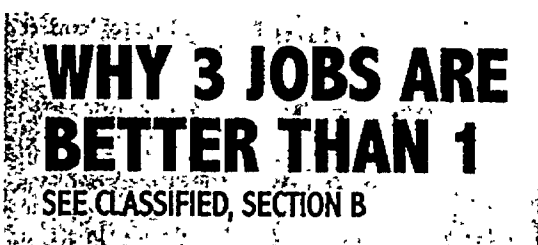




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## Food assistance

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.-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.

## Beautification Commission

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. For more information contact Commission Chair Marie Barr c/o Northville Twp. Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville Twp., MI 48168.

## News, now!

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## Water, sewer rates jump

### Increase of 5 percent expected in township

By Lonnie Huhman  
Correspondent

Northville Township residents will see their water and sewer rates increase by 5 percent in the coming year.

The Board of Trustees approved the rate hike based

on a number of assumptions, including the increases Northville Township incurs to buy its water and dispose of its sewage. The rates will go into effect for all sewer and water services rendered after the January billing cycle.

Currently, the water rate is

\$4.71 / 1,000 gallons and for metered sewer it's \$4.37 / 1,000 gallons. In 2012, water will be at \$4.94 and sewer at \$4.59.

According to Assistant Township Manager Thelma Kubitskey, Northville Township's purchase rate for water is expected to increase by nearly 12 per-

cent in 2012 and another 5 percent in 2013. She said the township has assumed a future annual increase of wholesale sewage disposal costs of 9 percent for 2012-18, and 6 percent thereafter.

Water and sewer connection fees will remain at the present level through 2016 and then go up 5 percent.

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Mark Irish - portraying a French voyageur - holds a beaver pelt as he teaches Moraine Elementary kids the trading value of a beaver pelt for the trappers of the early 1700s. Irish and co-worker Lisa Parsons visited the school on Dec. 15 in a MetroParks semitrailer portable classroom to introduce students to the rough life of the fur traders who plied the waters of the Great Lakes. Students learned, for instance, the one beaver pelt equaled in value two fox, two deer or two otters.

## Moraine interacts with history

By Lonnie Huhman  
Correspondent

A couple of French voyageurs stopped at Moraine Elementary recently to give third-graders an interactive history lesson.

"Today we are explaining the French influence on the Great Lakes region," said co-presenter Lisa Parsons, who played the part of a wife to a commis or fur trader.

The program is run by Michigan MetroParks. It is meant to give students an interactive look into state history. Since 1997, Northville students have been learning about a variety of themes through these mobile learning center programs.

"It's a really good program that takes from the classroom and opens up history even more with a hands-on experience," said Mark Irish, who played the part of a voyageur

or traveler.

Three groups of students learned about the everyday life of the voyageurs through living history interpretation. They handled the furs and trade goods used during the time period of 1650-1860. The focus was on Michigan's part in the trade, so the history story had Parsons and Irish headed toward Fort Michilimackinac.

They told the students they were traveling to trade primar-

ily for beaver fur, which they said was used for hat making back in Europe. The canoes they used were made of birch bark and were 36 feet long. Many of the students were astounded when Irish said it could carry up to 8,000 pounds in supplies.

Each session ended with the students forming a canoe and singing "Alouette" as they pretended to paddle their way toward the fort.

## Volunteers wanted for CERT training

By Lonnie Huhman  
Correspondent

The Northville Township Public Safety Department is looking for some dedicated volunteers to be a part of the Community

Emergency Response Team. Starting on Jan. 10, interested residents can start a 10-week training course meant to give them a better understanding of the potential threats to their home, workplace and communi-

ty. The hope is the CERT volunteer can take the right steps to lessen the effects of these hazards in Northville.

According to John Werth, public safety director, the primary reason for CERT training is

to give people the decision-making, organizational and practical skills to offer immediate assistance to family members, neighbors, and associates while wait-

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## CERT

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ing for help.

Northville Township Police Sgt. Matthew Mayes is the CERT coordinator. He said the motivation to start the program came about after the 2003 power outage, which impacted parts of the Midwest and East Coast.

Currently, there are 30 volunteers from the Northville community. Both township and city residents can participate.

Mayes said while people will respond to others in need without the training, the goal of the CERT program is to help people do so effectively and efficiently without placing themselves in unnecessary danger. In the past, volunteers have helped with traffic control at parades and events, and with finding missing persons.

"If a disaster happens

that overwhelms the local response capability, CERT members can apply the training learned in the classroom and during exercises to give critical support to their family, loved ones, neighbors or associates in their immediate area until help arrives," Mayes said.

This program is a part of a larger national effort initiated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Resident and CERT volunteer Larry Parks said it's about taking a more active role in community emergency preparedness. He recently helped with this year's Jingle Run and says he helps out in whatever way is needed.

Mayes said there are no obligations to residents, but adds it is a useful support system in case of a tornado or a search and rescue effort. So its importance to the local departments is understood by them.

## DETAILS

An application must be filled out prior to starting CERT training (<http://www.northvillemich.com/modules/showdocument.aspx?documentid=262>).

Submit to one must:

- Submit to a background check.
- Attend the 10-week training session one night a week.
- Be available to volunteer for community events.
- Work alongside a Northville Township police officer or firefighter.
- Train in CPR, first aid and fire safety.

For more information, contact Mayes at (248) 349-9400 and go to the website at <http://www.northvillemich.com/CERT>.



PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Helen Darren works on a canvas during a Tuesday morning beginner's painting class at the Northville Community Senior Center on Dec. 20. The class, taught by Steve Wood, meets on the last Tuesday of each month at 10 a.m.

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Kubitskey said the township incurs an annual bond debt of more than \$3.5 million for expansion of its sewer treatment needs. This payment plan will go on for the next 11 years. It began in 2003 on a 20-year schedule.

The primary source of the township's water and sewer division are the rate revenues and connections fees. Each year, the township develops a 20-year forecast to determine these charges. Kubitskey said this is done to ensure there is sufficient revenue to afford operating the department, making improvements, and expanding the wastewater capacity to accommodate further development.

In other board news, allocations have been approved for the 2012-2014 fis-

cal year funding from the Community Development Block Grant program. Totalling nearly \$91,000, the grant will go toward senior and public services (\$13,608), Allen Terrace (\$5,000), administration (\$9,072) and the environmental cleanup at the Seven Mile property (\$63,040).

Some year-end budget amendments were made to bring the 2011 budget in balance with actual revenue and expenditures.

Spending has exceeded revenues by \$1.2 million. However, the general operating revenue did increase from what was approved in the budget.

Kubitskey said the township saw an increase in state shared revenue due to the 2010 census and a jump in building starts. She added spending decreased from what was forecasted due to containing operating expenses and employee costs.

## Learn to paint

Instructor Steve Wood begins to paint in a candy cane on a Christmas wreath during his Dec. 20 beginner's painting class at the Northville Community Senior Center.



## NORTHVILLE COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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**Submit:** Send calendar submissions via e-mail to [dstorie@gannett.com](mailto:dstorie@gannett.com); by fax to (248) 685-2892; or by mail to Northville Record, 101 N. Lafayette, South Lyon, MI 48178. Items must be received by noon on Monday to be included in Thursday's newspaper. **More:** For a complete listing of local and regional events, see the Northville Home-townlife.com.

### 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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#### "Beauty & The Beast"

**Times/Dates:** 2:30 p.m. through Jan. 29  
**Details:** An energetic, live musical for the whole family -- the story of a young girl who meets a friendly Beast and their ensuing friendship. Tickets are \$8.50; group rates and reserved seating for 20 or more; no children under age 3.

#### NORTHVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

**Location:** 195 S. Main Street, Northville, MI 48167  
**Contact:** (248) 349-7640 or [www.northville.org](http://www.northville.org)

#### MILL RACE HISTORICAL VILLAGE

**Location:** 215 Griswold Ave., north of Main Street near Ford Field  
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#### Weekly Events

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## Road commission names new managing director

Dennis G. Kolar, PE, has been named the new managing director of the Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC).

Kolar, who previously served as Deputy Managing Director/County Highway Engineer, was appointed to the managing director's position Dec. 15 by the RCOC Board of Road Commissioners. He will officially start the new position on Jan. 1.

Kolar replaces long-time Managing Director Brent Bair, who is retiring at the end of the year after more than 34 years with the Road Commission and 19 as managing director.

"Brent did an excellent job of putting in place a group of managers who would be able to take over when he left," observed RCOC Board Chairman Eric Wilson. "I am confident that Dennis will carry on the traditions of excellence, transparency and accountability that Brent engendered for so many years."

RCOC Vice-Chairman Greg Jamian noted that he is confident Kolar is prepared for the job. "We have worked closely with Dennis in his role as deputy managing director/county highway engineer," Jamian said, "and I am confident he will be able to transition smoothly into the managing director's role."

Commissioner Ron Fowkes agreed. "We had some very qualified candidates for this position," he stated. "But Dennis was clearly best suited to the position, given his experience and the fact that he worked closely with Brent for many years."

Kolar thanked the Board for appoint-

ing him, and noted he looks forward to the challenges of leading the agency that maintains the largest county road system in the state.

"This is a large responsibility, and I will have large shoes to fill," he stated. "Fortunately, Brent is leaving a very well-run operation, and I appreciate that our Board has given me this opportunity. These are challenging times for road agencies in Michigan, given our decades of under-funding, but I am committed to continuing to provide the highest level of service possible for our customers - those using the road system, with the resources available."

Kolar has more than 32 years of experience in the road business. He began his career with the Michigan Department of transportation, where he was employed for six years.

After joining RCOC, he spent 11 years in the Design Division of the Engineering Department, starting as a staff engineer and serving as a design squad leader before being promoted to design engineer in charge of the division.

Following his service in the Design Division, Kolar transferred to the RCOC Highway Maintenance Department, where he spent six years as the maintenance operations engineer before being promoted to director of RCOC's Central Operations Department. He was then promoted to the deputy managing director position.

Kolar is a registered professional engineer (PE) and holds a bachelor of science degree in construction engineering from Lawrence Technological University. He is a member of the American Public Works Association and the Transportation Research Board, where he served eight years on the Maintenance and Operations Management Committee.



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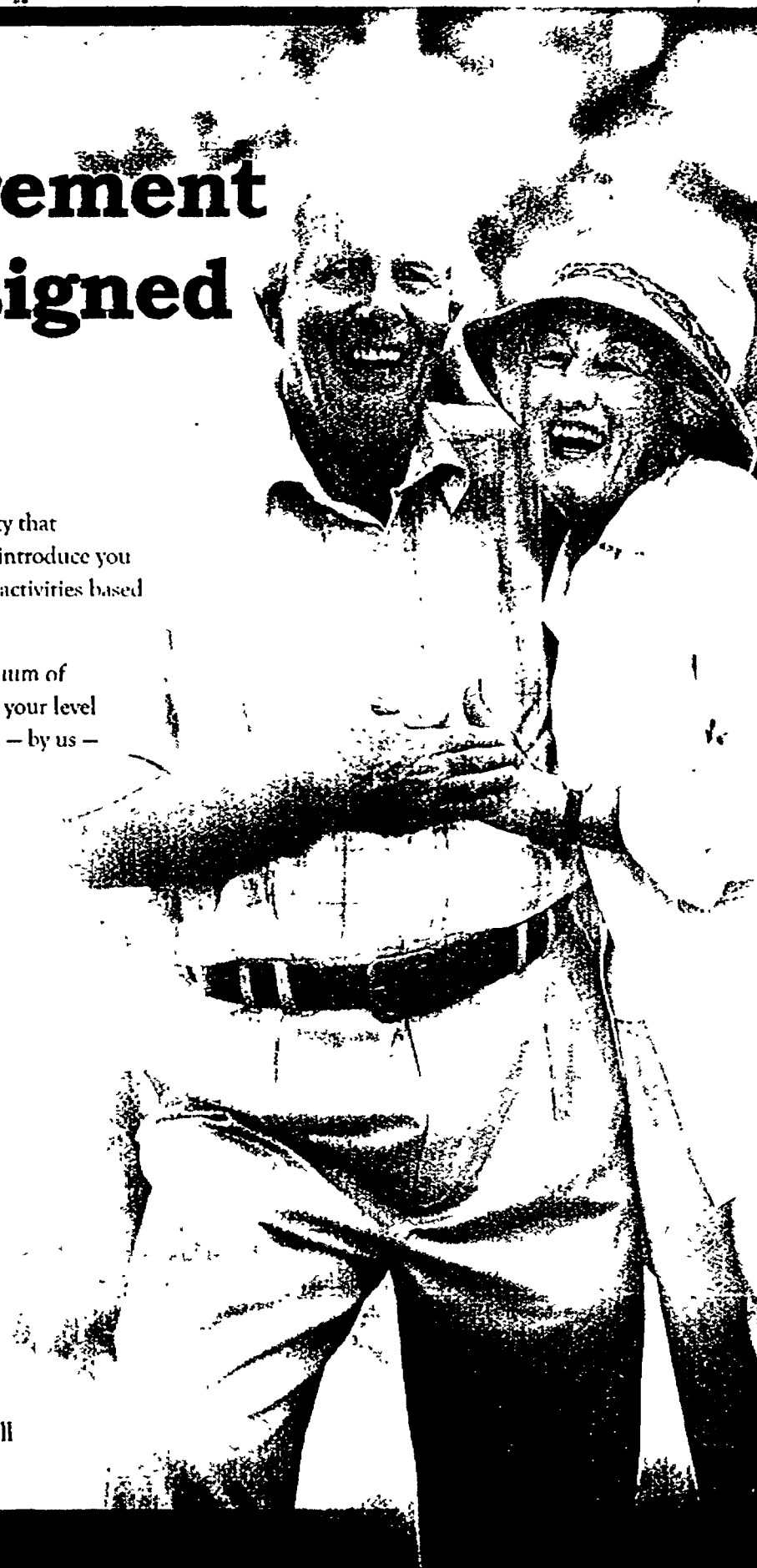
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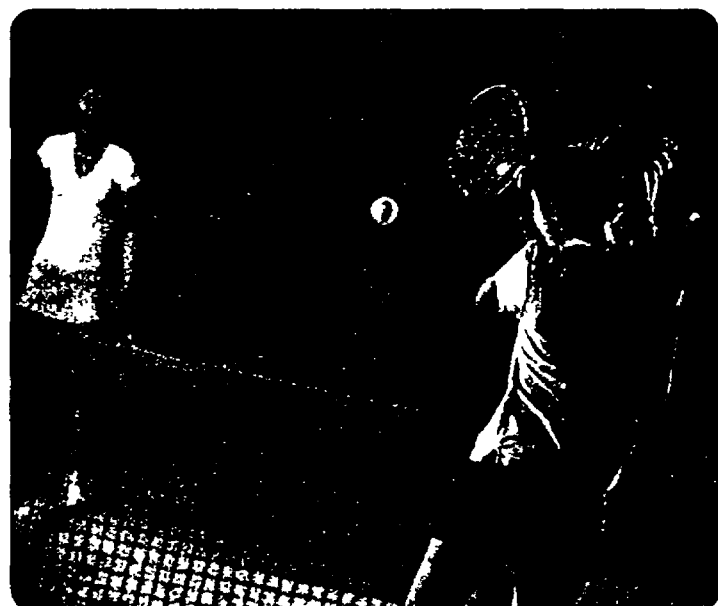
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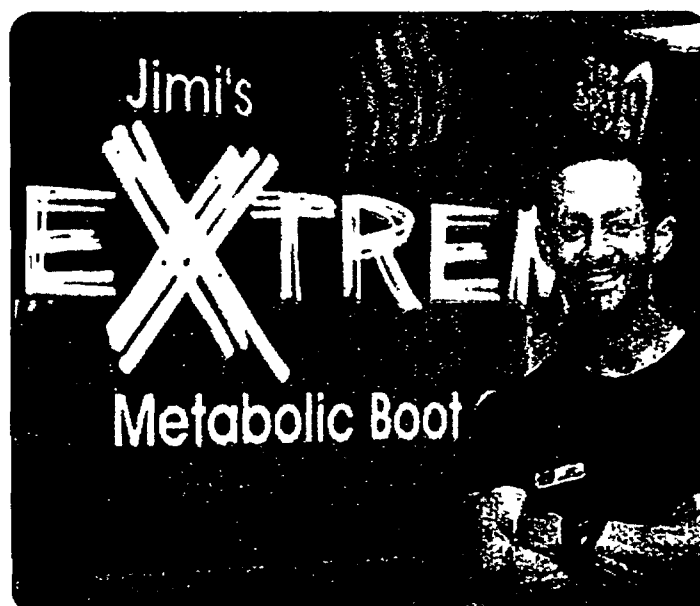
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## Art House exhibit call for entries

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## Flu shots

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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.

## 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 sec-

ond 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.

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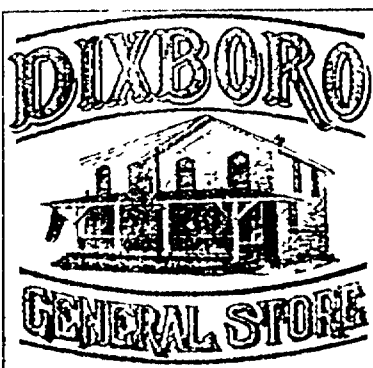
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# Motorcycle show rolls into Novi Jan. 6-8

The 2012 Progressive International Motorcycle Shows rolls into the Suburban Collection Showplace Jan. 6-8. Showgoers are invited to check out hundreds of the latest bikes from leading manufacturers including Aprilia, Beta, BRP, Darwin, Ducati, Erik Buell Racing, Gas Gas, Harley-Davidson, Honda, Husqvarna, Kawasaki, KTM, Moto Guzzi, MV Agusta, Norton, Star, Suzuki, Triumph and Yamaha, as well as the latest aftermarket parts and accessories.

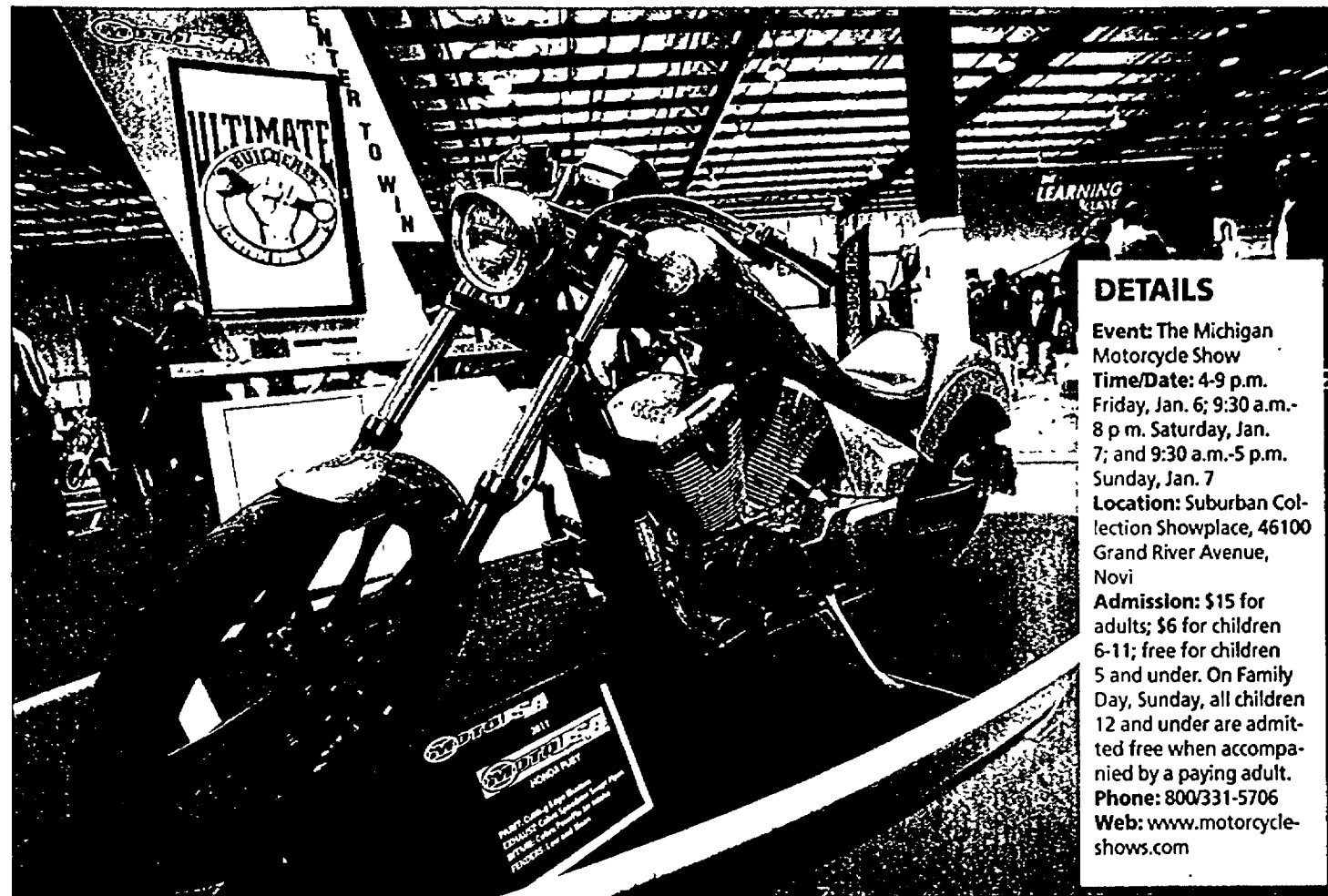
Exciting features coming to the Michigan Motorcycle Show include:

- **The Smage Bros Stunt Show** – Made famous by their popularity on a nationally televised talent competition this past summer, Wisconsin brothers Pat and Phil Smage will take motorcycle trials stunt riding to the next level with a brand new, never-before-seen show. Stunt show hours are: Friday at 5:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Saturday at 11 a.m., 2, 4 and 6 p.m.; and Sunday, at 11 a.m., 1 and 3 p.m.

- **Dream Pavilion Presented by Schuberth Helmets** – Showgoers are invited to leave their "every-day" ride behind and enter the fantasy world of rare, exotic bikes in the Dream Pavilion, featuring ultra, high-end motorcycles from Aprilia, Beta, Darwin Motorcycles, Ducati, Erik Buell Racing, Gas Gas, Husqvarna, KTM, Moto Guzzi, MV Agusta, Norton and Triumph.

- **The Learning Curve** – An interactive stage will be jam-packed with industry experts presenting a variety of motorcycle topics for both new and experienced riders including adventure riding, motorcycle maintenance, increasing bike performance, seminars for women riders and more. Special presenters include: Yamaha Champions Riding School seminars from AMA Champion Nick Ienatsch, AMA Superbike Top 10 Finisher Ken Hill, AMA Superbike Champion Scott Russell and more.

- **Ultimate Builder Custom Bike Show** – Returning to the series for the second year, the competition will showcase elite-level custom motorcycles competing for a piece of a \$90,000 cash purse prize and a chance to compete in the United States Championship, at the Daytona Beach Motorcycle Show in March. In affiliation with the AMA World Championship, this competition will feature four classes of competition, a People's Choice winner and the chance for attendees to meet the artists who create these custom designs. Additionally, attendees who vote for the People's Choice award are automatically entered to win a custom-built Honda Fury, sponsored by MotorcycleUSA.com.



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The Ultimate Builder Custom Bike Show will be part of the Michigan Motorcycle Show that hits Novi's Suburban Collection Showplace Jan. 6-8.

cleUSA.com. The customized Honda Fury built by MotorcycleUSA.com will be featured at each of the tour stops. The winner will be selected at the conclusion of the tour. Ultimate Builder Custom Bike Show coverage and results will be posted at [www.Motorcycle-USA.com](http://www.Motorcycle-USA.com).

- **Kawasaki Design-A-Bike** – This state-of-the-art interactive digital wall display invites motorcycle enthusiasts to virtually design their own custom exterior paint and graphics package on a selected Kawasaki motorcycle using exclusive technology from Lumacoustics. Showgoers are invited to use a wireless digital spray-can to choose from dozens of color palettes and more than 10 graphics packages to customize a digitally displayed Kawasaki motorcycle. Custom creations can also be posted to Facebook, sent to an e-mail address or printed out as a show souvenir.

- **Progressive Insurance Open Road Experience** – Bikers dreaming of hitting the road with Progressive's always happy-to-help sales clerk, Flo, can hop on a bike next to a virtual Flo at the Progressive booth, have their photo taken and instantly share the photo with friends on Facebook. Riders can also win prizes, including a kickstand coaster, Flo and Messenger T-shirts and the ability to create custom t-shirts in the Progressive Paint Shop. Riders can also kick back, relax and rest their feet in the Progressive lounge.

- **"A Century of Motorcycling" Presented by Motorcyclist Magazine** – Motorcycle enthusiasts are invited to take a look

into the past, as well as the future, with this display of bikes representing every decade since Motorcyclist magazine was founded 100 years ago in 1912.

- **Swag Wagon Presented by Allstate** – A specially designed mobile two-wheeled rolling freebie-machine, piloted by the show Swag Master, will cruise through the show spreading high-energy and laughs with

moto-product giveaways, motorcycle oriented games, contests, prizes, music and more.

- **Rider Connection Presented by Allstate** – This motorcycle concierge delivers first-class service and hospitality for riders looking to discover local motorcycle riding opportunities, the latest bikes, new products and how to make the most of the Michigan Motorcycle Show experience.

- **Free Gear Check** – Riders will be invited to check helmets, jackets and other gear at the show's main entrance to free their hands and enjoy the new show experience.

"We are excited to return to Michigan, as part of the 12-city Progressive International Motorcycle Shows tour," said Progressive International Motorcycle Show Brand Director Ker-

ry Graeber. "The show offers the latest custom, exotic and production bikes all under one roof along with high-energy entertainment and learning experiences for all types of riders. We have also assembled an amazing collection of custom bikes, as well a thrilling motorcycle stunt show from reality TV stars The Smage Brothers, interactive digital graffiti walls and much more."

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# Suicide is the 'gorilla in the room'

By Stacy Jenkins  
Observer Staff Writer

Reports of suicides in public places made local headlines throughout 2011, raising the attention on a topic that remains taboo.

In Farmington Hills, there were two murder-suicides, one in which a 34-year-old dad shot and killed his 22-month-old son before turning the gun on himself in October. Reports indicated he was upset about an impending divorce.

A 21-year-old Oak Park man was found with a fatal self-inflicted gunshot wound to the chest in October — he was found by a drinking fountain at the Marie Tot Lot, a children's park. He left a note at the scene.

In Plymouth, police determined the death of a 51-year-old Plymouth man was a suicide when his body was discovered on the train tracks after being struck and killed by a CSX Corp. train.

In Livonia, a 51-year-old Plymouth man parked his vehicle on the shoulder of I-96 during morning rush hour, then opened the truck's hood and stepped out into the right lane, according to Michigan State Police. An armored truck struck and killed him.

In Birmingham, a 17-year-old Cranbrook student jumped to his death from the roof of an apartment complex at Old Woodward near Brown Street. A suicide note was found inside his apartment.

In Novi, a 39-year-old father and husband killed his wife and two young kids before killing himself last January. He was found deceased from carbon monoxide poisoning in his vehicle in the Walmart parking lot at I-96 and Milford Road in Lyon Township.

A Wayne man was hospitalized after police responded to a call that he was armed and suicidal in a vehicle parked at Kroger at Merriman and Michigan Avenue.

Family members contacted police after finding the man had left a suicide note and had withdrawn all of his money from his bank account. He was found slumped over in the vehicle with pills scattered around and he was lying on a loaded rifle. Police had the man hospitalized for

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Resources:  
• National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: (800) 273-TALK, or www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org

• Common Ground for mental health and crisis intervention: (800) 231-1127 or www.common-groundhelps.org  
• The Michigan Association for Suicide Prevention at www.masponweb.org  
• The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention at www.afsp.org  
• It Gets Better Project: www.itgetsbetter.org  
• Samaritan Counseling Services (248) 474-4701  
• The Farmington Area Suicide Awareness Group is on Facebook  
• Ozone House (734) 662-2222  
• Family Resource Center, located in the Maplewood Community Center in Garden City; (734) 793-1860

psychiatric care.

### 'Increasing problem'

Farmington Hills Police Chief Chuck Nebus said suicides and mental health issues are an increasing problem.

Nebus said in 2010, there were four adult suicides in Farmington Hills, no teen suicides and 220 people were petitioned for mental health treatment.

From Jan. 1 through Dec. 14, there were 10 suicides, including the two murder-suicides; 56 people threatened suicide; 50 sent to mental treatment after attempting suicide, and 50 people were people were petitioned for mental health treatment for other reasons.

The department now keeps detailed statistics, which show among teens, there were no suicides in 2011; 18 teens were referred for mental treatment for threatening suicide and eight for attempting suicide.

Nebus said some reasons cited from the investigations included relationship breakups, unemployment, financial problems, illness and history of depression.

In Livonia, there were 13 reported suicides from Jan. 1 through Dec. 6, compared to 11 in 2011.

Lt. Tom Goraliski said the numbers of suicides remained "relatively stable."

"Sometimes we'll get calls of someone who may be suicidal or in a crisis, especially during the holidays, because there might

be financial distress or turmoil in the family," Goraliski said. "If they are dealing with those issues and need help, they should call us. We have a responsibility to them and we're here to help them."

In Farmington Township, there were 11 reported suicides or attempts; in Redford Township, there was one reported suicide; in Plymouth Township, there were three reported suicides.

### Taking action

In Farmington and Farmington Hills, news that there were several students who had expressed thoughts of suicide in a short time frame prompted city leaders to take action. It was also noted that the 10 adult suicides is the highest number ever recorded in Farmington Hills.

Public officials and members of the community formed the Farmington Area Suicide Prevention Task Force, and hosted a community forum in September. It was attended by about 200 people. A second forum was co-hosted by the Farmington Schools PTA Council in October.

Guest speakers at the September forum were former Detroit Lions player Eric Hipple and Jeff Edwards, who is chairman of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. Both men lost their sons to suicide.

Edwards said a survey showed 28 percent of Michigan high schoolers

cited feeling depressed and 9 percent had contemplated suicide. It's the third leading cause of death among people ages 15-24.

"It's rampant," Edwards said. "It's an epidemic that we don't talk about. It's the 10,000-pound gorilla in the room."

He said he finds it ironic that the media and community will push out an information blast if there's an attempted abduction of a child; yet little, if anything, is shared about this epidemic that's taking the lives of so many young people.

### Encouraging

The work the task force has already tackled is encouraging.

"I am grateful that Farmington and Farmington Hills started the Farmington Area Suicide Task Force at the start of 2011, so we are already promoting awareness and education," Nebus said. "We must educate teens that it is a duty to report or get help for a friend or help for themselves. I am encouraged that we have had examples of teens who have reached out to a school official or to a police liaison officer."

Founding task force member Ken Massey, who is a Farmington Hills city councilman, said the work of the task force is being noticed statewide. A March 20 suicide prevention training workshop will be hosted at a Michigan Municipal League meeting.

"It really is getting some attention," Massey said, noting the city of Saginaw may be setting up a similar task force.

He's also encouraged that a group called MINDS visits classrooms all around the state and local area. He's disappointed it doesn't visit Farmington Public Schools, though.

Massey said he knows the challenge in addressing the topic of suicide.

"We've got plenty of people who need help and plenty of resources, but the problem is connecting the two — because we don't talk about it," he said.

For more information about the group, its meetings and events, find it on Facebook by searching "Farmington Area Suicide Prevention Task Force."

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## Family members journey through pain, acceptance

By Stacy Jenkins  
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When Farmington Hills City Councilman Ken Massey and his wife were making the long drive to Texas, following the death of their son Graham Smith, they received a call from a friend who asked a tough question.

"He said, 'What do you want me to tell people?'" Massey said.

It was at that moment that he realized they had to address Graham's suicide publicly and candidly.

"It was the hardest thing to say that he committed suicide," said Massey, who just a few months prior helped start the Farmington Area Suicide Prevention Task Force. "But it is what it has to be."

Massey knew that brushing the topic under the rug wouldn't do anyone any good. In fact, he recognizes that the secrecy only furthers the taboo surrounding suicide.

Seven months later, it's still hard to talk about.

"It is very hard for us to say Graham killed himself," Massey said. "It's like somehow we let him down."

Looking back, trying to connect the clues why the 27-year-old took his life, Massey said he thinks Graham had exhibited signs of depression. But when asked about it, Graham would always say he was fine.

Of course, he wishes everyone would have pressed Graham a little more, to find out what was going on in his mind.

"If your guts tells you there's a problem, go with your gut," Massey said.

Sara Majoros, of Farmington, also said there were signs before her brother took his own life in 2001, at age 33. One major sign was a suicide attempt when he was 16.

"My brother and I never talked about it — that's the hugest regret of my life," she said.

She said back then, no one talked about suicide. "It was an era where there was no support," she said.

Now, Majoros finds herself on the other end of the phone, with desperate people who call the Common Ground crisis hotline with a variety of problems.

From 2010-11, the crisis line received 1,436 calls relating to suicide. That number is up from 1,227 the previous year.

She said the training she received as a volunteer at Common Ground was worthwhile.

"The Common Ground training has been one of the most rewarding and coolest things I've ever done," she said.

She said people just need a listening ear.

"People are in hard times," she said. "I thought I'd be giving

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advice, but I'm not — I'm listening. By listening, you are giving them hope."

It's been helpful for her, as well.

"I'm making my worst thing my best thing," she said, smiling.

She's come a long way from the days of silence surrounding her younger brother's death.

"Now I'm yelling it out on the mountain tops," she said. "This experience (at Common Ground) has made my life better. How I handled it originally is 'what not to do,' unfortunately."

Majoros is also a founding member of the Farmington Area Suicide Prevention Task Force.

"I'm so proud to be working on that — it's just an amazing group of people," she said. "I can't wait to see what we'll do next."

Jeff Edwards is also turning his worst thing into his

best thing. The Brighton resident is the chairman of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention and spends his time telling his story at forums and in schools.

He captivated the crowd of about 200 recently in Farmington Hills, at a forum presented by the Farmington Area Suicide Prevention Task Force — and challenged them to see beyond the surface.

He showed a collage of photos depicting a happy, healthy boy who was silly; who was athletic; who appeared to be a normal boy, enjoying life.

"What don't we see?" Edwards asked. "Where are our blind spots when we're looking at this?"

They didn't see that the happy, smiling kid in the photos was suffering inside so intensely that he killed himself in March 2003.

That boy was Chase Michael Edwards, the 12-year-old son of Jeff Edwards.

"I've got a Chase-sized hole in this heart," Edwards said. "Why would you know that about me? I do a pretty good job of covering it up."

### Looking for clues

Edwards, like every loved one of someone who takes their own life, searched for clues and answers. He found a poem his son had written that described himself as crazy, schizo and depicted himself as being tortured and guilty — then set free, like a bird.

Edwards now knows that his son suffered deeply and wanted his pain to end. He now knows that his son was ill and undiagnosed.

Majoros said the answers aren't always there.

"That will always be there — you won't know why," she said. "It's just accepting that you'll never know."

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### Christmas classic

"It's A Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play" is presented at Andiamo Novi through Jan. 15.

Inspired by the classic American film, "It's A Wonderful Life" is being performed as a 1940s live radio play in front of a studio audience. Produced and directed by Aaron Moore, the production stars Katie Galazka, Joel Mitchell, Kirsten Knisely (Beehive!), Patrick O'Reilly (Five Course Love) and Kevin Young.

Showtimes are 8 p.m. Thursdays; 9 p.m. Fridays; 7 p.m. Saturdays; and 6 p.m. Sundays.

For reservations, call (248) 348-4448 or [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com).

### Novi News online

Have you checked out our website? It's chock full of local news from the Novi community and is updated often. There are several cool features at [www.hometownlife.com](http://www.hometownlife.com) that allow you browse through the latest news and features from your neighboring communities, too, chime in with your opinion on our stories, editorials and letters to the editor, check out our amazing photo galleries and

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### NOTICE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MILFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD 2012 MEETING DATES

The Township Board of the Charter Township of Milford will meet on the third Wednesday of each month at the Milford Civic Center, 1100 Atlantic, Milford, at 7:30 p.m. as follows:

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

### PLANNING COMMISSION 2012 MEETING DATES

The Charter Township of Milford Planning Commission will meet on the last Thursday of each month at the Milford Civic Center, 1100 Atlantic, Milford, at 7:30 p.m. as follows with the exception of the combined November/December meetings which will be held on a Tuesday.

|             |          |              |            |
|-------------|----------|--------------|------------|
| January 26  | April 26 | July 26      | October 25 |
| February 23 | May 31   | August 30    | December 4 |
| March 29    | June 28  | September 27 |            |

### ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS 2012 MEETING DATES

The Charter Township of Milford Zoning Board of Appeals will meet on the second Wednesday of each month at the Milford Civic Center, 1100 Atlantic, Milford, at 7:30 p.m. as follows (unless there is a lack of agenda):

|            |          |              |             |
|------------|----------|--------------|-------------|
| January 11 | April 11 | July 11      | October 10  |
| February 8 | May 9    | August 8     | November 14 |
| March 14   | June 13  | September 12 | December 12 |

### PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION 2012 MEETING DATES

The Charter Township of Milford Parks & Recreation Commission will meet on the third Monday of each month at the Milford Civic Center in the Police Department Conference Room, 1100 Atlantic, Milford, at 7:00 p.m. as follows with the exception January and February which will be held on the second Monday. There is no December meeting.

|             |          |              |             |
|-------------|----------|--------------|-------------|
| January 9   | April 16 | July 16      | October 15  |
| February 13 | May 21   | August 20    | November 19 |
| March 19    | June 18  | September 17 |             |

Any Special Meetings of the Township Board, Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals and the Parks & Recreation Commission will be posted per the Open Meetings Act within 18 hours prior to said meeting.

Holly Brandt, CMC  
Township Clerk

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### NOTICE VILLAGE OF MILFORD 2012 MEETING DATES

The Village of Milford Council, Boards and Commissions meet at Milford Civic Center, 1100 Atlantic, Milford, MI, 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. The following are the scheduled meeting dates:

### MILFORD VILLAGE COUNCIL

|                       |                       |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| January 3 (Tuesday)   | July 2                |
| January 17 (Tuesday)  | July 16               |
| February 6            | August 6              |
| February 21 (Tuesday) | August 20             |
| March 5               | September 4 (Tuesday) |
| March 19              | September 17          |
| April 2               | October 1             |
| April 16              | October 15            |
| May 7                 | November 5            |
| May 21                | November 19           |
| June 4                | December 3            |
| June 18               | December 17           |

### ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

|            |                        |
|------------|------------------------|
| January 5  | July 5                 |
| February 2 | August 2               |
| March 1    | September 6            |
| April 5    | October 4              |
| May 3      | November 1             |
| June 7     | December 5 (Wednesday) |

### PLANNING COMMISSION

|            |              |
|------------|--------------|
| January 12 | July 12      |
| February 9 | August 9     |
| March 8    | September 13 |
| April 12   | October 11   |
| May 10     | November 8   |
| June 14    | December 13  |

### PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

|                    |                       |
|--------------------|-----------------------|
| January 4          | July (no meeting)     |
| February 1         | August 1              |
| March 7            | September 5           |
| April (no meeting) | October (no meeting)  |
| May 2              | November 7            |
| June 6             | December (no meeting) |

### DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (7:30 A.M.)

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

### PARKING AUTHORITY (7:30 A.M.)

|            |              |
|------------|--------------|
| January 11 | July 11      |
| February 8 | August 8     |
| March 14   | September 12 |
| April 11   | October 10   |
| May 9      | November 14  |
| June 13    | December 12  |

Any Special Meetings will be posted per the Open Meetings Act within 18 hours prior to said meeting.

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Village of Milford

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www.hometownlife.com1-800-579-7355 • fax 313-496-4968 • htwebits@hometownlife.com  
Deadline: Tuesday 9:45 a.m. for Thursday**BADALUCCO, BETTY M.**

Age 87, born on September 2, 1924 in Coal Port, Pennsylvania and passed away on December 26, 2011 in West Bloomfield, Michigan; Beloved wife of the late Angelo Badalucco; Loving mother of Judy (Marvin) Blachura Mabel Kujawa, Bud (Darlene) Fitzpatrick, Betty A. Hamilton, Jean (David) Vernarsky, and Susan (John) Develids; Cherished grandmother of 17 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren. Dear sister of Irma Wurm. Arrangements entrusted to the Union Lake Road Chapel of the Elton Black & Son Funeral Home

**BENNETT, EILEEN M.**

Age 76, passed away December 21, 2011. She was born on June 5, 1935, in Detroit, daughter of the late Thomas and Anne LaByatt. She was an avid gardener and enjoyed tending to her property. She is survived by her loving children: Thomas Bennett, Ann (Dale) Hoffmeyer, Kathleen Link, Ronald Jr. (Annette) Bennett and Colleen Coble. She is also survived by her grandchildren: Terry, Erica, Timothy, Anthony, Christa and Matthew; her great-grandchildren: Cameron, McKenzie, Lexi, Ethan, Austin and Hannah. She was preceded in death by her husband Ronald and her grandson Bradley. Visitation was held on Friday, December 23, at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. A Funeral Mass was celebrated on Tuesday, December 27, at 12:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, South Lyon. Online Guestbook at: www.phillipsfuneral.com

**CHAPMAN, EDWARD J.**

Age 56, passed away Dec 21, 2011. A funeral service was held on Dec 27, Tues., at 12 p.m. at Phillips Funeral Home of South Lyon. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

**CLARK, MARY ANNE**

Affectionately known as "MAC", age 87, passed away December 21, 2011. She was born on February 3, 1924, in Phillips, Wisconsin, daughter of the late Joseph and Anne Ondrejka. Mary led a very active and full life. A consummate caregiver, she will always be remembered for her generous, loving spirit. She could often be found volunteering at St. Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Detroit. After her husband's death she enjoyed giving care as a hospice volunteer. Mary was a whiz at her favorite shows: Wheel of Fortune and Jeopardy. She was also an excellent player of Rummy and other card games. She was a woman of deep, abiding faith. Her life was an example of that faith with her constant love, laughter and generosity to those in need. Her four grandsons will always be the loves of her life. She is survived by her beloved children, Sister Mary Jane Clark O.P., Wayne (Janice) Clark and Patricia (Ronald) Stone; her four loving grandsons: Jason, Christian, Matthew and Bradley. She is also survived by her two sisters: Annie Bloom and Betty Riegel. She was preceded in death by her husband Henry in 1992 and two brothers and three sisters. Visitation was held on Monday, December 26, from 2:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. with Rosary at 6:00 p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. A Funeral Mass was celebrated Tuesday, December 27, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, South Lyon. Memorial contributions may be made to the Adnan Dominican Congregation in Adnan, Michigan. Online Guestbook at: www.phillipsfuneral.com

**GAMBLE, JUNE**

Age 75, of Northville, passed away Dec. 20, 2011. Memorial Service was held Tuesday, Dec. 27, 2011 at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. of Northville. Contributions to Alzheimer's Association appreciated.

**KROUT, JUNE NISSEN PROCTOR**

Wife of the late John Proctor and the current Col. Harold E. Krout, USAF, RET, passed peacefully into heaven on Saturday, December 10, 2011. June was born in Royal Oak, Michigan in 1923 to Christian and Elsie Nissen. Her surviving siblings are Donald, James and Joan. She is the beloved mother of five children, David, Sandra, Nicholas, Christina and Timothy; grandchildren David, Johnathan, James, Matthew and Austin; great grandchildren Sean and Jenica and great great grandchild Kasey. June was a member of both the First Baptist Church of Wixom and Wayne while she resided in Michigan. She moved to Naples, Florida in the late 90s. June worked in the medical field as an LPN for over 30 years in both Michigan and Florida and was highly respected by her co-workers and patients. Those who knew her for her love of life, family and God will remember June. She will also be remembered for her great pies and jams. A Celebration of Life will be held summer 2012 in Wixom, Michigan. Donations in memory of June can be made to Samaritan's Purse, World Vision or the Alzheimer's Association.

**LAABS, NANCY**

Of Novi, Michigan died December 24, 2011 at Providence Hospital with her loving family at her bedside. She was born to Elmer and Eileen Springer on August 23, 1928 in Freeport, Illinois. Nancy was a proud Aquin High School Bulldog. She was married to the love of her life, Bernard Laabs. Nancy, a feisty Irish Matron was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother, a true Spartan fan, devout Catholic, one-armed bandit aficionado, QVC patron, frequent visitor to Traverse City and some say a descendant of Pocahontas; none doubt this. She held Christmas Eve as her special family day. Nancy is survived by husband Bernard, children David (Susan), Suzanne (Daniel), Daniel (Kim), Peter (Colette), and Thomas (Katherine); grandchildren Amanda (Tom), Denver (Ashley), Ashley, Weston, Parker, Patrick, Brandon, Logan, Theresa, Dawson, Nancy; great grandchildren Lily, Michael; sister Billie (Gabe). Instate at Our Lady of Victory, 133 Orchard Drive Northville was held on Tuesday, December 27 from 12:30pm until time of funeral liturgy 1:00pm. Memorial donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105. www.stjude.org or St. Labre Indian School, P.O. Box 216, Ashland, MT 59003-9989. www.stlabre.org. Online condolences: www.obrienfuneralhome.com

**PAFF JR.****ELWOOD CONRAD**

Age 93, of Northville, passed away December 22, 2011. He was born on July 22, 1918, in Scranton, Pennsylvania. Elwood was a WWII Army veteran. He was a proud recipient of the Purple Heart. He was the founder of Paff Electric, an honest, reputable family owned business that has proudly served metro Detroit for over half a century. He is survived by his beloved wife of 72 years, Lela; his loving children: Marcia Stetzel, Elwood C. (Candice) Paff III, Rosemarie (John) Newsom, Philip (Shirley) Paff, and Larry (Shelly) Paff. He is also survived by 15 grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren, and 1 great-great grandchild. Elwood was preceded in death by his granddaughter Kathryn Paff in 2003. Online Guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

**PANTALEO, JULIA A.**

December 21, 2011, age 85. Beloved wife of the late Michael for 62 years. Funeral was Dec. 27 at St. James Church, Novi. Online Condolences: obrienfuneralhome.com

**RITCHIE, BETTY A.**

Age 87, December 25, 2011. Beloved wife of 61 years to the late Frank Ritchie. Mother of John (Sharon), Elizabeth and Mark (Lynda). Dear grandmother of John David, Kathryn, Andrew, Leah, Katelynn and Maggie. Born in Covington, KY. Graduated from the University of Cincinnati. Married Frank and moved to Canada in 1946. They moved to Northville/Farmington Hills in 1971. She was active in the AAUW, Farmington Hills Garden Club and the Friends of the Farmington Library. She loved gardening, golf and curling. She was an excellent mother, loved to cook and she will be missed by all. Memorials to the Friends of the Farmington Library and Salvation Army. Arrangements by the Harry J. Will Funeral Home in Livonia: harryjwillfuneralhome.com

**WALCZAK (NEE EVANS), HELEN**

Age 89, 12/21/2011. Beloved wife of the late Frank. Funeral was 12/27 at Our Lady of Sorrows Church. Donations to Interlochen Center for the Arts. obrienfuneralhome.com

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

Reconciliation: beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays or by appointment  
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Location: 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile Road  
Contact: (248) 669-9400, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Thursday or visit www.crosspointemeadows.org.  
Sunday Worship: 11:15 a.m.

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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

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Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile Road  
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Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.

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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

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 Praise Band, children's Sun-  
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 Fellowship; 10:15 a.m. Fel-  
 lowship and refreshments;  
 11 a.m. Traditional worship  
 service, Children's Church,  
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 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, Quilt-  
 ing, Adult Classes, Youth  
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**Thursday Schedule:** 6  
 a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer  
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**Sunday Worship**  
**Time:** 9:30, 11 a.m.  
**Single Place**  
**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. every  
 Thursday  
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 day, Dec. 29  
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 visit www.singleplace.org.

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## OUR VIEWS

### Working together: Key to success

We've had our silent night. Now the area is about to get a whole lot noisier, and it won't just be from the revelry on New Year's Eve.

As a troubled year is ending, a challenging one is beginning throughout the region. Frequently, as individuals voice their New Year's resolutions, a big one is always to lose weight, but that was high on Gov. Rick Snyder's list even before the end of this year.

The kind of weight the governor had in mind was that from unnecessary expenses and duplication of service in our towns and schools. Officials railed bitterly against making awards in revenue sharing and aid to education dependent on meeting criteria showing moves to reduce expenses by sharing the burden of providing services. Most officials pointed out that their schools and local governments have already done just that.

But the truth is that the state budget has become skinny, skin and bones, if you will. It is providing the spine of structure, but little else for local entities.

Perhaps in a way this is better than the bulimic feeding frenzy of past years for funding for sustenance of services that may have been able to have been fed a more healthy diet. But who is to say what nutrients are essential and which are icing on the cake?

Well, the one good thing is that the governor has left it up to communities and schools to devise their own diet. The problem is that it has been a forced crash diet. So that noise you are about to hear as the New Year begins is likely to be from the gnashing of teeth as the budget process begins for the next fiscal year.

There is an image with a puzzle that involves a group of people sitting in a circle around a pot of food. Each person has a spoon, but it is a very, very long spoon — far too long to dip into the pot and then bring the nourishment to an individual's own lips.

The puzzle is: Will those people starve and go into receivership? Or will they find a solution to their collective problem? The answer to that puzzle is the one all schools and governments must embrace.

In the case of the pot of food, the people sitting around it discovered that the spoon may be too long to feed themselves, but it was just right to feed the person opposite them.

Local officials are all sitting around a pot of money, diminished though it is. As many times as they have called for cooperation, it is more essential now than ever.

Local officials will always have their own spoons, but they will have to come up with ways to make sure we all get our daily bread.

## Look to us in '12

The staff here at the *Northville Record* and *Novi News* are certainly anticipating a great 2012 — and looking forward to bringing all the news that matters to our readers. As always, our goal is to provide our readers with the most up to date look at the news stories that impact our local communities. Not only in our award-winning print editions, but also on our website, [www.hometownlife.com](http://www.hometownlife.com), which is updated daily with breaking news stories.

For years, the so-called experts have been predicting the demise of the newspaper industry. And for sure, we've experienced some tough times in recent years — just like many other industries. But our commitment to our readers has never waned, even in the face of a faltering economy that has forced us to make some difficult changes.

For the first time in what seems like an eternity, the economy — both locally and nationally — is on the upswing. Let us hope that continues. It will be nice to report some good news on that front this year, especially how an improved economy will mean brighter days for our communities.

Elections also promise to be big news in 2012. We hope to see an informed electorate head to the polls in the August primary and November general elections.

While most of the national media will focus on the presidential race, we know that state and local campaigns will have a more direct impact on our readers, especially as it relates to taxes and services. You can look to us to provide the political coverage that hits closer to home.

We realize in most cases our newspapers are the only source when it comes to local news coverage. We take that responsibility very seriously. That's why we have reporters at school board and city council meetings, prep sporting events and all the other happenings that are important to our readers.

In 2012, we invite our readers to become more involved. Whether it is a letter to the editor or a comment on our website, we want everyone's voice to be heard. That's what we are here for. We just ask that everyone respects the opinions of others — even when you might not agree.

As we turn the page on another year, we hope you will continue to look to us as your trusted news source. We are proud to be a part of our communities. And we thank you for trust.

## COMMUNITY VOICE

### Do you have any New Year's resolutions for 2012?



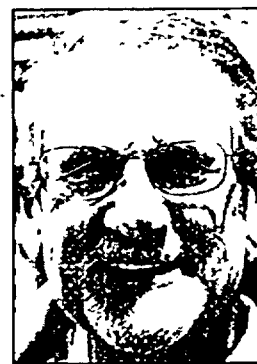
"I don't really make any because I don't seem to keep them. I'm trying to learn from past years."

Kristen Morley  
Novi



"My resolution would be to eat healthier, I guess, and continuing doing yoga. But sometimes I make them and then don't keep them."

Nancy Hinz  
Novi



"My resolution would be to get back to walking and playing golf once I get my new knee. It's not really a resolution, but I'm looking forward to it."

Carl Behnke  
Novi



"Mine would be boring: losing weight and eating right. It's probably the same as everyone else."

Lola Bernstein  
Farmington Hills

## LETTERS

### Defends tea party

Ever been to one of the local Tea Party Patriot rallies? No, I didn't think so.

What you would have seen at any of the outdoor peaceful, friendly park rallies is local candidates, senators, congressmen and women speaking about protecting American freedoms. We say the Pledge of Allegiance with our hands held over our hearts, we sing the national anthem. We talk about the freedoms our founding fathers so wisely built into the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. We talk about supporting local small businesses, constitutionally limited government and the personal freedoms we cherish. We talk about stopping the excessive government spending that has saddled Americans with a \$17 trillion debt under President Barack Obama.

Have you ever read the U.S. Constitution? Did you read the part where it said the federal government should grow and expand its reach and take over the private business sector? The part where the government should use taxpayer money to bail out large corporations that are "too big to fail?" The part where the founding fathers said forced unionization of workers was the American way and that government should favor unions and in return receive hundreds of millions of dollars in campaign contributions from union dues? The constitutional amendment that forces taxpayers to buy government health insurance or pay hefty fines if they do not have the money?

No, you did not read any of that

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because none of these progressive, liberal notions exist in the Constitution of the United States. Unions did not exist, the founding fathers would have vehemently denounced the idea of government bailing out and taking over the private sector, and the power of the federal government was strictly limited to favor strong states' rights.

Letter writer Pat Curran recently stated the tea party "supports eliminating Social Security and Medicare." False. There are no facts to support that wild accusations. Some of us depend

on Social Security and Medicare — what an outlandish, unfounded statement.

And if you think the tea party is not a strong force to be reckoned with why are some so afraid of us? Was it the shellacking the Democrats suffered that Obama complained about in November 2010? Did you know that 78 percent of Americans support the Tea Party's goals, views and core values? I suggest you read, research and learn before you embarrass yourself like this again.

Luke Jerue  
Novi

### Republican ploy

The Republicans' blatant obstruction of any Democrat or Obama-inspired action, on the surface, seems risky when elections are imminent. Not so.

They, the Republican Congress, deliberately take advantage of a conspicuous characteristic of American voters: too many are apathetic and oblivious to the political maneuverings that eventually determine the direction and laws of the land.

The Republicans correctly estimate that any perceived failure of our government will be blamed on the man-in-charge, President Obama.

Their ploys, obfuscations and outright falsehood will continue unchecked till their ultimate goal is achieved — a vicious, partisan coup d'etat under the guise of democracy.

People, pay attention! It's your country, too.

Patrick Downey  
Novi

## GUEST COLUMN

### Job climate is improving

By Mike Kowall  
Guest Columnist

As my first year representing the people of the 15th Senate District comes to a close, I am happy to report that Michigan is better today than it was a year ago.



Mike Kowall

In the past 11 months, my fellow Senate Republicans and I have challenged the status quo with bold and decisive action. Those efforts have generated good news for our struggling state, as Michigan's credit rating for all bonds

was upgraded late this past summer to positive from stable by Fitch Ratings and the state's General Obligation Rating was improved to AA.

This means that Michigan bonds are safer, more highly valued and that we will get a better rate borrowing money. That saves taxpayers' money and makes Michigan more competitive relative to other states in attracting businesses that create jobs.

Having our credit rating upgraded is a step in the right direction.

While my legislative colleagues and I had to make tough choices so far this year, those decisions resulted in improvements in our financial position that benefit people all across the state.

Restoring Michigan's AAA credit rating status is a long-term goal. In order to achieve that objective, we must continue working to help the state's economy recover and budget responsibly. Going forward, I can assure you that I will focus on fiscal responsibility and doing what is best for Michigan and its residents.

In other news, this year I supported a law to crack down on unemployment fraud and ensure the stability of these vital benefits for people who truly need them. By cracking down on the cheaters who are scamming the system by collecting benefits they don't deserve, we can help ensure that unemployment is available to individuals who really need it.

As I look ahead to the next year, I can ensure you that helping spur job growth remains at the core of our upcoming agenda. While we have already made significant reforms, there is still much to be done.

To help foster a pro-jobs environment, we are going to take a look at reforming Michigan's personal property tax, which discourages

business investment in equipment and technology. Additionally, we plan to streamline permitting and regulation, and rebuild our roads and bridges. We must invest in our state if we expect job providers to follow suit.

Just recently, legislation to ensure Michigan gets the best return on its investments was approved by both legislative chambers and sent to the governor for his signature. My measure, Senate Bill 855, would increase the job creation requirement from 500 to 700 jobs for developers seeking the state's battery credit.

If we're going to offer job providers incentives for investing in Michigan, then we need to make sure we're getting the biggest bang for our buck possible. My measure will help guarantee that credits given to businesses result in jobs created.

I consider it a true privilege and honor to be your voice in Lansing. We have made significant progress turning the state around and we are heading in the right direction, but we still have a long way to go. I look forward to continuing this important work for residents of the 15th Senate District and the entire state of Michigan.

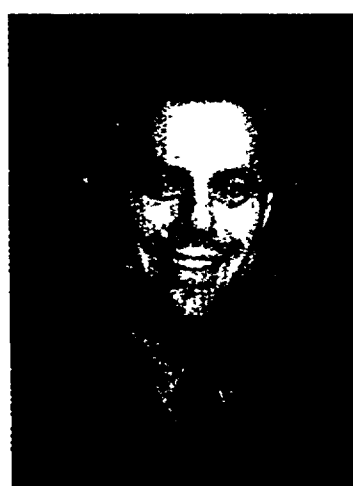
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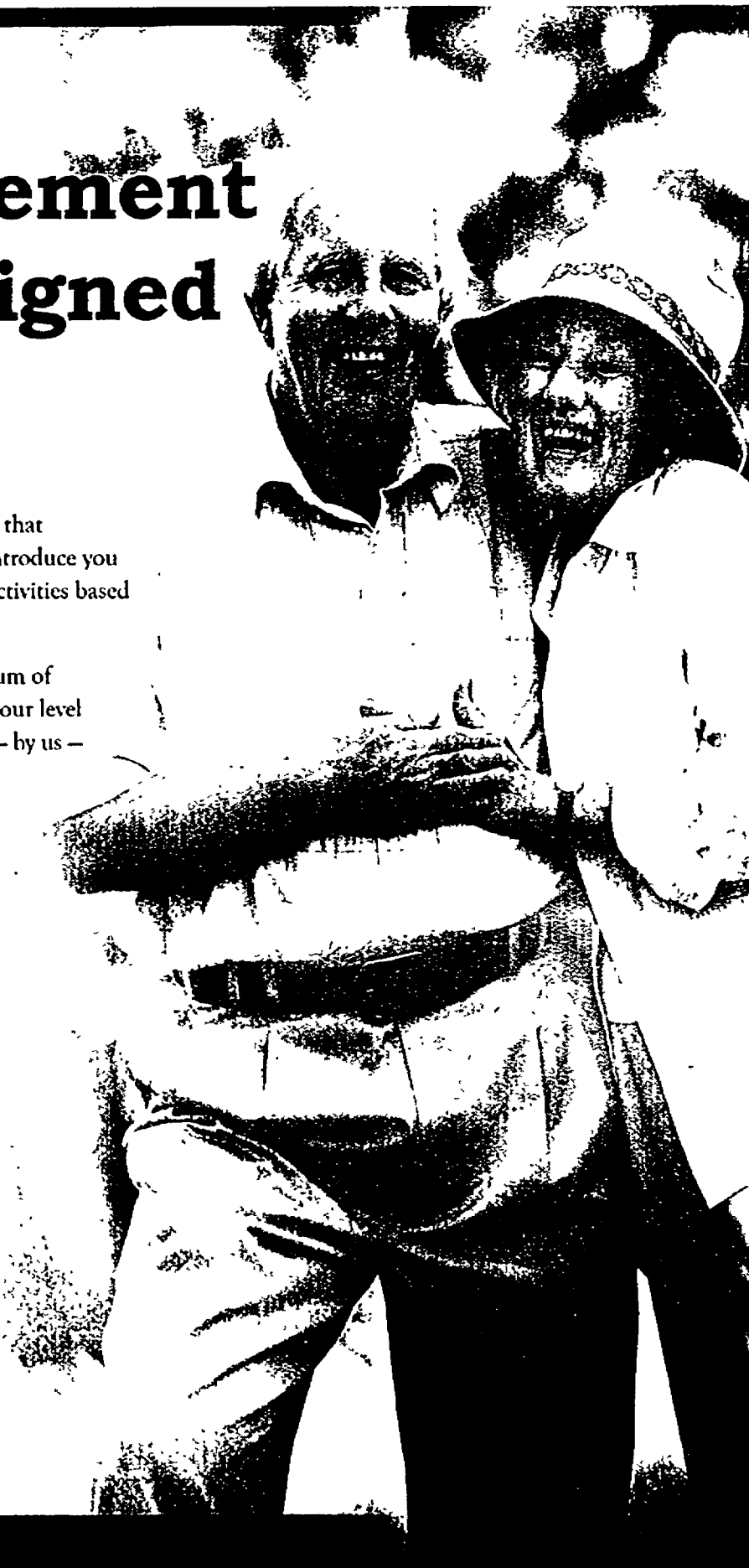
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## Holiday tunes



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Hiddleside Middle School choir students entertain a gathering of Cooke School students and staff with holiday tunes on Dec. 14.

## SUPER TALK

# District leader excited about the future

By Steve Matthews  
Guest Columnist

The end of the year is always a wistful time for me. Not only does the New Year beckon but my birthday is in December.

As I age, my birthdays are less and less important. I acknowledge birthdays and the years as they pass, but after you've been around as long as I have they are not quite as exciting as they used to be.

In December I turned 55. That is not one of the milestone birthdays, but it is an interesting and big number. Combine my age with the New Year, and it causes me to reflect a bit on where I am and where I am headed.

I feel very fortunate to be in the Novi Community School District. Our district is one of the premier school districts in the state and nation. We have exemplary academic programs as evidenced by our 13 national merit semifinalists, our Advanced Placement scholars, our International Baccalaureate program, our high rankings in the state's top-to-bottom school rankings and our performance on the MEAP and MME assessments.

In addition, we have a wide range of opportunities for students, including athletics, fine art, and club activities. Our eighth grade students visit Washington DC. Our fifth grade students go to camp. We have LEGO League, Destination Imagination, and Robotics teams.

We also have a great community. Our community supports our schools as demonstrated by the approval of a capital projects bond in 2007 and last year's renewal of our sinking fund. These funds allow our district

to improve our facilities and keep up-to-date with the latest technology.

Community members also support our athletic teams, attend our band and choir concerts, and support the schools and our students in a wide variety of ways.

As I reflect on where I am, I am also deeply appreciative of our students. As I visit the schools and sit in classrooms, our students continue to impress and amaze me. They are polite, inquisitive, curious, and capable. They ask good questions, push us to be better, and enjoy themselves and their schools.

Our most important asset is our staff. I have been greatly impressed with the passion our staff has for the students. Our staff cares and wants our district facilities, programs, and curriculum to be the best, because they realize our students deserve the very best we have to offer.

As I look back, I can see that I am very fortunate to be here in Novi. As I look forward I am excited about the possibilities.

We have created four district goals that will help drive us into the future. These goals reinforce our deep beliefs that every student is important, every student will make progress every year, every student can perform at a high level, that we will continue to provide opportunities to our students, and we will continue our work at becoming a high quality organization.

I believe the future of the Novi Community School district is bright. As the New Year dawns and I turn a year older, I am energized by the possibilities of what lies ahead.

Steve Matthews is the superintendent of the Novi Community Schools District. He can be reached at smatthews@novi.k12.mi.us, (248) 437-1204, www.twitter.com/docsmatthews, or www.novisuperintendent.blogspot.com



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# Pay It Forward: Madonna students combine service with learning

By Jill Halpin  
Correspondent

When some local Madonna University students signed up for a video editing class in the school's broadcast and cinema arts department, they were looking forward to learning how to use new equipment to make video productions in the school's new state-of-the-art broadcast studios. They never dreamed they would end up learning even more about themselves.

The students, from broadcast department director Chuck Derry's Field Production and Editing II class, were assigned a project that put their newfound skills to the test: make a professional six-minute video for local nonprofits to use in their actual marketing programs. For many of them, the project has been life-changing.

"This project just affirmed that this is my career path: telling stories, editing and filming ... I like to do this; it makes me happy every day," said Mark Radwan, a 20-year-old junior from Livonia.

The project, called Pay It Forward, is part of an emphasis at Madonna to help students discover the value of public service



The students are from broadcast department director Chuck Derry's Field Production and Editing II class.

while strengthening their ties to the community. Integrated into four courses at Madonna including sociology, health care, marketing and broadcasting and cinema arts, the program helps students gain insight into how organizations operate in the real world.

#### Giving back

"Students are gaining real experience that is relevant to their academic learning while addressing community needs.

The overall purpose of the Pay It Forward initiative is to introduce or deepen the understanding that our students have around philanthropy and giving," said Olga Martinez, director of Service Learning at Madonna.

According to Derry, local nonprofits were invited by his students to apply to be part of the program in early September. The seven program applicants then visited the class to give a presentation on their orga-

nization. Students in his class narrowed the field down to five by voting on the charities they felt were most deserving of their time, Derry said.

"After that process was complete, the students decided which group they would most like to work with and divided into groups to begin the process," he said.

The nonprofit organizations chosen by the students include Detroit Christo Rey High School,

The Methodist Children's Home Society in Redford, Farmington-based S.O.U.L. (Source of Universal Love), Trinity Park Inc. of Livonia and Sweet Dreamzzz of Farmington.

The students then had three weeks to complete their task of creating six-minute DVDs, "a tangible product that organizations can use to further their goals," Derry said.

Derry said that the students were required to work quickly throughout the project, mirroring a real-life timeline.

#### Great experience

"This is a great real world experience for the students ... these are real businesses. The pressure is on and the product has to be delivered and delivered right," said Derry, who developed the broadcast and cinema arts program for Madonna and continues a longtime career in the field on a local and national level.

In addition to creating, filming, interviewing and editing the videos, the students also had the added benefit of making decisions about community partnerships, including how to award \$2,000 in funds from a service grant, Martinez said.

An added bonus for the participating nonprofits is the opportunity to gain up to \$1,000 in funding from Learn and Serve America, a national community service organization underwriting the grant.

"The class got a grant of \$2,000 and they have decided to award prizes for the top three videos," Derry said. The first-place winner will receive \$1,000, the second place will receive \$600, and the third place will get \$400. The money, in addition to the completed DVD's, will be given to the nonprofits to help further their missions, Derry said.

The project is a win-win for both the students and the organizations, he said.

"Students benefit from working as a team and gain perspective into the real-life working world.

They also work on a commercial entity with a company that is interested in a good product that they can use," Derry added.

Although learning the ins and outs of producing professional videos is important, the opportunity to provide assistance also has a great deal for significance for the students.

Madonna junior Hannah Welch of Dearborn was "deeply touched" by the mission of the Methodist Children's Home Society. "This project made a huge impact on my life. I was really impressed with their tagline, 'When you help a child, you change a life.' It is really powerful," said Welch. Although the message influenced her decision to spend her efforts with this particular group, she was also "very impressed with the fact that they are so well-established. They have been helping kids and families in need in the community for 95 years ... what a great way for us to be able to celebrate their birthday with them," she said.

She said she is excited for the opportunity to present the group with a promotional tool they can actually use to further their cause.

Working on the video for the Methodist children's group, which provides residential and foster care as well as adoption services, was particularly meaningful for Livonia resident Allison Follbaum, a junior.

"It was very personal for me. I have many friends who were adopted and I had to chance to see it from a different angle. I feel blessed that my friends were adopted into wonderful homes," she said.

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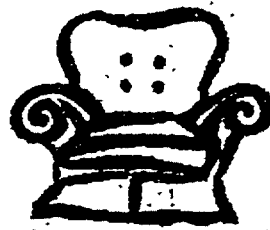
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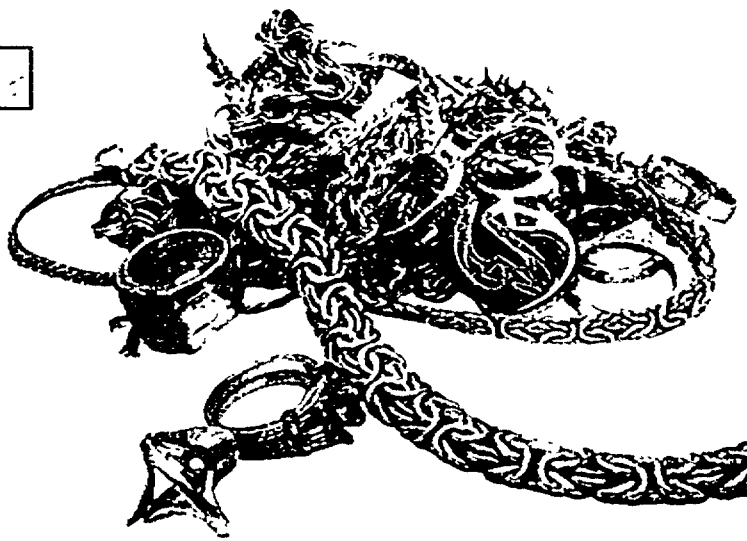
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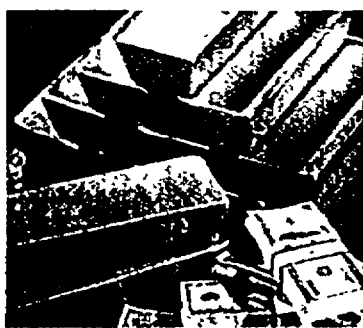
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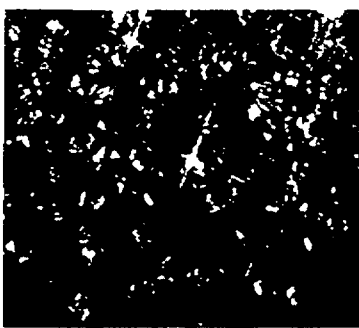
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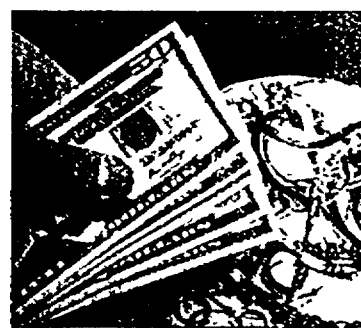


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## Brighton bullies Mustang icers

### Northville can't keep up with talented Bulldogs

By Sam Eggleston  
Correspondent

It wasn't a game any of the Northville Mustangs hockey team wants to sit back and

reminisce about, but it was an important loss for the squad nonetheless.

The Mustangs, coached by Clint Robert, took a 5-1 drubbing from the Brighton Bull-

#### ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs hockey team will be back on the ice when they take on Livonia Stevenson at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 4.

dogs last week when they visited them at the Kensington Valley Ice House.

The loss gives the Mustangs a measuring stick as to where they are so far this season

and where they have to be.

The Bulldogs are ranked second in the state for Division 1 schools with an 8-1 record while the Mustangs are ranked 11th.

The Brighton squad followed the lead of senior Mitch Kahl, who scored two goals, while Joe Borst, Zach Morgan and Scott Schuene-man each tallied a goal in the victory.

Northville's only score came from senior A.J. Bradley, who scored in the third period. Freshman Jack Meacham was credited with an assist on the play.

Northville is now 6-3 on the year.

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

## Boys cagers fall in close contest

### Canton gets just enough edge for win

By Sam Eggleston  
Correspondent

Hopefully close games aren't going to become the norm for the Northville Mustangs boys basketball team, which found itself on the wrong end of a two-point final when they lost to Canton last week.

The team, coached by Todd Sander, earned a one-point win over Walled Lake Central the week before, but couldn't pull off the same magic as they fell to the Canton Chiefs, 40-38.

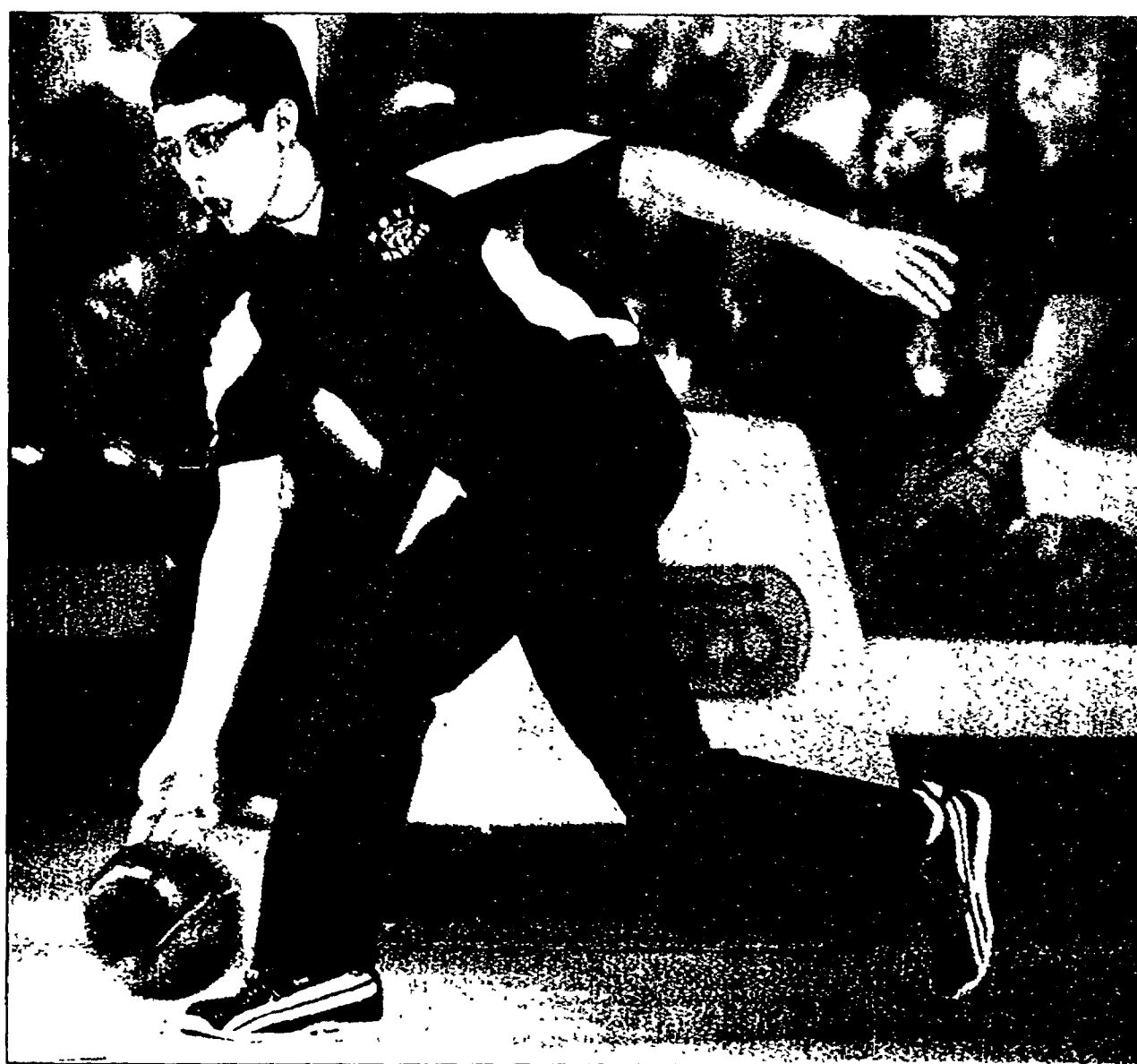
The game came down to the final few seconds when a costly turnover, with the score tied 38-38, led to a Northville foul and Canton sinking two free throws to win the contest.

The game appeared to be in Northville's favor in the opening quarter as Northville followed three-point field goals by Brett MacDonald and Jeff Hewlett to a 15-8 lead over the Chiefs—an advantage the grew with seven points from Nick Raad in the second quarter and several offensive put backs by Andrew Meacham that led to a 27-17 advantage at the half.

Northville just wasn't able to put the game away properly, and found themselves watching as Canton outscored them, 16-4, in the third quarter to climb into the driver's seat, 33-31, heading into the final quarter of play where the Chiefs maintained control and earned the victory.

Northville was led by Raad, who had 10 points in the game, while Hewlett added nine in the losing effort.

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Novi varsity bowling team member Andrew Thorwall in action on Dec. 20 at Novi Bowl.



Novi's Jessie Snider competes at Novi Bowl on Dec. 20.

Novi's Chad Smith competes at Novi Bowl on Dec. 20.



## NOVI SPORTS ROUNDUP

By Chris Jackett  
Correspondent

### Bowlers fall to Zebras

The Wayne Memorial boys bowling squad has been a local powerhouse the past few seasons, but the Wildcats pulled out some solid performances Dec. 20 despite eventually losing 22-8 to the Zebras (4-1, 2-1 KLA Central).

Charlie Woods and Andrew Thorwall had ninth- and 10th-frame strikes to help the Wildcats (2-4, 1-2 Central) win a baker game 198-193, while Cory Brown earned two points with games of 156 and 179.

The girls' contest was not as climatic, as Novi (3-3, 1-2 Central) won 27-3 against Wayne (1-4, 1-2 Central).

In what Novi coach John Osbourne called the team's "best match of the year," the 'Cats won all 10 baker points and both regular games with scores of 771-679 and 703-693.

Leading the way for Novi was Abby O'Leary (174, 129) and Sara Schulz (166, 212), who each earned two points. Adding on one point apiece were Rebecca Rush (154, 140), Callie Wright (156, 166) and Megan Engels (121).

### Winter Break

Novi's student-athletes are on vacation until the girls basketball team (4-1) returns to action 7 p.m. Jan. 3 when Brighton (4-1) comes to town to renew an old KVC rivalry. The wrestling, boys basketball and hockey teams will all return to action on either Jan. 4 or 6, as well; with all competing on the road.

Visit [www.highschoolsports.net](http://www.highschoolsports.net) for specific game times and locations. All of the hockey games are in the Upper Peninsula, while the other squads will stay in southeastern Michigan.

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## New faces lead Wildcat swimmers to successful start

### Tankers led by Ao, Song, Vincent, trio of Kims

By Chris Jackett  
Correspondent

In their first showing of the season, Novi's boys swim and dive team headed to Hartland Dec. 20 to face off with pair of Eagles.

The Wildcats split the tri-competition to put their record at 1-1, with a victory over the hosts and a loss to Skyline, but had several solid finishes that included first-place finishes in five of 12 events.

Novi started the day with vic-

tories in each of the first three events. Gucci Onimura, Jongmin Kim, Tanner Vincent and Eugene Song combined to win the 200-yard medley relay in 1:43.33, while Gordy Williams Jr., Austin Reed, Dennis Kim and Will Sohn finished fourth in

1:49.42.

Starting off on fire, Andrew Ao followed up with a victory in the 200 free in 1:49.60 as Reed finished sixth in 2:00.88. Jongmin Kim also won the 200 individual medley in 2:02.15, while Dennis Kim finished

#### ON TAP

The Wildcat tankers (1-1) are off until Jan. 12 when they visit rival Northville.

sixth in 2:10.89.

Although the opposition started winning the remaining

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# Catholic Central hockey defeats Brother Rice

## Squad remains undefeated with victory

By Sam Eggleston  
Correspondent

Whenever the Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks and the Brother Rice Warriors meet up—no matter what the event—it's going to prove to be interesting.

From chess club to debate team to the football field, baseball diamond and, of course, the hockey rink, the rivalry between the Shamrocks and their Catholic High School League foes runs deep. What that means for fans is that it's always

guaranteed to be an interesting match-up—and the hockey teams from the respective schools didn't disappoint last week.

The two teams traded blows like heavy weight fighters standing toe-to-toe until the Shamrocks closed the door in the third period to take home a 4-2 victory.

The game started off with a flurry of intense play, capped off as Danny Middleton put the Shamrocks on the board with 11:16 off the clock in the first period to put his squad up, 1-0. Tyler

VanAcker and Matt Sorisho were credited with assistance on the play.

But the Warriors bounced right back, scoring in the opening minutes of the second period to knot the game, 1-1, as Jonathon Reschke took assistance from Chris Wilberding and Russell Cicerone and found the back of the net for the tie.

The Shamrocks didn't let up the pressure, however, taking the lead again just two minutes later off a shot by Steven Haydon that gave his team a 2-1 edge. It took 11

more minutes before the Shamrocks struck again as VanAcker took his turn to score to give his team the 3-1 advantage heading into the third stanza. Pete Halash, Charlie Green, Jarzynski and Middleton were credited with assists on the two goals.

Brother Rice kept the game interesting, scoring with just under three minutes off the clock in the third period to make it a 3-2 contest as Andrew Roye took a pass from bobby Cross and fired it past the Catholic Central

### ON TAP

The Shamrocks are slated to be back on the ice at 6:30 p.m. January 4 when they visit University of Detroit Jesuit High School.

goalie for the score.

Detroit Catholic Central ended to back-and-forth affair just two minutes later as they put up the final goal of the game off the stick of Tyler VanNorman, who took a pass from Halash and worked it into the net for the score.

The game was surprisingly light on penalties, considering the rival-

ry's intense nature, as the Shamrocks were hit for four penalties for eight minutes and the Warriors were called for one infraction for two minutes.

Earning the win in goal was Ryan Mulka, who played all 51 minutes for the Shamrocks and stopped 22-of-24 shots. Jack Bowman took the loss for Brother Rice, saving 20 shots on goal.

The Shamrocks are now 9-0 on the season and are the No. 1 ranked team in the state.

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

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## Shamrocks defeat two ranked foes

### Wrestling team continues to shine

By Sam Eggleston  
Correspondent

To be the best, you have to wrestle against the best—and the Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks aren't afraid to do just that.

The Shamrocks wrestling team headed into the holiday season with two huge wins over state-ranked opponents as they defeated Division IV's No. 2 team Hesperia, 48-22, before taking down Division I's No. 10 team Rockford, 53-4.

"These guys battled tonight," said Shamrocks coach Mitch Hancock. "I'm very proud of the way they handled exam week with the rigors of making weight and getting ready to wrestle these two prideful squads. It's not easy, and the guys looked a bit drained tonight, but they still persevered and wrestled hard."

The highlight of the night against Hesperia—a team that has had 25 individual state champions since 1997—was when Catho-

### ON TAP

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks wrestling team is scheduled to be back on the mat when they wrestle in Medina, Ohio for an interstate competition.

lic Central's Myles Amine defeated Chase Siersema, 4-1, with a late takedown and penalty point. Siersema is a returning state finalist and the No. 1-ranked Division IV wrestler in the 112-pound weight class.

The bigger team highlight was defeating Rockford—a school that won team titles in 2007 and 2009 and was defeated by Detroit Catholic Central for the team title last year.

The biggest showdown of that meet was between Alec Mooradian, who one last year's 135-pound state title, and Austin Scogg, who won the 152-pound state championship for Rockford last year. Despite the weight class difference, Mooradian prevailed, winning 1-0.

The Shamrocks are now 10-0 on the season and ranked first in Division I.

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

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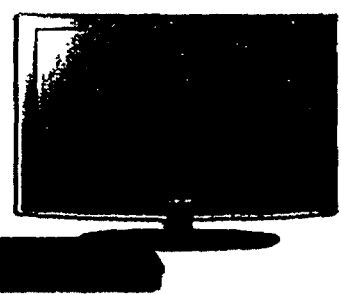


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## SWIM

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events, both Ao and Jongmin Kim each won another event later in the meet.

Ao won the 100 free in 50.15 seconds as teammate Song finished fifth in 53.79 seconds. Jongmin Kim won the 100 breaststroke in 1:01.78, while Reed (fourth in 1:07.63) and Nathan Louie (sixth in 1:10.22) also added top-eight finishes for the Wildcats.

Song also finished second in the 50 freestyle in 23.66 seconds, with Onimura finishing fifth in 24.49 seconds as Hartland won in 23.49 seconds.

Tanner Vincent got the Wildcats big points in both the 100 fly and 500 free by finishing second in each event. Vincent's 55.65 seconds trailed Skyline's 53.97 in the 100 fly and his 5:08.83 trailed Skyline's 4:58.49 in the 500 free. Dennis Kim added a fourth-place finish in the 100 fly in 57.68 seconds.

Onimura (third in 59.98) and Williams (fifth in 1:04.97) added individual points in the 100 back-

stroke, behind Skyline's winning time of 58.30 seconds.

Novi's divers finished in the last three spots of nine total competing divers as Hartland won the event with 142.25 points. For Novi, Nick Dagher (seventh with 94.75) and Raj Chhaya (seventh with 89.10) earned points for the Wildcats.

In the remaining two relay events, the Wildcats offered two-seven and three-five punches in promising efforts.

Ao, Williams, Reed and Song were third in the 200 free relay in 1:36.37, while Onimura, William Li, Derek Kim and Louie took fifth in 1:42.13 and Skyline won in 1:33.69.

In the 400 free relay, Ao, Vincent, Dennis Kim and Jongmin Kim finished second in 3:28.79, not far behind Skyline's winning 3:25.58 time. Derek Kim, Sohn, Arthur Shi and Patrick Renner combined to finish seventh in 3:49.28.

**Chris Jackett** is a freelance writer and former staff writer for the Novi News

## Exercising away those wintertime blues!

Do you ever get down with the wintertime blues?

Staying active during the winter is essential for us to maintain an active lifestyle.

Did you know the average American gains 5 to 10 pounds during the holidays? Exercise is good for your heart and cardiovascular system to get the blood pumping and increase the cellular level in your muscles. It is also important to increase your heart rate to 65 percent of maximum, three times a week for at least 20 minutes. Here are some Forever Fit tips to exercise away those winter time blues.

1. Find an activity or activities that you enjoy. I have always told my clients that half the battle to exercise is finding something you enjoy doing. It can be walking, circuit training, biking, running, weight training, etc.

2. Make exercise a priori-

ty like going to work every-day. Don't fall into the category of people who say, "I don't have time!" Remember, we always have a little time! Designate a specific time that you stick to, at least three times a week.

3. Find a friend, exercise group or club that you can exercise with. Sometimes all the motivation you need is a friend or a group.

4. Hire a personal trainer. Hiring a trainer helps when your personal motivation is lacking. You are committed to making it to that appointment, regularly. My clients sit down with me and set their goals based on their individual needs. Those might include weight loss, increasing endurance, speed, balance, core strength, etc. If you are uncomfortable with going to a personal trainer all by yourself, go with a friend. Several of my clients even bring their spouse.

5. Many would say that exercising outdoors in the winter is very unappealing. But, it doesn't have to be painful and cold. Remember the best approach to dressing for outdoor exercise is with layers. Layering provides the most effective heating method, plus it allows you to remove the top layer if you get too hot. The layer closest to your skin should wick away the moisture. The top layer should be both wind resistant and water resistant. Always remember that to prevent injury, warm up prior to going out and facing elements. With these Forever Fit Tips you should be able to exercise away those wintertime blues.

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## Verizon answers the call in county

By Stacy Jenkins  
Observer Staff Writer

The holidays came early for nine Oakland County nonprofits Dec. 8, as Verizon Wireless announced nearly \$120,000 in grants.

"This truly was a Christmas present wrapped up in a big bow," said Judy Lindstrom, president of the Oakland Literacy Council, based in Bloomfield Hills.

Verizon Wireless gave the organization \$40,000 to assist with its technology resource center, to promote and supplement the literacy skills of adult students.

"Verizon has just been wonderful to us, and for us," Lindstrom said, noting Oakland Literacy Council is the only literacy nonprofit in the county.

She said the need is there, citing a 34-percent illiteracy rate in the city of Pontiac alone.

"People look at Oakland County and say illiteracy doesn't happen in Oakland County," she said. "Illiteracy doesn't stop at Eight Mile, it continues."

Michelle Gilbert, public relations manager for Verizon's Michigan/Indiana/Kentucky region, announced the grants at a JARC group home on Minglewood in Farmington Hills.

JARC, provider of community-based Jewish residential services for adults with developmental disabilities, has 20 group homes in Oakland County.

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- Oakland Literacy Council, \$40,000



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Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson spoke at the press conference about the importance of corporate partnerships and contributions to programs that help keep a high quality of life in Oakland County.

how generous and important the county's corporate citizens are in championing causes and supporting nonprofits. He started two programs in recent years that couldn't be funded with taxpayer dollars — the Brookside Way half-marathon fundraiser and the pedometer program for third- and fourth-grade students.

He heard a lecturer say that the current generation is the first, in the history of the nation, to have a shorter life expectancy than their parents.

"I wanted to do something in my own little way," he said, noting that he started to raise money for the pedometer program. "The corporate community, they stepped up."

He said he's impressed that Verizon Wireless continues to give so much.

"They've shown a tremendous commitment as a corporate citizen, especially in a tough economy," Patterson said.

Gilbert said giving back is a part of the company's credo.

"It's so special to have the opportunity to make a difference in our community," she said. "We are here today to do our part in giving back to the community."

Verizon Wireless has been a supporter of HAVEN, a nonprofit that assists women who are victims of domestic violence, for many years, noted Beth Morrison, executive director of HAVEN. She said an employee of Verizon was murdered in a domestic situation about 15 years ago and the company began supporting HAVEN at that time.

Morrison said it takes the entire community to end domestic violence.

"It's not up to an organization like HAVEN, or a few individuals, or law enforcement ... it really takes an entire community and that includes corporate support," she said.

Morrison noted that some of the other grants announced Thursday will help HAVEN as well, because the organizations support one another.

"These dollars don't just go to one organization, they filter through to many of us," she said.

Gilbert said Verizon Wireless gave \$200,000 in grants in southeast Michigan and about \$500,000 statewide this year.

"Verizon Wireless will continue its commitment in the wonderful state of Michigan for many, many years to come," she said.

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## Taxation of Native Americans

While teaching an introductory income tax class this semester, I had a student explain his "misunderstanding" of the relationship between Native Americans and the U.S., including the "tax benefits" of being a Native American.



Daniel Hoops

Although I explained the "tax consequences" of being a Native American to the class, I began to realize that many of us are naïve Americans.

Native Americans (i.e. people who are members of various tribes), both Indian and Eskimo) are U.S. citizens. All U.S. citizens are responsible for paying federal income tax, payroll (or FICA) tax, estate and gift tax. All U.S. citizens are subject to tax on their "worldwide" gross income and gross estates. In other words, from a federal tax standpoint, there is no "tax benefit" to being a Native American.

Under state law, however, the tax consequences for being Native American is another story. The U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs "Recognizes" Native American tribes as "sovereignities" and, upon receiving this recognition, the tribe and tribal members are conferred various exemptions from state laws. For example, the State of Michigan cannot tax the real property or the income of a federally recognized tribe or the resident tribal members. This would be the equivalent of Michigan attempting to assess a tax on the State of Ohio or Ohio residents; the difference being Ohio falls outside the borders of Michigan, but a tribe may be located within Michigan's borders.

There are 565 federally recognized tribes in the United States, 12 of which are located within the State of Michigan and enjoy "sovereign status". There are an additional 17 tribes currently petitioning for sovereignty from the U.S., while there are 4 tribes that are recognized by the State of Michigan but not by the U.S. Being recognized by the BIA, however, is the starting point in analyzing the state tax consequences for Native Americans.

As we are all aware, the State of Michigan has severe budget problems and this has trickled down to the county and municipal levels.

Part of the charge for a government is to provide various services to its residents and these services are paid through tax revenues. This is one fundamental aspect of tax policy.

If services are not provided to or available to a tribe, then the tribe and its members should not be subject to tax. If the services are available to a tribal member, for example a Native American living in the City of Novi, that tribal member should be (and is) subject to state income, real property, sales and use taxes.

The other fundamental aspect of tax policy is ensuring that certain taxable items are fairly taxed. In other words, Michigan has sales and tobacco taxes. If a non-tribal member were to purchase cigarettes from a grocer on a tribe, the State of Michigan loses tax revenue solely because the purchase occurred on the tribe.

To combat this type of conduct, the Michigan Treasurer has entered into Voluntary Disclosure Agreements, or tax treaties, with nine tribes. The purpose of the VDA is to outline the types of taxes that can be imposed on tribes and tribal members, the method for collecting these taxes and a procedure for resolving tax disputes. In other words, if Michigan exempted its tobacco tax under the VDA, a tribal member who lives on the tribe can petition the Department of Treasury for a refund for any tobacco taxes paid. The non-tribal member, however, would not be eligible for the refund under the VDA.

While the taxation of Native Americans may appear to be a difficult or complicated issue, it may be under state law. Under the Internal Revenue Code, however, it has exactly the same amount of difficulty for Native Americans as it does for all U.S. citizens.

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Schubert

5 Norm de  
crime?

10 Theatrical  
Joseph

14 Exclude  
18 Way out  
base?

20 Meet out  
the mine-  
stone

21 "God's Little  
— (78 film)

22 Lose one's  
tail?

23 English talk-  
show host

25 "The Aunty"  
actor

27 Kitchen  
utensil

28 Arboreal  
animal

30 Lie —

31 Trombonist  
Wendell  
Parrish

32 Took a shot  
at

34 Solve  
37 Chinese  
principle

38 Fit for  
farming

42 "Lipstick"  
author

43 Conductor  
Jeffrey

45 Thurman of  
"Final  
Analysis"

48 Southern  
staple

50 PC key

52 Make wine  
drinks

55 Drives and  
drives?

58 "77 Warren  
Beatty film

60 Word game

65 Or Blue  
Eyes?

67 Church  
area

68 Apple  
variety

69 Mauna —

70 Colour d' —

71 Slatter  
actor

72 Actress Nell  
The King

73 "The King  
and I"

74 Subordinate

75 "It Was a  
Good Day"  
rapper

78 Pithy  
80 Hater's  
boast

81 Add color

83 Quiet —  
mouse

84 Jeweler's  
weight

85 Novelist  
Kobo

86 "— homo"

87 Neighbor of  
Niac

88 Author  
France

89 Film site

93 Forcible

95 Neilman or  
Anderson

96 — Dink  
Dem

97 Broadway  
deems

99 Director von  
Steinhilber

101 Curly

102 Singer

106 TV's "My —  
Dad's"

108 Swift savages

111 — Cob, CT

114 Strauss  
opera

117 Japanese  
porcelain

120 Peckle a  
soliloquy

121 Paria mea-  
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122 Adds —

126 Mythical  
weeper

128 "Poetry  
Man" singer

132 "B.I. & Ted's  
Excellent  
Adventure"  
star

134 A Muse

135 California  
resort

136 Become  
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137 Wary one

138 Talk out of  
139 Full the  
four

140 Used a  
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141 Humorist  
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DOWN

1 The Four —

2 Expect

3 Sweetheart

4 "Twelfth"  
Night role

5 Landon or  
Kellan

6 Urch of  
Metals

7 Melrose —

8 As well

9 Brief brawl

10 Part of PST

11 Cologne  
cry

12 Para's pop

13 Small shot

14 One of the  
Clintons

15 Vale

16 Like some  
sardines

17 Dwight's  
completion

18 Varnish  
ingredient

24 Mailer's  
"The —  
Pack"

26 Natalie's  
sister

29 With-  
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slipod

35 — Dame

36 It's in the  
bag

39 Fala  
marinade

40 Fleat de —

41 Racial

44 Jug part

45 "Gross"

46 Bovine  
bellow

49 Chihuahua  
or Tabasco

51 Freigher

53 "My Little  
Margie" star

54 Ham up

56 Peal

57 Singer

59 Guacamole  
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61 The instant

62 "The  
Kitchen  
God's Wife"

63 Common

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77 High-rise  
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84 Snag  
77 Crab's  
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89 Card game

90 Spud bud

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94 Long or  
Peoples

96 Hey

100 — polio

103 Port

104 New York  
county

105 Slet men

107 Slippy  
suffix

109 Word form  
for "all"

110 Saut —

111 Like  
Batman

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115 Dog star

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support

123 Palo —, CA

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127 The  
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129 When Sabe  
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130 Juiz

131 Humor

133 Tie the knot
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- Answer  
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# Why 3 Jobs Are Better Than One

## 10 ways to maximize your 'portfolio career'

**Paula Caligiuri, Ph.D.**  
Author of "Get a Life, Not a Job: Do What You Love and Let Your Talents Work for You"

Just as the riskiest financial investment strategy is to have all of your money in one place, the riskiest career management strategy is to have all of your income from one organization unless you are in a critical role and have skills that are difficult to find in the labor market.

To enjoy job security and professional fulfillment in this new employment reality, you should have a "portfolio career" that includes multiple and simultaneous income streams or "career acts." Career acts can include an eBay business, part-time job, profitable hobby, nonexecutive board seat, franchise, authored book, affiliate links on your blog, weekend jazz trio, etc.

Here are 10 tips for managing career acts in a portfolio career:

### Diversify

Start maximizing your talents to generate broad-based income streams. Some career acts can be slow and steady sources of income, while others can be higher-risk with higher potential reward. Professions such as nursing or teaching science are low-risk sources of guaranteed income, whereas starting a small business has a higher risk, with potential for a much higher reward.

### Invest intelligently

To build income-generating career acts, you will need to

invest in yourself, your business, your network and the like. You may need, for example, to return to school for a degree or training program, to invest in equipment or supplies, or to attend a conference or some other networking event. Manage the financial risk incurred by being realistic about your talents and abilities and making sure you have the tenacity and effectiveness to take full advantage of your investments.

### Actively manage your portfolio

Your career acts will need different investments and have different trajectories for growth. Today's careers are actively self-managed.

### Invest prudently

Start protecting your time and your discretionary spending, as you may need both to start a new career act.

### Maintain high ethical standards

Do not add career acts that a reasonable supervisor wouldn't consider or that would use company time or resources for your private gain. At the same time, remember that you did not take a vow of poverty when you became employed.

### Sell high

Many people actively manage how they enter an organization but passively manage their exit, often waiting for a layoff, reorganization or something

else to force their departure. If you work for an unsupportive supervisor, have no opportunities for growth or dislike what you are doing, start planning your exit while you still have an income stream.

### Know your tolerance for risk

Entrepreneurship is not right for everyone. Find a mix of career acts that do not add anxiety to your life and that align with your talents.

Trust your hunches. Do not let anyone tell you that you lack focus or should get serious about one career. Careers today are moving further away from the traditional 40-hour-per-week employer to more self-directed opportunities for generating income.

### Understand the data

Speak with multiple people who occupy any career act you would like to have. There are often different ways to achieve the same career goal. Some ways may take less time and less money but produce the same result.

### Seek advice

Often people have a hard time understanding ways they can use their talents and abilities. Speak to trusted friends or advisers who know you well and want to see you succeed about what they see you doing. You will be surprised at how well others



can spotlight your talents and give you ideas.

A well-managed portfolio career can provide greater income, personal fulfillment and professional security. What income-generating opportunity can you create for yourself that would use your talents and skills, in a way you would like to work? Make a plan and start growing your amazing portfolio career.

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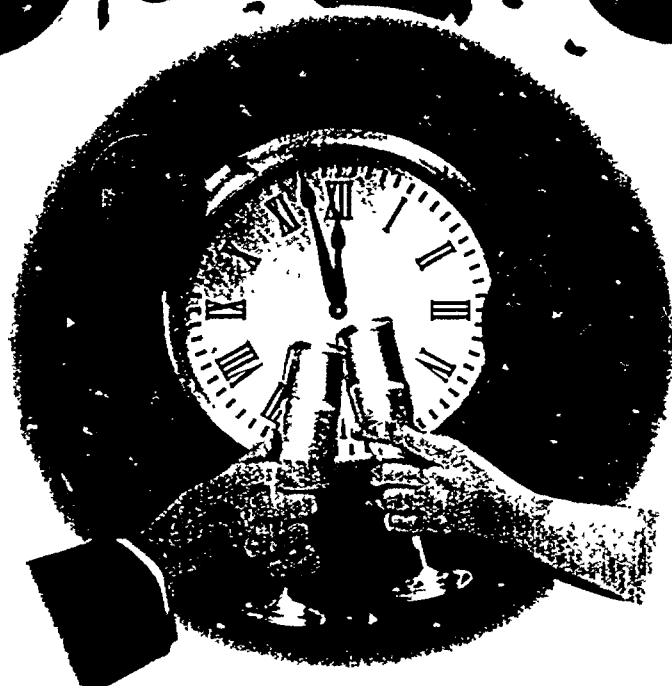
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