basketball like he's that big. He doesn't back down from a fight for a rebound just because he's outmatched vertically. That's one of those intangible elements of an outstanding player that just can't be measured, because it doesn't matter how big the player in the fight is but rather how big the fight in the player is.

And Hewlett has more fight inside than just about anyone on the court — just ask Walled Lake Central.

Despite having several towering players down in the post against Northville in the Mustangs' home opener with just a few seconds remaining and the lead in Walled Lake's hands, the Vikings could only watch as



Mustang Jeffrey Hewlett draw some Walled Lake Central pressure as he goes to the basket on Dec. 13.

Hewlett rose above the crowd and snagged an

offensive rebound off a long-distance shot by

ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs boys basketball team won't be getting much rest this holiday season. Instead, they'll be hosting their annual holiday tournament, known as the Northville Invitational, December 28 and 29. They will then be off until Jan. 6 when they play Salem.

teammate Brett MacDonald that hit the hoop and bounced away.

And then the Vikings did the worst thing possible. They fouled Hewlett with 8.5 seconds left in the game and watched as he calmly hit both of his free throws to give his team a 34-33 victory.

"It's kind of ironic that Hugo grabs that rebound, considering he's one of the shortest guys out there," said Northville coach Todd Sander. "That's just the type of player he is; finds a way to get it done."

Northville kept the game interesting throughout the contest, making sure the fans

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Northville hockey team downs Pirates

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

The Northville Mustangs hockey team collected a convincing 5-2 victory over the visiting Pinckney Pirates last week.

The squad, coached by Clint Robert, started the game off strong, putting up their first goal of the game off the stick of Alec Debrabander, who took assistance from Matt Giordano.

Northville increased their lead to 4-0 throughout the second period, snagging goals from AJ Bradley, Andrew Rosati and Debrabander with assists being credited to Debrabander, Ben Crabill and Conner Brown.

Pinckney put their first goal of the game on the board at the 13:33 mark in the third stanza, as Mitch Bona found the back of the net on an unassisted play to

make it a 4-1 game. The Mustangs responded in turn, scoring again with 12:48 left in the game as Jack Meacham and Cole Brown assisted Matt Sopha to make it 5-1.

Pinckney wouldn't go quietly into the night, however, tacking on a final goal with 9:30 in the game as Kyle Smith and Bona assisted Pat Rogowski for the last score of the game.

Taking the loss for Pinckney at goalie was Justin Karamon, while Northville's Jimmy McGlynn earned the victory.

Between the two teams, 15 penalties were called with Northville taking the brunt with eight. The Mustangs were called for two 10-minute misconducts in the contest with the major penalties going against Rosati and Conner Brown. Pinckney's Nick Woodruff was also called for a 10-minute misconduct.



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A pair each of Mustangs and Bulldogs tries to free the puck from the boards during the teams' Dec. 19 game.

Girls cagers fall to Plymouth

Squad can't get best of Wildcats

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

Turnovers can make for a long night for any team, but when both squads are busy committing them it makes for an extra long night for everyone.

The Northville Mustangs girls' basketball team and the Plymouth Wildcats couldn't seem to get their offenses on the right track last week as both teams struggled with turnovers throughout and mixed in a dollop of cold shooting to the recipe to make for a 39-26 contest that ended in the Wildcats' favor.

Northville trailed, 7-4, after the first quarter and neither team seemed to get out of that funk until the fourth quarter when the Wildcats suddenly surged to life and capped the game with 17 points in the final stanza to secure the lead.

"We made too many mistakes; a lot of careless turnovers," said Northville head coach Todd Gudith. "We forced the ball on offense and when we had chances in transi-

ON TAP

Northville's girls basketball team will be hosting their annual Northville Invitational holiday tournament Dec. 28 and 29 before taking a break until Jan. 6 when they visit Salem.

tion we were sloppy. We missed a lot of decent looks offensively as well."

Gudith did note that he was happy with how well the defense played in the contest, considering how difficult the offensive struggles made the contest.

"Defensively we did enough to win, but not taking care of the basketball will come back to haunt you," he said. "Plymouth deserves some credit for their aggressive defense, but mostly it falls on our shoulders."

Northville was led by senior Alex Moynes and junior Kendra Brenner. Both cagers scored seven points apiece in the losing effort.

Northville fell to 2-1 on the season with the loss.

Mustangs cheer squad takes second among KLAA's best

Northville finishes behind a very tough Hartland team

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

The only way to gauge how well a team is doing at the beginning of the season is to go up against squads that are known to be some of the best around — that's why the Kensington Lakes Activities Association cheerleading teams created the crossover meet.

The crossover meet pits the division champions from the year prior against one another as one of the first events

ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs cheerleading team is scheduled to be off from competition over the holiday break and will return Jan. 4 when the team visits South Lyon for a 6 p.m. event.

of the season. This year, it was Northville, Hartland, Lakeland and Livonia Franklin in the competition after securing division titles in the 2010-11 season.

Northville's varsity cheer team did well, finishing second behind Hartland with a team score of 637.2712.

"This meet was a very tough meet for us," said Mindy Gentz, Northville's head coach. "We had conflicts with the Northville High School Choir Concert that put us short a starter in each of our rounds. We also had an injury earlier in the week that removed an additional starter from rounds one and three. In order to fill these positions we

had to call on two of our freshmen, Kelsey Clay and Jordan Hermiz. Both girls stepped up and quickly learned the positions that needed to be filled."

Despite the setbacks that Northville did suffer and hampered their overall performance, the Mustangs did turn in a competitive score, which Gentz was pleased with.

The event also had a junior varsity competition in which the Mustangs finished fourth with a score of 390.316.

Can Do



DIANE MAIER

The Northville varsity pom pon team collected cans of food to benefit Northville Civic Concern during the Dec. 13 Northville varsity basketball game. The Can Do food drive was held in conjunction with the pom team's half-time performance with Northville elementary and middle school girls who participated in the fall pom pon clinic.

NORTHVILLE SPORTS ROUNDUP

Mustangs tankers defeat Churchill

It was a great way to rebound from the season-opening loss, and the Mustangs swimming and diving team took advantage of their chance to win over Livonia Churchill as they earned a 120-56 victory last week.

The squad earned first-place finishes in the 200 medley relay (Filippo Mivaldi, Josh Liu, Spencer Miller and Sam Boyea), the 200 free (Chris Kim), the 200 individual medley (Andrew Westphal), 50 free (Miller), Diving (Phillip Bondy), 100 butterfly (Scott Wang), 100 freestyle (Westphal), 500 freestyle (Austin Hunt), 100 backstroke (Daniel Brown) and the 100 breaststroke (Christian Yap).

"Overall, we had some positive swims out of the 500 free and 100 breast events," noted coach Rich Bennetts. "We have a long way to go, but the boys are working hard and we are starting to get into better shape. The holiday break will go a long way in determining how this season turns out. We have big meets in early January so we will have to be ready and that means being much better than we are right now. I know this team will work very hard over the break and we will be in a position to have some good things happen."

Bennetts said his team also had strong performances from Liu in the 100 breaststroke, as well as Alan Ruan and Yash Bajaj in the same event. He also noted Danny Teng had good swims in the 200 and 500 free events.

Mustangs sixth at county wrestling

The Northville Mustangs wrestling team represented their school, and their conference, well last week when they competed in the Wayne County championships and came how with a sixth place out of a field of 28 teams.

The Mustangs, coached by Bob Boshoven, were led by Trevor Maresh. The 171-pound wrestler, ranked sixth in the state in his weight class, dominated his bracket to earn the title and move to a 12-0 mark on the season.

Travis Compo placed third at 135 pounds while Ijji Raza was fourth at 119 pounds. Taking fifth were Anthony DeGiorgio and Sean Wagner, wrestling at 112 and 130 pounds, respectively.

Taking sixth in the championships was Kevin Charara at 103 pounds and Alex Coe at 152 pounds.

Northville also captured victories over North Farmington, 53-18, and Farmington, 39-33, last week.

Against North Farmington, the Mustangs won 12 of the 14 weight classes. Against Farmington, the match could have gone either way until Charara, a sophomore, earned a 20-4 win by technical fall in his 103-pound match.

Raza and Max Mudar each had two wins by fall on the night while Alec Clevenger had two wins by decision while Maresh earned a pin and a technical fall.

— Sam Eggleston

Gymnastics team drops close match to open season

Squad narrowly defeated by Fowlerville and Lakeland/Milford

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

As practice began for winter sports earlier this year, Northville gymnastics coach Erin McWatt made one thing very clear — the Mustangs had a lot of inexperience and youth and the learning curve was going to be steep.

Having as many years under her belt as she does as a head coach, McWatt's intuition was spot on as her team took losses to Fowlerville and Lakeland/Milford to begin the season. And while the losses were tough to take, the team did see huge bright spots throughout the meet — including the fact that they lost to Fowlerville by just 0.155 points and to Lakeland/Milford by 7.155 points

ON TAP

The gymnastics team is scheduled to be off over the holidays before returning with a meet at Canton at 6:30 p.m. January 3.

— a margin that is easily made up as the team continues to grow and learn. Northville collected 130.6 points from the judges while Fowlerville had a 130.755 and Lakeland/Milford earned a 137.755.

"(It was a great) way to start strong," said McWatt, who noted that she had several debut performances, like those from Alyssa Breen and Hannah Mitchell.

Northville also had some outstanding performances from several gymnasts who truly stood out. Victoria Clay



Junior Taylor Dempsey starts her routine on floor.

showcased her abilities on the vault, scoring an 8.5 while freshman Daisy Ference was incredible on the bars with a 9.575. Scoring an 8.7 on the beam was Erin Warwood, while Taylor Dempsey collected an 8.775 with her floor routine.

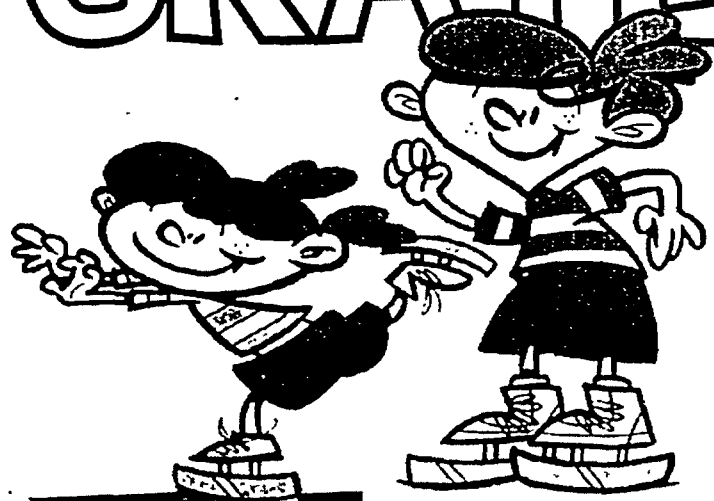


KEN HASSE

Sad ending

Northville grads Jon Alandt and Greg Hasse and their teammates on the Wayne State University football team weren't able to capture the coveted Division II National Championship last week, instead falling to Pittsburg State, 35-21. Hasse (No. 95), who started at defensive end of the Warriors, had three tackles in the title game.

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Showdowns loom for Northville Prep Hockey

With a month left in the regular season, the Great Lakes Prep Hockey League Gold Division crown is still within grasp of the Northville prep hockey team.

However it's not going to be an easy road to the title for the Broncos. Northville will likely need to win all five of its remaining league games, which includes one against current division-leader Brighton and two against second-place Howell, plus hope that Brighton loses at least two of its remaining 10 games.

The Broncos finished December winning five of its last six games, en route to compiling a 7-3-1 league record and 11-3-1 overall mark. Highlighting the month was the play of three of Northville's second-year veterans — Ryan Bloom, Dominic DiComo and Nick Stegmeyer. The trio has developed into a solid line combination and contributed 25 goals during the eight-game stretch.

They will be counted on heavily during Northville's stretch run which begins at 6 p.m. on Jan. 4 against Howell at Novi Ice Arena.

Northville 8, Southgate 1

Christopher Tripi and Ryan Bloom each had a pair of goals as Northville pounded Southgate 8-1 in a non-league game on Dec. 3. Tripi started the scoring 2:51 into the game. Bloom then followed with his two goals. Tyler Marcotte, Sean O'Malley and Kyle Wright then added single goals to put the Broncos up 7-0. Southgate spoiled Nick Zalewski's shutout bid with their lone tally with 4:31 left in the second period. Tripi answered for the Broncos 20 seconds later to close the scoring.

Brighton JV 6, Northville 4

In a showdown for first-place in the standings on Dec. 4, Brighton JV scored four straight third-period goals to steal a 6-4 win from Northville. After giving up an early score, the Broncos tied it on Bloom's first goal at 7:55 of the opening period. Marcotte and Bloom later gave Northville a 3-2 lead in the second period. Bloom netted the hat trick at 12:35 of the third period and it appeared the Broncos were on their way to victory. However, the Bulldogs struck for three goals in a 3:23 span to go into front 5-4. Northville pulled goalie Jeremy Onofrio with 1:21 left but Brighton sealed it with an empty-net goal as time expired.

Northville 5, South Lyon Blue 2

Bloom came back with his second consecutive hat trick as Northville registered a 5-2 victory over South Lyon Blue on Dec. 9. The win avenged an early-season setback to South Lyon: Bloom picked up the lone first-period goal at the 4:25 mark. Nick Stegmeyer added a power-play goal and Bloom had a short-handed tally as the Broncos jumped to a 3-0 lead. After back-to-back goals pulled South Lyon within a goal, Bloom pushed the margin back to two with 3:05 remaining in the game. South Lyon pulled its goalie with just over two minutes left and defenseman Drake Eaton sent a perfect pass to Marcotte who flipped in an empty-netter. Zalewski was the winning goalie.

Northville 8, Wyandotte 1

The offense kept rolling on Dec. 10 as the Broncos dominated Wyandotte 8-1 in a non-league matchup. Stegmeyer opened the scoring with a shorthanded goal. After Wyandotte evened the game, Dominic DiComo put Northville ahead for good late in the first period. The rout was on in the third period as Bloom had two goals while DiComo, Eis, Stegmeyer and defenseman Taylor Turner each had single tallies. Onofrio earned the win in goal.

Northville 2, Hartland Gold 1

A strong defensive performance was instrumental in helping Northville to a 2-1 win over Hartland Gold. Kellen Flayer put Northville on top 1-0 with 2:52 left in the first period when he was set up by Cameron Layne. The teams finished the period tied at 1. Bloom netted the eventual game-winner at 6:18 of the second period off a give-and-go pass from DiComo. Zalewski faced several big shots but the defense comprised of Turner, Eaton, Nick Strom, Troy Youmans, KC Chaudoin and Henry Chang limited Hartland's scoring opportunities.

Northville 4, Novi 1

Northville completed a sweep of cross-town rivals Novi on Dec 14 with a 4-1 victory over the Wild. The Broncos again took an early lead and never trailed. Eis and Bloom scored 2:23 apart late in the first period as Northville went up 2-0. Novi had the lone second-period goal to slice the deficit to 2-1. Bloom scored his second of the game at 13:31 of the final period and Flayer added an insurance goal off a cross-ice pass from Tripi in the closing minutes.

Salem 8, Northville 5

A late-night matchup with Salem on Dec. 17 was more like a late-night bad dream as the Rocks beat the Broncos 8-5. Northville fell behind early but Eis evened the game at 1 with a power-play goal at 6:54 of the first period. Salem responded by unleashing a five-goal barrage that put the Broncos down 6-1. Layne scored Northville's lone second-period goal when he tipped in a shot by O'Malley. After the Rocks added another tally, the Broncos pulled within 7-5 on third-period goals by Stegmeyer, Eis and Bloom.

Northville 6, Clarkston 4

The Broncos were able to put aside their setback less than 24 hours earlier by coming away with a hard-fought victory on Dec. 18 against Clarkston. Again Northville gave up the first score but this time it rallied with three straight goals — two by DiComo and one by Bloom — to take a 3-1 lead. DiComo's second score occurred when Clarkston mistakenly pulled its goalie while thinking a penalty was about to be called on Northville. After two quick goals by Clarkston tied it at 3, Flayer put the Broncos ahead for good with assists to Tripi and Layne. DiComo and Bloom each added third-period tallies to ensure the win. Onofrio earned the win in goal.

— Submitted by Bob Tripi

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stayed glued to their seat to watch what would turn out to be a defensive struggle.

With about two minutes left in the game, the Vikings made their offensive surge, hitting their only three-pointer of the night to cut the game to 32-31 to cap a seven-point run that Northville hadn't been able to answer. A miscue later and a miss opportunity by Northville gave Walled Lake the ball back, and a quick score on a rebound put back gave them a 33-32 lead with a minute left to play.

The Mustangs were forced to foul to try to keep the game in their hands and, on the seventh foul of the quarter and with about 30 seconds left in the game; the Vikings missed the first shot of a one-and-one at the charity stripe. Northville snagged the ball, worked it down the floor and got the ball in MacDonald's hands at the three-point arch. His shot rang off the hoop and into the hands of Hewlett.

Of course, none of the exciting ending would have even been possible if it weren't for Northville digging itself out of

a hole to begin with.

"We started a little slow in the first quarter," Sander said of his team's 13-7 deficit against the Vikings in the opening stanza. "We got a couple of big offense rebound put backs by Stewart Henzi that proved to be timely when we were a little cold. Stew is always real active, and got us going when we needed it."

And the Mustangs needed it. Trailing by six points could have proved disastrous in a game that turned into a defense showdown. The Mustangs' defense clamped down in the second quarter, allowing just five points by Walled Lake, while their offense picked away at the score until they led, 19-18, at the half.

Northville changed their defensive scheme in the second quarter, catching Walled Lake off guard, and slowed the pace of the game to a more manageable one. It was important, too, considering Walled Lake's size and strength in the post. Northville's Andrew Poterala and MacDonald were charged with controlling the inside game, and they did that well.

"Every time central went through the lane,

Pots and Brett made their presence known," said Sander.

Chuck Taylor, Walled Lake's inside guru, had scored 14 points and had 12 rebounds the week before playing Northville — he had just eight points against the Mustangs.

Northville's big offense highlight in the second quarter came off the hands of Mitch Alameddine, who hit back-to-back three-point field goals to put Northville on a bit of a hot streak.


By the time the third quarter started, Northville was in its groove. The defense continued being stingy, allowing Walled Lake just six more points in the third while the offense tacked on nine more to give Northville a 28-24 lead.

But, in true Walled Lake Central fashion, the Vikings never quit coming after Northville and kept themselves in the game through their persistence.

"We had a few untimely mistakes and bad breaks that helped keep Central in the game," Sander said. "I thought we were a couple possessions away from spreading the game nicely."

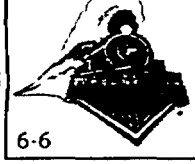

Hewlett led Northville with 10 points, including a 4-of-6 performance from the free-throw line.

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Elves dedicated to children's happiness

Novi News: Tell us about your business, including the types of services and/or products you feature?

Howard DeElf: Our business is making children happy, and what business could possibly be better? We do this in concert with Santa, matching toys, games, electronic devices, dolls and all other manner of enjoyment for children of all ages around the world with his famous "list." We do this only after, of course, he checks it twice for those who've been naughty or nice. (Quite frankly, though, he's pretty lenient).

Novi News: How did you first decide to get into the business?

Howard DeElf: Well, my brother Hermey actually got me interested in being one of Santa's elves. He was really dedicated to the craft, until his interest in dentistry was piqued. When he was promoted to Santa's dentist, some of the other elves approached me about following in his footsteps. I've always been good with my hands, and I thought making toys for the good little girls and boys around the world would be a way for me to give something back.

Novi News: Why did you choose Santa's Workshop at the North Pole?

Howard DeElf: Well, when you're an elf, and you want to make toys, where else are you gonna go? Toys R Us? Santa's Workshop is the major leagues of the toy-making world. Every elf who starts off whittling wooden dolls in his garage dreams of one day making it to the Big Time.

Novi News: What makes your business unique?

Howard DeElf: Well, first of all there aren't all that many businesses where your soul purpose is making children happy. That's unique in



itself. But the way it all comes together, from the way all the elves work together to how Mrs. Claus fattens Santa up for the season to the reindeer using their annual reindeer games to train for that one big night, is really impressive, if I do say so myself. Of course, you get the occasional reindeer laughed at and called names, or the stray elf who gets ridiculed for his career choices, but all in all, we're a huge, cohesive team striving to make that one holiday a year the merriest of all.

Novi News: How has it changed since it opened?

Howard DeElf: The overall business hasn't changed in generations. It's still all about the kids. It's the kids who've changed. Where a child may have wanted a Chaty Cathy doll or a Matchbox car years ago, now they all want the high-tech stuff. Computers, radios, cameras, video games, "smart" phones ... it seems like if there's an "it" in front of it, the kids want it these days. Steve Jobs really made this work a lot harder.

Novi News: How has the recent economy affected your business?

Howard DeElf: The economy hasn't affected the business from our end; we still get so much work we're never sure how we're going to get it all done, though in the

SANTA'S WORKSHOP

Business name: Sahta's Workshop

Business address: The North Pole

Your name: Howard DeElf

Number of employees: Seasonal

Hours of operation: 24/7 (there's no other way to keep up with demand)

Your business specialty: Making millions of toys for girls and boys.

end we do. The economy has changed it for the people we serve, though, making it tougher for their parents to provide for them.

Novi News: Do you have an amusing anecdote to share?

Howard DeElf: Well, there was the time I had an appointment with Hermey, and he gave me too much novocaine. When I went back to the line, my mouth was still numb, and the other elves had trouble understanding me. That was the year we had a whole shift's worth of Barbie dolls that ended up with Ken heads.

Novi News: Any advice for other business owners?

Howard DeElf: Be true to yourself, be true to your customers and learn as much about every aspect of the business as you can. And don't let them tell you you're too small, or too slow or your nose glows too brightly to do the job. And learn how to use social networking. You wouldn't believe how many Letters to Santa he gets e-mailed now.

Novi News: What's in store for the future of your business?

Howard DeElf: We will continue to grow, continue to adapt to the changes in the world and continue to make as many children as happy as possible.

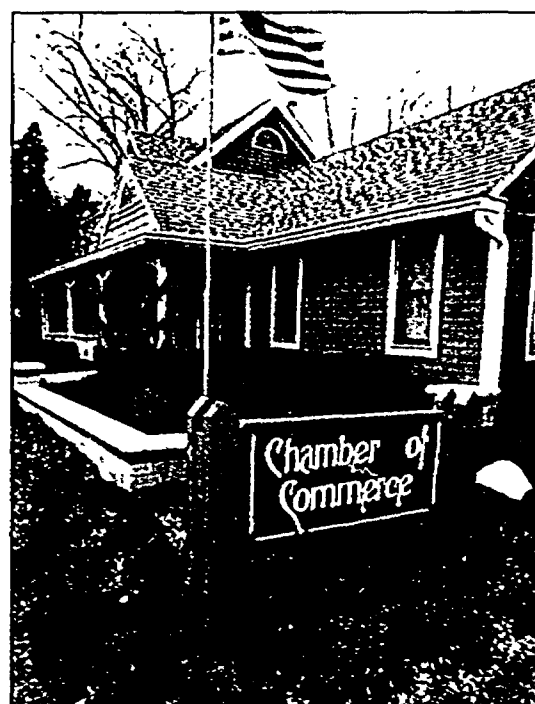
Northville Chamber announces powerful benefit solution for small businesses

The Northville Chamber of Commerce has partnered with three leading Michigan-based companies – Health Alliance Plan (HAP), Delta Dental of Michigan and AAA Michigan – to offer a "Power Package" of value-based benefits designed to provide cost relief for Northville Chamber members.

Chamber members can customize their options to maximize savings for themselves and their employees. Medical and dental benefits can be combined – all in one package – and auto, home, life and long-term care insurance coverage is available through AAA Michigan.

"Finding affordable health coverage is a top business concern for Michigan employers. Insurers are developing innovative benefit designs to appeal to price-sensitive buyers in today's tough economy," said Jody Humphries, Northville Chamber executive director. "The region's ability to provide competitively priced insurance without reducing benefits can fuel economic growth and support local businesses. Forming strategic partnerships with like-minded companies enables the Northville Chamber to offer one of the most diverse product portfolios available."

Power Package Key Advantages:



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- Customized, affordable options and transparency – members can purchase only the coverage they want with no hidden fees.

- Personalized support from expert client representative – chamber members can use online services or consult an agent in person.

- Savings – Chamber members can save money by taking advantage of the Power Package.

"All three Power Package partners believe in the power of prevention and wellness," said Jamie Spriet, HAP vice president,

Business Development.

"A company's fiscal health is impacted by the physical health and well being of its employees, and more Michigan businesses are creating a culture of wellness in the workplace and watching waistlines as a key to their bottom line."

Northville Chamber members can call their agents or access the Power Package options at hap.org/powerpackage. Agents may also visit the eSales application at hap.org to obtain a quote, or call 800-HAP-PLUS (800-427-7587).

OAKLAND COUNTY BUSINESS WORKSHOPS

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

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

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 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

FUTURE WORKSHOPS

(a.m.) Morning Class 9 a.m.-12/12:30 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)

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.



St. Mary Mercy Hospital's UPCOMING HEALTH INFORMATION PRESENTATIONS

Michigan Bariatric Institute Seminar

Guest speaker Tallal Zeni, MD

Thursday, January 5, 6 p.m.

Call 877-WHY-WEIGHT to register or for more information.

Keeping Your New Year's Resolution

Be successful at keeping your exercise and nutrition goals.

Guest speaker Kevin Moore, OTR, MSA, WCC

Thursday, January 19, 7 p.m.

Call 734-655-8950 to register or for more information.

Location: Bailey Center in Westland

Center for Joint Replacement Seminar

Guest speaker David Mendelson, MD

Thursday, January 26, 6 p.m.

Call 734-655-2345 to register or for more information.

Michigan Bariatric Institute Seminar

Guest speaker Tallal Zeni, MD

Thursday, February 2, 6 p.m.

Call 877-WHY-WEIGHT to register or for more information.

"Stay Awake" Series: Insomnia and Sleep Hygiene

Guest speaker Punitha Vijayakumar, MD
Neurologist and Board Certified Sleep Specialist

Thursday, February 9, 7 p.m.

Call 734-655-4640 to register or for more information.

Let's Talk: Heart Health

Guest speaker, an expert in Cardiology

Wednesday, February 15, 6 p.m.

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Realtors Gary Reggish (left) and Tony Schippa visit at the holiday party in Livonia.



Party goers have a great time at the Greater Metropolitan Association of Realtors holiday party in Livonia. Left to right are MaryAnn Palise, Meriem Kadi, Sharon McCann, Lisa Reggish, Pam King and Ilene Patterson.

South side of Chicago: pluses

By Robert Meisner
Guest Columnist

Q: I understand that Chicago now has a Riverwalk on the south side of the river which then leads into the Lakefront. Are there any business opportunities that you are aware of in that area?

A: Indeed, Chicago does have a Riverfront area along the south side and in some areas along the north side of the river leading into the mouth of Lake Michigan. There are a number of restaurants present along with the



Robert Meisner

rental of bikes and kayaks as well as some street vendors, but it is also possible to consider opening

up some sort of business in that area should the opportunities avail themselves for walk-in traffic on a seasonable basis. Of course, you will need the proper permits from the city and you will have to do a cost business plan analysis in order to determine whether or not it is a feasible opportunity. There are a number of residences going up around this area which formerly was a railroad yard and now finds itself inundated with high rise condos and apartment buildings.

Q: I am renting a condominium from someone who bought a home and cannot sell his condominium, plus I needed a place near my daughter's house. I have been there for almost two years and pay my rent. One of the owners had a plumbing problem and the dues went up \$25 a month for all owners to cover the thousands that it cost to do repairs. Am I required to pay the increase in dues?

A: Not necessarily unless your lease arrangement provides that you have to pay any increase in dues (assessments) to the association. That is, if your rent is based on a flat fee per month, irrespective of the dues (assessments), you have no obligation to pay additional sums. If the landlord tells you otherwise, you ought to consult with an experienced real estate attorney.

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

Yule party a festive time for Realtors, their industry friends

A good time was waiting Thursday, Dec. 1, at the American Legion Post 32 on Newburgh in Livonia.

The Farmington-based Greater Metropolitan Association of Realtors held its annual holiday party.

There was also a party Wednesday, Dec. 7, for east-siders at Club Venetian in Madison Heights.

At the Livonia evening party, collections were taken for Arc of Northwest Wayne County and Warm Hearts,

two charitable projects of the association, said Pauline Olszewski, administrator.

The Livonia party had 189 people, Realtors and affiliate members such as inspectors and appraisers.

"They had a great time,"

Olszewski said. "It's basically just networking for the members." The parties also serve as a thank you to the members from the association, she added.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Sept. 12-16, 2011, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON

7745 Admiralty Dr	\$113,000
7950 Charrington Dr	\$157,000
41455 Copper Creek Dr	\$90,000
4116 Coronet Ave	\$125,000
6315 Courtland Dr	\$206,000
1625 Crestview Dr	\$217,000
12638 Woodbourne Rd	\$340,000
47193 Eastbourne Rd	\$326,000
6667 Edgewood Rd	\$155,000
45914 Fountain View Dr	\$279,000
49499 Great Falls Rd	\$135,000
49068 Hawksbury Rd	\$118,000
1804 Hendrie	\$325,000
4145 Kimberly Dr	\$187,000
6856 New Providence Way	\$43,000
1240 Old Colony Ln	\$207,000
4733 Pond Run	\$191,000
49164 Poppleton Ct	\$335,000
2865 River Meadow Cir	\$181,000
776 S Haggerty Rd	\$147,000
45576 S Stonewood Rd	\$176,000

1855 Tradition Dr	\$425,000
GARDEN CITY	
31624 Brown St	\$56,000
32951 Kathryn St	\$50,000
6326 Lathers St	\$40,000
33221 Rosslyn Ave	\$73,000
LIVONIA	
38176 Ann Arbor Trl	\$25,000
32817 Barkley St	\$158,000
37317 Bennett St	\$138,000
14124 Berwick St	\$110,000
38240 Bloomfield Dr	\$155,000
11326 Brookfield St	\$90,000
16294 Country Club Dr	\$165,000
15947 Deering St	\$57,000
20569 Ellen Ct	\$294,000
11874 Elm St	\$136,000
16118 Fairway St	\$240,000
18413 Floral St	\$50,000
39096 Grenada St	\$123,000
29975 Hathaway St	\$129,000
14151 Ingram St	\$135,000
27549 Lyndon St	\$60,000
38235 Mallory Dr	\$210,000
17960 Mayfield Dr	\$196,000
31508 Merriwood Park Dr	\$85,000
35600 Minton St	\$100,000
18748 Nola St	\$115,000
31710 Norfolk St	\$165,000
9911 Oporto St	\$55,000
20205 Parkville St	\$99,000

29003 Rayburn St	\$90,000
17254 Rougeway St	\$55,000
14541 Stonehouse Ave	\$100,000
38471 Summers St	\$123,000
17493 Westbrook Dr	\$206,000
28947 Westfield St	\$63,000
31341 Westfield St	\$110,000
20335 Whitby Dr	\$210,000
NORTHVILLE	
16124 Brook Trout Ln	\$128,000
16392 Brook Trout Ln	\$130,000
16132 Crystal Downs E	\$425,000
39580 Dun Rovin Dr	\$245,000
39639 Dun Rovin Dr	\$188,000
48780 Freestone Dr	\$98,000
48941 Freestone Dr	\$103,000
17226 Mulberry Way	\$255,000
17226 Stonebrook Dr	\$500,000
46670 Stratford Ct	\$420,000
19197 Surrey Ln	\$50,000
16995 Sycamore Ct	\$321,000
PLYMOUTH	
42126 Brentwood Dr	\$104,000
11816 Brownell Ave	\$187,000
735 Burroughs St	\$196,000
13659 Fairview Ln	\$1,225,000
1097 Hartsough St	\$105,000
1799 Lexington St	\$200,000
9420 Mapletree Dr	\$339,000
49840 Pointe Xing	\$100,000
45633 Primrose Ct	\$260,000

47648 W Ann Arbor Trl	\$410,000
REDFORD	
12150 Centralia	\$25,000
9535 Hemingway	\$60,000
26720 Joy Rd	\$13,000
17720 Lennane	\$47,000
15573 Leona Dr	\$50,000
19985 Seminole	\$34,000
26716 Student	\$47,000
26310 W Seven Mile Rd	\$25,000
WESTLAND	
6948 Bison St	\$89,000
35695 Castlewood Ct	\$53,000
7412 Central St	\$15,000
36568 Deer Run Ct N	\$85,000
35451 Dove Trl	\$65,000
31652 Fairchild St	\$80,000
434 Filbert St	\$61,000
7719 Gary Ave	\$50,000
35830 Hazelwood St	\$52,000
30831 Lonnie Blvd	\$86,000
2256 N Hix Rd	\$30,000
6916 N Wildwood St	\$90,000
741 Patricia Place Dr	\$160,000
1455 Portland St	\$63,000
6223 Twin Oaks	\$83,000
1643 Westchester St	\$80,000
1253 Woodbourne St	\$24,000

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND

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

BEVERLY HILLS

17880 Beverly Rd	\$104,000
17928 Dunblaine Ave	\$330,000
30557 Georgetown Dr	\$260,000
18451 Hillcrest St	\$319,000
15780 Kirkshire Ave	\$135,000
15855 Kirkshire Ave	\$115,000
31173 Pickwick Ln	\$213,000
31330 Pickwick Ln	\$214,000

BIRMINGHAM

355 Baldwin Rd	\$428,000
499 Bennaville Ave	\$600,000
909 Bennaville Ave	\$525,000
482 Cambridge St	\$360,000
1030 Lakeside Dr	\$585,000

1878 Maryland Blvd	\$370,000
1888 Pembroke Rd	\$599,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	
1986 Dell Rose Dr	\$310,000
1427 Kirkway Rd	\$1,150,000
2406 Rutherford Rd	\$60,000
1281 Water Cliff Dr	\$830,000
3709 Darlington Rd S	\$304,000
440 S Cranbrook Rd	\$138,000
1825 S Woodward Ave # 100	\$264,000
434 Thetford Ln	\$525,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	
2412 Broadway Blvd	\$593,000
3835 Carriage Ln	\$270,000
2220 Devonshire Rd	\$98,000
6185 E Surrey Rd	\$260,000
412 N Glengarry Rd	\$425,000
4049 W Maple Rd	\$25,000
5707 Woodwind Dr	\$305,000
5726 Woodwind Dr	\$315,000
873 N Cranbrook Rd	\$400,000
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP	
2221 Applebrook Dr	\$345,000
5409 Plantation Dr	\$283,000
3148 Royal Blvd	\$35,000

FARMINGTON	
35810 Smithfield Rd	\$219,000
36228 Smithfield Rd	\$157,000
Farmington Hills	
35745 Castlemeadow Dr	\$195,000
37566 Cherry Hl	\$385,000
38938 Country Cir	\$50,000
37530 Emerald Forest Dr	\$226,000
28716 Eton Gln	\$225,000
37565 Glengrove Dr	\$270,000
32560 Hearthstone Rd	\$132,000
26811 La Muera St	\$215,000
29645 Mayfair Dr	\$228,000
28401 New Castle Rd	\$130,000
28519 Newport St	\$175,000
29244 Oak Point Dr	\$160,000
28788 Piedmont Dr	\$300,000
25409 Ranchwood Dr	\$270,000
36226 Trenton Ct	\$180,000
FRANKLIN	
29855 Forest Dr	\$830,000
MILFORD	
825 Abbey Ln	\$146,000
541 Cumberland Trl	\$325,000
1785 Melody Ln	\$243,000

NOVI	
42945 Brookstone Dr	\$243,000
22427 Cranbrooke Dr	\$90,000
50297 Drakes Bay Dr	\$592,000
313 Elm Ct	\$13,000
24599 Enchanted Dr	\$170,000
24251 Lynwood Dr	\$280,000
195 Pleasant Cove Dr	\$209,000
41821 Quince Dr	\$88,000
1155 South Lake Dr	\$33,000
30193 Viewcrest Ct	\$247,000
SOUTH LYON	
1190 Fountain View Cir	\$68,000
27530 Milford Rd	\$139,000
59378 Pacers Path	\$225,000
Southfield	
19751 Filmore St	\$75,000
28540 Glasgow St	\$26,000
17337 Westover Rd	\$86,000
WHITE LAKE	
1934 Margie Dr	\$196,000
8956 Sandy Ridge Dr	\$230,000
9185 Sandy Ridge Dr	\$234,000

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tial real estate. Attend a free one-hour seminar, or shadow a top agent to get an inside feel of the business. Seminars are at noon or 6 p.m. Wednesdays.

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Seminar on Tuesdays

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Learn about reverse mortgages. RSVP with Larry Brady at (800) 260-5484, Ext. 33.

Free Foreclosure Tours

Free Foreclosure Tours are 1 p.m. every other Sunday. Meeting place is Panera Bread on the southeast corner of Middlebelt and I-96. E-mail Georgia@addedvaluerealty.com or visit FreeForeclosureTour.com.

On Facebook

RE/MAX has launched a new Facebook page for customers and the public to get direct answers for their real estate questions from RE/MAX experts. The new site is a chance for the



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Everybody wants to make money. Ideally, we'd all be rolling in millions from working at our dream jobs, but it's pretty clear that's not going to happen.

These days especially, working has become less about having the job of our dreams and more about paying the bills. You might not want to or be able to put in the time and effort to take classes or commit to years of schooling to earn a high salary. Can you make the big bucks without that education?

The short answer is yes -- but not in very many fields. We looked for six-figure salaries that don't require a four-year degree. While we found some that pay an annual mean salary

of more than \$100,000, most of these positions require you to be in the top 10 percent of earners. It's not impossible, but it will definitely take a lot of hard work.

And it goes without saying that all of these positions require some degree of skill and experience. You can't become a fashion designer if you have no fashion sense, for example, and it's not likely that you'll walk away from high school graduation and into a firehouse as the fire chief.

If you're looking to earn those big bucks, but don't have a college degree, here are a few fields to consider:

1. Air traffic controller
90th percentile income:

\$161,650
75th percentile income:
\$142,430
Median annual salary: \$109,850

You can become an air traffic controller a couple of different ways without a degree. The first is to have experience through the Federal Aviation Administration or the Defense Department, as a civilian or veteran. The second is to complete an FAA-approved education program.

2. Chief executives
Median annual salary: \$160,720
If you've worked your way up to become the CEO, you may be earning \$160,000 a year. It's difficult to get to this stage of your career without a college education, but it can be done. Just look at Bill Gates and

Michael Dell, both of whom were college dropouts.

3. Fashion designer
90th percentile income:
\$130,900
75th percentile income: \$90,020
Median annual salary: \$64,260

This is one career where you've either got it or you don't. About 25 percent of fashion designers are self-employed. If you're a real creative genius, you might be able to get by with only a high school education. But if you're smart, you'll at least get an associate degree. It also behooves you to get training in color, textiles, pattern making and computer-aided design.

4. Fire chief
90th percentile income:
\$109,750
75th percentile income: \$87,190
Median annual salary: \$68,250

Most firefighters have a high school diploma. In some cases, community college courses or an associate degree might be a better option for you. Once you're accepted into a fire department, you'll train at the department's academy, where you'll obtain classroom and practical training. To get to fire chief status, you'll definitely have to work your way through the ranks.

5. Network systems and data communications analysts
90th percentile income:
\$116,120
75th percentile income: \$55,900
Median annual salary: \$73,250

Training requirements for network systems and data communications analysts vary.

Some organizations require a bachelor's degree, but often an associate degree, professional certification and work experience can do the trick.

6. Police and detective supervisor
90th percentile income:
\$116,340
75th percentile income: \$94,560
Median annual salary: \$76,500

It's not likely you'll join your local police squad as the supervisor unless you have a few years of experience under your belt. A few squads may require a year or two of college-level course work, but in most places you just need a high school education plus experience. Much of this career is learned on the job or in a training academy.

7. Radiation therapists
90th percentile income:
\$107,230
75th percentile income: \$90,650
Median annual salary: \$74,170

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