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Township adopts flood plan

Ordinance will help obtain insurance

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Correspondent

Northville Township has introduced a new flood plan ordinance allowing residents and business owners to better obtain insurance for properties prone to flooding.

The purpose for the ordinance is to assign an enforcing agency to carry out the responsibility of Northville Township, which will

be the township's building officials. They will be in charge of designating regulated flood hazard areas under the provisions of State Construction Code No. 230, Public Acts of 1972.

According to the township's public services department, over the past several years the Federal Emergency Management Agency has been updating the National Flood Insurance Program's rate maps. FEMA says

these are used to locate properties and buildings to determine the amount of flood risk and whether flood insurance is required.

Without this action, people who own flood-prone property within the community could not obtain flood insurance, the public services department stated.

Don Weaver, Northville Township's public service director, said the update is now complete

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For more information on the ordinance, contact Deputy Director of Public Services Tom Casari at (248) 662-0497.

and FEMA is asking the township to adopt the ordinance. The Board of Trustees has approved the introduction and recommended the clerk's department to publish the updated notice.

Weaver said there are no new

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Talk to Heise

State Rep. Kurt Heise (R, 20th District) invites residents to meet with him locally during district office hours from 10-11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 9 at the Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady Street.

Residents are invited to call toll free 1-855-REP-KURT or e-mail kurtheise@house.mi.gov to schedule an appointment.



Heise

Obama's Promises

Dynamic Organizing for America (OFA) speaker Garrett Arwa will explore President Obama's "Promises Kept" in a free and open Town Hall meeting in Northville on Wednesday, Jan. 11.

The 7 p.m. meeting, sponsored by the Northville Democratic Club, will be held in The Forum inside Hillside Middle School at Center Street and 8 Mile, Northville.

2011 in review



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Work continues on April 19 a replacing Main Street Northville's sidewalks and lighting. Construction lasted most of the summer, but was complete in time for Northville's Victorian Festival. For more photos from 2011, see Page A6.

Ryan Dougherty of Rauhorn Electric, fills in a ditch along Northville's Center Street around 2 p.m. on July 19. With temps already nearing 90 degrees at that time, Dougherty and his crew soon called it a day. Northville had its hottest July in 50 years this past year.



in admiration of his years of service to the Northville School District, Dr. Leonard Rezmierski was given a '12 varsity jacket from the athletic department during half time of the Mustangs' game on Oct. 29, 2010. Rezmierski retired after 20 years as the Northville School District Superintendent - after graduations in June of 2011.

Walkway contractor approved

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Correspondent

The City of Northville has reached a contract for services agreement with Bernco Inc., and work can now officially start on the East Main Street Walkway project (also known as the Comerica Community Connection).

Council members approved the agreement, which was developed to address construction staging, storage, as well as trailer and parking requirement for the project. Bernco is based in St. Clair Shores and is being paid \$697,000 to coordinate the project.

The selection of this firm was based on its generally reasonable pricing in all the categories of work, experience with historic preservation and adaptive reuse projects similar to this project.

Bernco also has experience working with Comerica Bank, which is an important part of the project. The bank has agreed to donate the properties they own along Main Street in downtown making the cut through aspect of it possible.

This part of the project will provide an important public linkage between the Marquis Parking Lot and Main Street.

Lori Ward, director of Northville's Downtown Development Authority, said this will help complete the "pedestrian spine" which will run from CVS on the north, through the walkway and Town Square, to the parking lots south of Mary Alexander Court.

The project budget is \$800,000. The DDA has budgeted \$675,000, and the Northville Area Development Corporation has pledged approximately \$126,377 to help fund the project.

Separately, the council also

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Etch, Sketch and Stilettos: The Work of Topher Crowder

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The Northville Art House will present a show that reflects an artist's diversity yet ultimately spotlights his unique vision – Etch, Sketch and Stilettos: The Work of Topher Crowder – Jan. 6-28.

Crowder, an adjunct professor at Schoolcraft College, burst upon the art scene eight years ago after a journey of fixing computers, merchandising beer, designing Christmas ornaments in a plastics factory and packing boxes in an audio/video supply warehouse. “I always wanted to be an artist. I would take apart laser printers, put them back together and make art out of them. I couldn't suppress it anymore!”

Inspired by animated Saturday morning cartoons, vintage postcards, comic books of the 1960s and 1970s, Crowder's early works were, in effect, detailed stream-of-consciousness line drawings.

Things have changed. After earning an MFA at Wayne State University, Crowder said, “I have a lot of time to make up for. It's not about being successful. I want to try everything and anything.”

His show, organized by Jeff Cancelosi, at the Art House will include:

- Shoe paintings -- pop cultural streams of consciousness capturing the dichotomy and conflict inherent in male and



“Yves Saint Laurent Patent Leather ‘Tribute’ Peep Toe Platform” - acrylic on canvas by Topher Crowder

DETAILS

The Northville Art House is located at 215 W. Cady Street and is a facility of the Northville Arts Commission. Admission to Art House exhibits is free and open to the public. For additional information, call (248) 344-0497 or visit www.northvillearts.org.

female stereotypes in today's world.

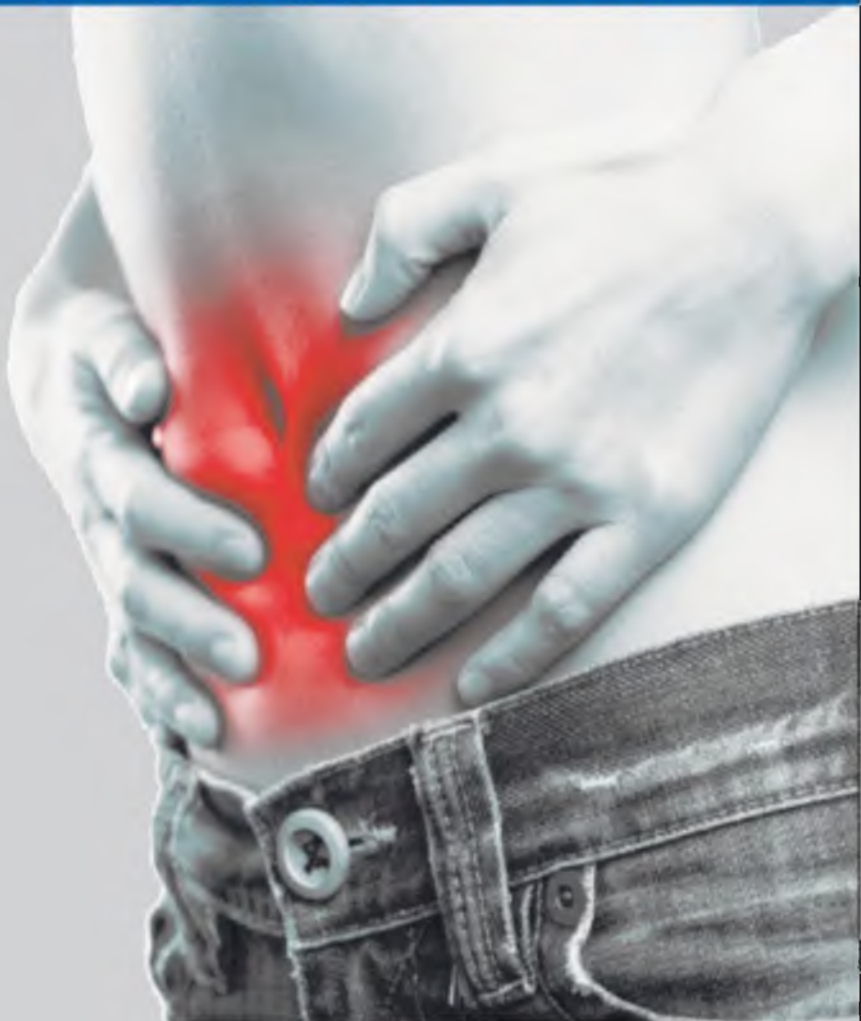
- Day-Glow plexiglass creations -- intricately detailed biomorphic, mechanical shadow images of the human form that have morphed out of his early ink line drawings.
- Crowder's sculptural

al “studio weavings” -- art constructed from the tattered remnants found anywhere and everywhere.

- Crowder's reverse vandalism signs -- unfinished boards branded with messages, left intentionally in forgotten public spaces as unsolicited invitations for public interaction, the art itself “finished” only when the anonymous person chooses to engage (most often through spray-painted graffiti).

The show will open in the Art House's upper gallery with a reception and artist's talk on from 6-9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 6 and will continue through Jan. 28 during the Art House Gallery hours (1-5 p.m. Wednesdays-Saturdays).

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Holiday concert

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Consortium works toward installing turf at Eight Mile Stadium

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

The field at Eight Mile Stadium is looking a bit past its prime, and some local folks want to change that.

The Turf Club consortium, launched Nov. 11, has raised almost \$75,000 to date, said Jennifer Pearson, foundation manager for the Northville Educational Foundation. That's in addition to two larger donations that came earlier.

Eight Mile Stadium is at Eight Mile and Taft roads, and used by Northville High School, which does not have a stadium at its Six Mile site. "It is for

more than just football," she said, noting other sports are played there.

"There's actually a couple of exciting developments about improving Eight Mile Stadium." Half a million dollars were donated anonymously toward new artificial turf in April 2011, along with other improvements.

"There was another donation made by the Friends of Northville Parks and Rec of \$100,000," Pearson said. Eight Mile Stadium was opened on Oct. 19, 1962.

The current turf has taken a beating. "With band and the various teams getting out on

that turf, it just gets wrecked. It cannot manage the traffic," she said.

Turf Club has a website, nhsturfclub.org. It's a consortium of interested organizations and people who are passionate about improving the stadium.

When Northville High athletes visit other stadiums, "I guess ours is a sight for sore eyes in comparison. It functions but not to the level that both the student-athletes and community would like it to be," she said.

The Turf Club consortium came about in late fall, with help of high school athlet-

ic director, Northville Mustang Boosters Club, parks and recreation, the school board, Northville Youth Football Association, a school principal, Northville Soccer Association, and boys and girls lacrosse. The Northville Educational Foundation is also a member, managing Turf Club donations.

"Together, we are working to get the monies necessary to fundraise." The total campaign is for \$1.2 million.

Ten percent of the goal came in the form of a check for \$60,000 presented by Sue Baldwin, president of the Northville Mustang Boosters Club. Bald-

win, in presenting the check Dec. 7, said the stadium reaches into "the hearts and shared experiences of our community."

Raising money for the turf had to be separate from the district's sinking fund millage, Pearson added.

The anonymous donor and consortium hope to have new turf in place August 2012 for 2012-13 school year. Donations payable to the Northville Educational Foundation, with Turf Club in the memo, are welcome at 501 W. Main St., Room 211, Northville, MI 48167.

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"Petticoat Patriots" to be discussed at Jan. 20 luncheon

Emily Fijol, assistant director of the Michigan Women's Historical Center and Hall of Fame in Lansing, will present Petticoat Patriots: Stories from the Frontline of Michigan's Fight for Women's Suffrage at 11:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 20 as part of the Transition Center's luncheon series. Tickets are \$20 per person and include lunch. Reservations must be made in advance by Friday, Jan. 13.

Michigan was only the second state ever to put women's suffrage on the ballot. The Michigan Women's Historical Center and Hall of Fame in Lansing, Michigan created the exhibit Petticoat Patriots: How Michigan Women Won the Vote in celebration of the 90th anniversary of women's suffrage. Fijol's presentation will provide guests with an opportunity to get the know some of the extraordinary Michigan women that fought for the vote, find out their stories, and discover some of the dramatic events that occurred during the almost 75-year struggle for women's suffrage.

For more information or to reserve your seat call (734) 462-4443 or visit <http://www.schoolcraft.edu/transition/documents/luncheon-petticoat.pdf>. Proceeds from the Transition Center Luncheon Series are used to provide scholarships for Schoolcraft College students and fund the many services provided by the Transition Center.

Audition for "Romeo & Juliet" Jan. 17-18

The Schoolcraft College Theatre Department's winter production is "Romeo and Juliet". Auditions will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, Jan. 17-18 in the Liberal Arts Theatre on the college's main campus in Livonia, Haggerty Road between 6 and 7 Mile roads. No previous theatre experience is required and the auditions are open to all students, faculty, staff, and the general public. The performances of Romeo and Juliet will be on Friday and Saturday evenings, March 23-24 and 30-21, and April 13-14.

This very special production of Shakespeare's famous "Romeo and Juliet" has been edited by James R. Hartman, professor of theatre at Schoolcraft College, for more accessibility and ease of understanding. Love and death are intermingled when two passionate teenagers find their hearts' desires in each other's arms, despite the feuding between their families. To be united with each other, they devise a plan in defiance of the families' bitter tensions. Unforeseen events cause their desperate

scheme to go tragically awry. Hartman's edited version of "Romeo and Juliet" results in an enjoyable, easy-to-follow performance filled with the hope, love, and pain of these two 'star-crossed lovers.'

For more information about the auditions contact the Theatre Department at (734) 462-4400 ext. 5270. Tickets for the performances in October and November can be purchased at the Schoolcraft College Bookstore on the main campus in Livonia or by calling (734) 462-4596.

Pageturners book discussion group explores classic novel, "Fahrenheit 451"

The book "Fahrenheit 451", by Ray Bradbury, is the focus of Pageturners book club's January selection. In addition to three discussions of the book, which is celebrating 50 years in print this year, participants will also have the opportunity to see the movie version of this modern classic.

"Fahrenheit 451" is a masterwork of 20th-century literature set in a bleak, dystopian future. Guy Montag is a fireman. In his world, where television rules and literature is on the brink of distinction, firemen start fires rather than put them out. His job is to destroy the most illegal of commodities, the printed book, along with the houses in which they are hidden. One day Montag meets a young girl who demonstrates to him the beauty of books, of knowledge, of conceiving and sharing ideas; she wakes him up, changing his life forever. Written in 1951, "Fahrenheit 451" was made into a movie in 1966 starring Oskar Werner and Julie Christie.

"Fahrenheit 451" will be discussed at 4 p.m. Monday, Jan. 23 and again at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 24 in the Bradner Library on the college's main campus in Livonia and at 4 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 26 at the Radcliff Center in Garden City. The movie will be shown and discussed at 10 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 26 at 10 a.m. in the McDowell Center on the main campus in Livonia.

"Fahrenheit 451" is available from the Schoolcraft College Bookstore at a significant discount. The book discussions, and movie screening and discussion are free and open to the public. For more information about Pageturners' future book selections and discussions, visit <http://sites.google.com/site/scpageturners>.

Schoolcraft College is a public, two-year college offering classes at the main campus in Livonia, Haggerty Road between 6 and 7 Mile roads; at the Radcliff Center in Garden City; and online at www.schoolcraft.edu.

Northville musician travels, but finds local audiences great, too

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Donna Lee Holman's 1998 Jeep Wrangler, which she still owns and drives, inspired a song she wrote, "This Old Jeep."

Holman, 36, of Northville, has been a musician some 20 years. She recalled her graduation from Livonia Franklin High, and her wish for a Jeep. Her late grandmother got her a Hot Wheels toy instead.

Later, Holman could afford the real thing, and went to trade in the Jeep but didn't like the trade-in price. At the dealership, she recalled her grandmother's liking ladybugs.

"My whole Jeep was filled with ladybugs," said Holman, who's a vocalist, plays guitar and is learning piano. "I took that as a sign."

Chrysler Corp. has expressed interest in "This Old Jeep" for a commercial, good news for Holman.

She performs noon to 2 p.m. each Wednesday at The Next Chapter Bookstore & Bistro in downtown Northville, with husband Ron Harkrader, who plays upright bass and guitar. "I play some light percussion, too," Holman said.

She's opened for Rascal Flatts, Kid Rock and oth-

ers. Holman was on a Fox 2 morning broadcast Dec. 5, playing "Cool Water," the title song off her CD.

"Everybody was complimenting me," she said of the recent TV appearance. "It went really well."

"Cool Water" originated with her Facebook posts, daydreaming of a party for friends on Maui.

"Later on that day it just clicked," she said. She lists as musical influences Jack Johnson and Sheryl Crow.

"I also like Diana Krall," along with James Taylor.

She performs, often with others, at summer festivals and concerts in this area. Colder weather takes her to such places as Florida and Tennessee to perform, and Holman, who grew up in Livonia, lived for five years in Nashville.

She's working now with an entertainment attorney and promotional people to place her songs in film and TV.

"My songwriting is kind of No. 1 with me right now," she said. "I love writing music."

She'd like an independent deal. Holman, who earned an associate's degree in graphic design from Schoolcraft College, is putting a band together and hopes to tour.

She and her husband have a dog who's "spoiled to death." They lived in Northville 2008-10, then Plymouth, and are back in the city of Northville again.

"It's really neat," she said of their hometown. "I love it. It's just really, really great. I just love the people here. It's probably one of my favorite places in Michigan to live."

Her husband's also an engineer. Holman performs with him and with others.

In addition to Wednesdays, the couple also performs occasionally Friday nights at The Next Chapter, and they like the venue.

"They seem to like it because it's unique," she said of customers. "It's really kind of neat that I'm able to do that. The people are very receptive."

At the bookstore, they do a range from Patsy Cline to Norah Jones, "unique classics that people like to listen to."

Holman and others are also raffling off a guitar, with proceeds to Last Chance Dog and Cat Rescue. Additional information on the raffle is available on Holman's website, www.donnasongwriter.com.

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Donna Lee Holman sings at Northville's Next Chapter bookstore on Dec. 7. Her session that day was filmed by the Jeep Corp. as Holman sang a song about her own Jeep Wrangler - and the adventures they've had together.



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Taking advantage of a day off school and ten inches of fresh snow are siblings Halle, 11, left, and Zach Perpich, 10, and Nathan Skown, 12, right. The trio were sledding at Northville's Amerman Elementary on Feb. 21. Northville had its snowiest February in more than 50 years in 2011.

2011 year in review



Northville High School seniors Matt Fields and Jennifer Buckingham were part of a group of students who created a temporary Sept. 11 memorial at the school's Six Mile Road entrance. The students, part of teacher Jean Calabrese's sociology class, planted American flags and spelled out "9-11" - creating the display on Sept. 8.



Brick's of Northville waitress Meghan MacDonald presents one of the Northville Main Street restaurant's dishes: a New York strip steak, with baked potato and sauteed vegetable medley. Brick's opened in Northville Square in late summer.



Hillside Middle School educator Heidi Capraro, seen here after winning Michigan Teacher of the Year in 2006, lost her battle with cancer in November of 2011 and will be missed by her students, staff, family and friends.



Danielle Borthwick graduates with Northville's class of 2011. Nearly 500 of the Mustangs graduated at Compuware Arena this past June.



The American Flag is carried along the parade route during Northville's annual Fourth of July event.



Northville First United Methodist Church member Carrie Semeyn, center, talks to Lunard Morman, left, as he and Rachel Moore, right, and others enjoy a meal at the church on Eight Mile Road on Feb. 28. They were part of a group of homeless individuals from the Detroit area that were staying at the church for a few days.



Michigan History Teacher of the year Robin Long works with her advanced placement class on Oct. 25 - including Hannah Shurtleff and Arvind Ganeshran. Long has been with the Northville School District since 1988 and at Amerman for the last 11 years.



Northville Township resident and WWII veteran Robert Tessmer holds the Knight of the Legion of Honor medal awarded to him by the government of France for his efforts in liberating the country from the Nazis. Tessmer began his fight through France in Marseille in October of 1944 and continued on into Germany. Tessmer was awarded the medal in 2011.

It's magic



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Kids laugh at the antics of Ben Spitzer's magic show at the Northville District Library on Dec. 13.

Ben Spitzer comically grimaces as he tries to tie some balloons for a holiday magic show at the Northville District Library on Dec. 13.



NEWSMAKERS

Daguanno in "Plant Diaries"

Emilia Daguanno, an 8-year-old Northville elementary student will be featured in the upcoming original play called "Plant Diaries." Emilia plays the role of Cindy, a student on a tour of Detroit Automotive. The play gives viewers

a glimpse into the ups and downs of plant life and the people that build our cars – and create the backbone of the automotive industry. Emilia is an aspiring actress and currently dances at Northville's Performers Edge Dance Studio. She has been featured in the Gold Award

winning film "Bullies on Vacation," and has appeared as an extra in other movies shot around our area. The play opens at the Ford Community and Performing Arts Center in Dearborn Jan. 13-15. Tickets are on sale now at <http://www.dearbornfordcenter.com/theater/>.

IN THE SERVICE

Nicholas Bonacci

Marine Corps Pvt. Nicholas O. Bonacci, son of Patricia L. Jones of Northville, Mich. and Mark R. Bonacci, of Burton, Mich., recently completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C., designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally. Bonacci and fellow recruits began their training at 5 a. m., by running three miles and per-

forming calisthenics. In addition to the physical conditioning program, Bonacci spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training. They performed close order drill and operated as a small infantry unit during field training. Bonacci and other recruits also received

instruction on the Marine Corps' core values—honor, courage and commitment, and what the core values mean in guiding personal and professional conduct. Bonacci and fellow recruits ended the training phase with The Crucible, a 54-hour, team evolution culminating in an emotional ceremony in which recruits are presented the Marine Corps Emblem, and addressed as "Marines" for the first time in their careers.

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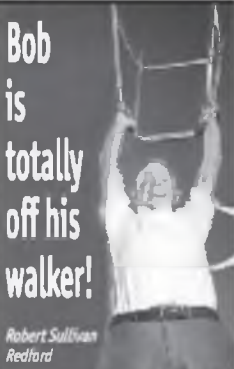
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Location: 215 Griswold Ave., north of Main Street near Ford Field

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

Contact: (248) 348-1845
Weekly Events (*Grounds closed to public)
Thursday: 9 a.m. Archives Open; 6 p.m. Girl Scouts #737
Friday: 9 a.m. Archives Open
Sunday: 6:30-8 p.m. Venture Crew #8
Monday: 10:30 a.m. Northville Garden Club; 7 p.m. Lions Club
Tuesday: 9 a.m. Stone Gang; 11 a.m. Country Garden Club; 7 p.m. Cub Scouts Pack 755, Den 4
Wednesday: 6:45 p.m. Mindfulness Meditation Group

NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

Location: 215 W. Cady St., Northville
Contact: Northville Art House (248) 344-0497 or www.northvillearts.org for on-going art classes, lectures, events, rentals, volunteering.

Hours: 1-5 p.m. Saturdays; 1-9 p.m. on first Fridays of each month
Details: Admission to Art House exhibits are always free and open to the public.
Etch, Sketch and Stiietto, The Work of Topher Crowder
Time/Date: Opening reception 6-9 p.m. Jan. 6 with artist's talk at 8 p.m.; exhibit continues through Jan. 28.

NORTHVILLE COMMUNITY SENIOR CENTER

Location: 303 W. Main Street
Contact: (248) 349-4140
Friday Fiicks
Times: 1 p.m. Fridays
Details: Cost is \$1 per person; drop-ins welcome.

GENITTI'S HOLE-IN-THE-WALL

Location: 108 E. Main, Northville
Contact: (248) 349-0522

MAYBURY STATE PARK

Location: Eight Mile Road (between Beck and Napier roads.) State Park motor vehicle permit required for

GET LISTED!

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

park entry; \$6 daily, \$24 annually (\$6 annually for seniors 65 and older).
Contact: (248) 349-8390, Friends of Maybury (248) 349-3858 or FriendsOfMaybury.org.

NORTHVILLE-NOVI BUSINESS NETWORKING BREAKFAST

Time/Date: 7:30-9 a.m. first and third Tuesdays (except Nov. and Dec., which are just the first Tuesdays)
Location: Kerby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty Road
Details: Business networking focused on building

relationships. The Sunrise Networking Group, LLC (www.sunrisenetworking-group.com), or SNG for short, is a group of about 250 business leaders who help each other to build more business by referring people to each other. Cost of breakfast is \$10.
Contact: Fonda Milana 586-232-3009 or fmilana@sunrisefinancialgroupllc.com

Regional Events

JAZZ @ THE ELKS

Time/Date: 7-10:30 p.m. fourth Tuesdays
Location: Plymouth Elks Lodge #1780, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, just west of Haggerty Road in Plymouth.
Details: These events are keeping the uniquely American tradition of jazz alive in southeast Michigan. A \$5 donation at the door includes hors d'oeuvres and live jazz in a beautiful club setting; limited seating.

WOMEN'S NETWORK SOURCE

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

One, 346 N. Lafayette, South Lyon
Details: Networking and education meetings; cost is \$5. Women's Network Source was established to empower, motivate and support women to become successful entrepreneurs. WNS welcomes women curious about exploring whether to start a new business or learning how to grow their current business to attend an upcoming meeting.
Contact: Debra Downing at (248) 252-2952 or downingddd@aol.com

MOONDUSTERS BALLROOM Dance Club

Time/Date: 7-8 p.m. lessons, 8:30-11:30 p.m. dance every Saturday
Location: Livonia Senior Center, Five Mile and Farmington roads, Livonia
Details: Lessons are \$6, dance with live music is \$6, cost for both is \$10.
Contact: Joe Castrodale (248) 968-5197

SUBURBAN COLLECTIONS SHOWPLACE

Location: 46100 Grand River Avenue, Novi
Contact: (248) 348-5600 or www.suburbancollection-showplace.com.

WALKWAY

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approved the contract with ACS Government Systems, Inc. to have it provide application hosting and technology support services for the next five years as a part of the agreement with the City of Plymouth.
In February 2011, the City of Northville and the City of Plymouth entered into an Inter-local Fire Service Agreement, which allows Northville to provide fire and rescue services to Plym-

outh.

ACS will help with the effort to maintain continuity between the City of Northville firehouse and the new City of Plymouth firehouse. The software currently in use at the Northville firehouse would be installed in the Plymouth firehouse.
The cost of this contract will be \$2,167 per year. According to the agreement, the City of Northville would be liable for 45 percent of the total cost while the City of Plymouth would be responsible for 55 percent of it.

FLOOD

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circumstances for Northville Township, but rather it's just an adoption of the updated FEMA maps. He said there is now better documentation for determining who is in a floodplain.
One new area included in the update is along Johnson Creek in the Arcadia Ridge subdivision, which is located in

the southwest corner of the township. This area was surveyed for the floodplain before it was developed so homeowners should already know of the designation, Weaver said.
Other areas in a floodplain include properties along Northville Road and the Middle River Rouge. Weaver said residents in these areas have known of the potential problems for years. He added there have been no significant flooding issues in the past decade.

SOCIAL SECURITY

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

www.ssdfighter.com

CITY OF NORTHVILLE
PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE
ARTICLE 23 FLOOD HAZARD ZONE

At its regular meeting on January 3, 2012, the Northville City Council introduced for first reading proposed amendments to the City of Northville Zoning Ordinance, Article 23 Flood Hazard Zone. The proposed amendments to Article 23 reflect the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) final flood hazard determination based on preliminary copies of its Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report and Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) that identify existing flood hazardous areas in the City of Northville. The proposed amendments to Article 23 reference the new effective date for these determinations and the panel numbers of the new Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM).
Second reading and possible adoption is scheduled for the regular City Council meeting to be held on Tuesday, January 17, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. at the City of Northville Municipal Building, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-349-1300. Public comments relative to the proposed ordinance amendment will be received during this meeting. Written comments may also be submitted to the above address. Complete text of the proposed ordinance amendment is available for review at the City Clerk's Office during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, local prevailing time.

JAMES GALLOGLY, DIRECTOR PUBLIC WORKS
DIANNE MASSA, CITY CLERK

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JOHANNINGSMEIER, EUGENE (GENE) DUANE

Of South Lyon, Michigan, died December 23, 2011, in the company of his Minister and family members. He was born on August 1, 1932, in his late parents William and Emmas home in Sandborn, Indiana. He grew up on a farm and was active in 4-H. He graduated from Purdue University, January 1958, BSA (Agriculture, Turfgrass Management Specialist). Gene moved to Michigan and went to work for Hiram Godwin and Sons. He later founded Turfgrass, Inc. which offered agronomic advice and supplies to the golf industry. He was a member of the Michigan Golf Course Superintendents Association, Purdue Alumni Association, Masonic Plymouth Rock Lodge #47, Past President of Midwest Regional Turf Foundation and Michigan Turfgrass Foundation. He enjoyed rebuilding Model A cars, having summer pool gatherings and grilling a good steak. He is survived by Barbara Ann Johanningsmeier-Mason (married 1954) and with that union their children: David of Gaylord, Douglas (Julie) of Brighton, Dwight (Dawn) of Howell, Pamela (Richard) Smith of Livonia and Daniel (Amy) of Howell. Barbara Jean (Richards) Johanningsmeier (married 1971) and her children: Duane Richards of Ashville, N.C., Pamela (Craig) Williams of Quarryville PA, Rene (Mark) Culross of Fort Worth TX, and Keith (Nguyet) Richards of Howell; brother Charles Lee of Freelandville, IN and sister Opal Jane Alexander of Duggar, IN and grandchildren: Austin, August, Chase, Chris, Dawson, Deven, Emma, Emerson, Ethan, Jason, Lydia, Mariah, Mitchell, Nathan, and Ross. A memorial service will be held January 14th, at 11:00 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 205 E. Lake Street, South Lyon, Michigan. The family will receive friends from 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. prior to the service. Memorial contributions may be made to the Building and Grounds Committee of the First Presbyterian Church of South Lyon, MI. Arrangements entrusted to Phillips Funeral Home. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

KELLY, JR., WILLIAM HENRY

William Henry "Bill" Kelly Jr., of Rapid City, Michigan, passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, December 28, 2011. Bill was born on Nov. 7, 1953, in Detroit, MI to Rose Marie Robertson and William H. Kelly. Bill grew up in Northville and graduated from Northville High School in 1971. He went to the University of Michigan and was a respected Civil Engineer in his field. He married Stephanie Marie Butler on May 7, 1983. They moved to northern Michigan almost 20 years ago to raise their three sons. Bill loved and owned many muscle cars through the years, and was also into antique tractors. He loved all sports, especially football, hockey and the Redwings. Bill was always kind, big-hearted, had a great sense of humor, and loved to hear and tell jokes. For many years he was a familiar fixture in the scorer's box running the clock at his sons' hockey games. Bill loved his family and was exceptionally proud of and adored his three sons. Bill is survived by his wife, Stephanie; his sons, Tanner Kelly, Trey Kelly, and Hunter Kelly; and his beloved dog 15 year old Lucky. He is also survived by his mother, Rose Marie Kelly; siblings Russ (Ann) Kelly, Tim (Natalie) Kelly, Bromley (Irene) Kelly, Marcia (Scott) Evett, and Maureen (Mark) Snedden; and numerous sisters' and brothers' -in-law, many nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins. Bill was also rich in friends, many of them, life-long. Bill was preceded in death by his father, William H. Kelly. Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held at Casterline Funeral Home, 122 W. Dunlap, Northville on Jan. 14, 2012. Visitation with the family will be from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. with at service at 1:00. Burial will be at a later date at Rural Hill Cemetery in Northville. In lieu of flowers, an education fund is being established for Hunter to help offset MSU expenses in the name of "Hunter Kelly" c/o Tanner Kelly, 2701-3A Trapper's Cove Tr., Lansing, MI 48910

ORLICH, JOHN C.

Age 59, of South Lyon, passed away 12/30/11. Memorial Service was held Tues., 1/3/12 at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc.

QUALMAN, AMY JUNE

Age 97, passed away December 25, 2011. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 62 years, Jack Walter, sisters Grace (Frank) McIndoe, Birdie (Eugene) Pigg and brother Bill (Deany) Clausen. Amy is survived by her loving children, Jay (Brook) Qualman and Al (Connie) Qualman; grandchildren, Jay III, Erik, Matt, Holly, Heather; great grandchildren, Jack, Katherine, Will, Charlie, Scarlett, Sofia; brother, Alfred (Jean) Qualman. A Memorial Service will be held on Monday, January 9th, 2012 beginning 11 AM at Milford Presbyterian Church, 238 N Main St., Milford. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are encouraged to Milford Historical Society or Michigan Humane Society. For further information please phone Lynch & Sons, Milford, 248-684-6645



ROSE, VELMA

Age 85, passed away December 29, 2011. She was born on October 6, 1926, in Blue Diamond, KY, to the late Courtney and Edna (Taulbee) Burton. On Nov. 27, 1945, she married the late Hargal Rose, who passed away Nov. 9, 2003. She moved to South Lyon in 1943 and was a member of the First Baptist Church of South Lyon. Velma is survived by 2 children: Rhonda Scroggins of South Lyon, Billy (Mary) Rose of South Lyon, 1 brother, 1 sister, 8 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great grandchild. She was preceded in death by her 3 sons Darrell Rose in 1971, Charles Rose in 2005 and David Rose in 2008, 5 brothers and 2 sisters. Visitation was held on December 30, Friday, from 3 - 8 p.m. A Funeral service was held on Dec. 31, Saturday, at 11:00 a.m. at Phillips Funeral Home, 122 West Lake Street, South Lyon, MI 48178. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com

THORNTON, SHELDON R.

A resident of Holly, passed away at home in the care of his wife, after an 8 year battle with ALS, on Friday, December 30, 2011. He was 64 years old. Sheldon Thornton was born January 23, 1947, in Brighton, MI, to parents Elwood Sheldon and Ada Thornton. Sheldon was a proud Marine, veteran of the Vietnam War and a Purple Heart recipient. Following in his fathers footsteps, Sheldon owned and operated Thornton Septic and was well recognized throughout the Highland area for over 40 years. Sheldon loved trips to the Upper Peninsula for hunting and fishing excursions on the river. He enjoyed traveling worldwide, more recent trips included visits to the Caribbean Islands with his beloved wife, Janet. He is survived by his wife of 11 years, Janet (nee. Pate) Thornton; daughter, Andrea; sons, Andrew (Christina), Spencer Thornton; step-daughters, Penny (Robert) King, Michelle (Joe) Calcaterra, Jennifer Gyde, Elizabeth (Sam) Lockey; grandchildren, Dan, Wes, Gracie, Raven; great-grandchildren, Gabe, Lilly, Caleb; mother, Ada Johnson; sisters, Penny (Pete) DeGarmo, Sharon (Steve) Miller; and other extended family members and dear friends who join the family in mourning his death while giving thanks to God for his life among them. Sheldon was preceded in death by his father, Elwood Sheldon Thornton and step-father Erwin Johnson. A Funeral Service was held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty, Milford, on Tuesday, January 3, 11 AM. Burial & Military Honors took place at Highland Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made in Sheldon's memory to Avalon Hospice, 2360 Stonebridge Drive, Flint, MI 48532. For further information please call 248-684-6645.

May you find comfort in Family and Friends

CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Location: 24505 Meadowbrook Road
Contact: (248) 349-8847 or visit holyfamilynovi.org
Mass Schedule
Time/Day: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday-Friday; 7 p.m. Monday-Wednesday.
Holy Days: 9 a.m., 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.
Reconciliation: beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays or by appointment
Priests: Father Bob LaCroix, pastor and Father Michael Zuelch, associate pastor

CROSSPOINTE MEADOWS CHURCH

Location: 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile Road
Contact: (248) 669-9400, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Thursday or visit www.crosspointemeadows.org.
Sunday Worship: 11:15 a.m.
Bible study classes: 10 a.m. for all ages
Details: Nursery and older children

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programs available. Worship blends traditional and contemporary elements resulting in a multi-sensory worship experience.

Destiny Worship Center

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

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Location: 34567 Seven Mile Road,

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

FAITH COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE

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

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NOVI-FAMILY INTEGRATED CHURCH

Location: 45301 W. 11 Mile Road

Contact: (248) 349-3647 or firstbaptistchurchofnovi.org
Family Bibie Hour: 9:45 a.m.
Family Worship: 11 a.m.
Bibie Study: 6 p.m.
Family Movie Night: 5:30 p.m.; fourth Sunday of every month

FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

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

ing, Adult Classes, Youth Blast
Thursday Schedule: 6 a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer Group

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE

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

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

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Wood Elementary.
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Middle School/High School Youth Groups
Sunday Evening 6pm - 8pm
Life Groups: Various Times & Locations

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11166 S. Hickory Ridge Rd., Milford, MI 48380
248-887-1218
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Bible Ministries 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday All Ages: 7:00 p.m.

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777 West 8 Mile Road • (8 Mile and Tenth Road)
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Rev. Dr. Steven J. Buck, Senior Pastor
Rev. Jeff Sturgeon, Associate Pastor
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Rev. Arthur Ritter, Senior Minister

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Sunday 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.
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Adult Bible Study: 9 a.m.

Fellowship Evangelical Presbyterian Church
22200 Pontiac Trail, South Lyon (South of 8 Mile Road)
Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 11:00 a.m.
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Youth at 6:30 p.m.
Rev. David Brown, Pastor
248-437-2222 • www.fellowshippepc.org

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

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Shown are (from left) Chris Struwe, Deidre Todd and Marcia Green with items collected by ABWA Novi Oaks.

Area businesswomen give back to community

In lieu of the traditional gift exchange, the members of the Novi Oaks Charter Chapter of the American Business Women's Association (ABWA) collected children's pajamas and storybooks for those in need. Longtime ABWA member and chapter vice president Chris Struwe contacted Deidre Todd, chapter president of the Pajama Program, about the chapter's desire to give back to the community during the holiday season.

Members brought in bags of pajamas, books and even stuffed animals and presented them to Todd who will oversee the distribution of the items to Grace Centers of Hope in Pontiac.

"It's a great feeling to work together to make

a difference in someone's life," remarked Holly Hengstebeck, chapter secretary. "We collected 55 new pairs of pajamas, 39 brand new storybooks, and even some stuffed animals. We are so pleased to partner with the Pajama Program to provide a better bedtime for children in need" said Marcia Green, chapter president.

In addition to small community projects, the chapter raises funds for area scholarships as well.

"We provide over \$3,500 annually to scholarships such as the Betty Archer Johnson scholarship and the Steven Bufton Memorial Education fund, as well as outright grants and other educational opportunities for area women" said Struwe.

The mission of the American Business Women's Association is to bring together businesswomen of diverse occupations and to provide opportunities for them to help themselves and others grow personally and professionally through leadership, education, networking support, and national recognition. The Novi Oaks Charter Chapter meets on the second Wednesday of each month at the DoubleTree Hotel in Novi. Networking begins at 6:15 p.m. and dinner starts at 6:45 with a presentation shortly after. New members and guests are welcome; contact president@abwa-novi.org for more information or visit www.abwa-novi.org.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Local organizations receive Seasons of Giving gifts from Community Financial

As part of its Season of Giving program, Community Financial Credit Union announced donations to a number of non-profit organizations in the Northville and Novi communities recently.

Community Financial announced donations to the Novi and Northville education foundations. The credit union followed those up with donations to the Novi and Northville food pantries, the Northville Community Foundation and Love, INC in Novi.

"We are proud to be among the businesses who support and reinvest in our communities," said Bill Lawton, Community Financial president and CEO. "Without the tremendous work they do, our communities would not be as strong as they are today."

The Northville Community Foundation received a \$5,000 gift while the Novi and Northville education foundations along with Love, INC received \$2,500 each. Each of the food pantries received \$750 donations.

Community Financial announced it would be donating \$50,000 during its Season of Giving program, from Dec. 5-23, to support non-profit organizations in areas the credit union serves - Plymouth, Canton, Northville, Novi, Gaylord, Hillman and Lewiston.

Groups receiving gifts so far include: the Plymouth Community Foundation; Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Educational Excellence Foundation; the Canton Community Foundation;

Gaylord, Hillman, Atlanta, Jo-Berg and Lewiston schools, Community Foundation of Northeast Michigan, Otsego County Community Foundation and food pantries in Canton, Hillman, Lewiston and Gaylord.

Schoolcraft hosting mother/daughter Micro-Lending workshop

Schoolcraft College (18600 Hagerty Road, Livonia) will host Micro-lending 101 from 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11. Discover the ways that small loans make a big difference to entrepreneurs all over the world. Explore their unique businesses, and learn how Zonta International clubs support them.

Become an investor without spending any money of your own. Each participating mother/daughter team will choose a small business in a developing country to support with a small loan, and will learn about:

- strategies to make investment decisions,
- cultures around the globe and
- the economic impacts of micro-lending.

Register online at <http://zontanorthwestwayne.eventbrite.com>

"We have had the honor of Christy Hicks, our nominee and winner of the District 15 and International Jane Klausman Business scholarship, offer our club the opportunity to host the Mother/Daughter Micro-Lending Workshop," said Sally Randall, Zonta Club of NW Wayne County member. "It is free and is open to middle school and if room, high school girls, but spaces are limited."

"Micro lending is nothing new to Zonta," added Randall. "We have helped thousands of women worldwide to establish a business and in time, set up others with their profits. We feel this is a great way girls can learn to think of others less fortunate than they are and find the joy they receive in helping others."

Two Men for Tots



To bring Christmas cheer to youngsters spending their holidays in the hospital, the local Two Men and a Truck of Wixom donated a truck and delivery services to Toys for Tots in order to bring approximately 300 stuffed animals provided by IKEA to Providence Park Hospital in Novi. Pictured (from left) are Providence worker Rebecca Perelli Yarbrough; Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Marci Schultz; and Rochelle Igrisan from Providence; Two Men and a Truck drivers Demonde Kemp and Roosevelt Jackson; Linda Daley from the Novi Chamber of Commerce; and Garry Jakiel of Two Men and a Truck.

MEDC support for entrepreneurs, innovation continues with grants

The Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) announced that the Michigan Strategic Fund is supporting entrepreneurs' efforts to launch and grow start-up companies throughout the state with funding for high-performance business incubators and accelerators in Michigan.

Business incubators in Michigan represent support for thousands of jobs and more than a billion dollars in economic impact and are playing a critical role in diversifying the state's economy. The \$6 million in awards builds on the MEDC's work to spur growth of high potential technology companies by providing local and state-wide services.

"Early-stage companies require seed capital and access to a strong network of public and private resources," said MEDC President and CEO Michael A. Finney. "We are confi-

dent that with the funding of these organizations and the types of services they will provide, we will continue to accelerate the growth of innovative technology start-ups in Michigan."

In October, the MEDC issued a Request for Proposals for grants of up to \$2 million. Of the 23 proposals that were submitted, 12 were chosen for grants.

In order to be considered for a grant, applicants were required to submit a comprehensive business plan for delivering entrepreneurial services to start-up businesses, such as marketing assistance, legal services, and training. Applicants were required to develop a dashboard of indicators to measure the effectiveness of the business incubator and accelerator programs that also ties to the state's strategic goals.

In June 2011, the Michigan Legislature mandated that a portion of the

funds appropriated to the Michigan Strategic Fund for innovation and entrepreneurship be used for business incubators and accelerators located in the following governmental units: Houghton County, Kent County, Macomb County, Oakland County, Washtenaw County, a city with a population greater than 650,000, and a Midland County satellite site of an incubator located in Isabella County.

The MSF also considered proposals from entities located in other governmental units provided that no governmental unit receives more than one award.

The Michigan Economic Development Corporation, a public-private partnership serving as the state's marketing arm and lead agency for business, talent and jobs, focuses on helping grow Michigan's economy. For more on the MEDC and its initiatives, visit: MichiganAdvantage.org.

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Art House presents Art Enrichment for ages 3 through mid-teens

“Art isn’t a luxury. It’s a necessity,” renowned American painter Lyonel Feininger once said.

That may be so, but our current climate of belt-tightening means that today art education in elementary and high schools often gets the short end of the crayon. A decade ago, students typically enjoyed smaller art class sizes. In addition, projects like ceramics, fiber arts, and copper on enamel work, as well as the use of supplies including archival quality paper and canvases and high-quality brushes were common.

Today, art class sizes are larger and students sometimes find themselves limited to lower-cost projects, and even painting on cardboard, as resourceful teachers struggle to stretch slim budgets.

However, Northville area students are fortunate. The Northville Art House launches its 2012 winter/spring art classes the week of January 9.

The classes offer an array of art enrichment as instructors Julie Woodard and Patricia Witte present art classes for kids geared to the interests and abilities of various age groups.

In the Tots Art Exploration Class, the instructors will show children ages 3.5 - 5 how to transform paper, paint, clay and glue into colorful and attractive artistic expressions.

The Kids Painting Class - for children ages 9 - 12 - will enable students to explore various mediums such as watercolor, gouache, acrylic,



Art instructor Julie Woodard shares painting pointers with her class at the Northville Art House.

ic, and pastel, as well as techniques such as collage and printing.

And Creative Kids, a once-a-month class for 5- to 10-year-olds, will enhance students’ creativity, art appreciation and self-expression with a mixture of art history and hands-on drawing, painting, sculpture and mixed media projects, combined with tours of exhibits of professional artists on display in the Art House gallery.

Additional classes including drawing (ages 7 to 9), painting (ages 10 to 15), and potato painting (ages 9 to 13).

“The study and practice of art improves self-esteem. It involves planning and problem-solving skills, and improves observation, attention and coordination,” notes Woodard who also has a master’s degree in clinical psychology. “It’s not just pushing buttons on a

computer or video game and having something done for you. Whether one becomes an artist or not, the skills art develops are so important and enrich our lives. And art is a wonderful hobby just to have for relaxation and stress relief too.”

Woodard notes that in addition to having kids learn art and materials and how to use them, she views her role as being “to encourage confidence and a positive attitude, since those attributes will help kids succeed in anything they do. That is what I see as the most important in the job that I do.

“Every class is different and unique,” Woodard says, “and I love the enthusiasm that the kids bring, and their approach to creating art.”

Class sizes are usually small, allowing for individual attention.

The fee for children’s

classes vary from \$20 to \$60. Art House members receive a discount. For an online pdf list of upcoming classes, prices, and information on how to enroll, visit the City of Northville’s Website at <http://ci.northville.mi.us/>, click on the “Art House” tab, then select the “Art Classes and Workshops” link.

In addition to classes for children, the Art House also offers one-day workshops and ongoing adult art enrichment classes, ranging from Developing Drawing Skills to jewelry making, and from watercolor and acrylic painting to calligraphy.

Submitted by Northville resident Jessica Hatchigan (www.hatchigan.com), an author, speaker and consultant. She is currently working on a new novel for children.

NORTHVILLE COMMUNITY BRIEFS

The Erie Canal and digital photography

Learn about the Erie Canal and the nativity of those who first arrived in Michigan via the canal. Hear about the experiences of those travelers. Al Smitley, the guest presenter, will also entertain us with his banjo playing. The 2:30 meeting of the Northville Genealogical Society is on Sunday, Jan. 8, at the Northville District Library, 212 West Cady.

Pixels, macro, jpeg, compression. What does it all mean? Join the group at 1:15 p.m., preceding the regular meeting, for January’s roundtable discussion on digital cameras, taking photos, uploading photos and more. The public is invited to both sessions, free of charge.

Individual help on genealogy is offered by Society members in the Local History Room at the Northville District Library on Monday afternoons 1-3 p.m. and also by appointment. For more information call Suzanne Monaghan at (734) 243-7866 or check the website at www.rootsweb.com/~mings.

Heise achieves perfect voting record

State Rep Kurt Heise (R, 20th District) maintained a perfect voting record during the Michigan House legislative session of 2011. Heise did not miss a single vote of the 619 votes the House took this year.

“I take my job to represent the people of my district very seriously” said Heise. “I don’t want to miss a vote because

missing a vote means that residents in my district have missed the opportunity to be heard in Lansing. These are the critical votes that are re-inventing Michigan, creating jobs, and putting our economy back on track.”

The nonpartisan Web site www.michiganvotes.org compiles the voting histories of lawmakers in the Michigan House and Senate.

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.

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OUR VIEWS

County lines GOP hacks orchestrate power grab

Sadly, Gov. Rick Snyder didn't have the gumption to stand up to his party hacks who have orchestrated an unconscionably naked power grab. When push comes to shove, Republicans have essentially no respect for democracy.

At the end of the day, their motto is: Hey, we won the election; we can do anything we darn well please. Perhaps that attitude shouldn't be all that surprising from state lawmakers. When they put politics ahead of good government, they are likely doing the best they can.

We expected far more from Snyder, the businessman who was going to take politics out of the business of getting Michigan government back in shape. When pressed, though, Snyder chose to eschew his responsibility to Michigan citizens in favor of kowtowing to the Republican majority.

At issue is a situation that will likely have major interest for the vast majority of Oakland County residents because it shows a disturbing disregard for the democratic process.

It involves Oakland County, where a committee drew districts for the county commission following the 2010 census. The decision was made by a five-person committee — the county prosecutor, the county treasurer, the county clerk and the chairs of the county's Democratic and Republican parties.

This is exactly the way that the other 82 counties in Michigan draw these districts and it is the way that Oakland County has completed the task in the past.

The big difference this year is that, for the first time, Democrats controlled the five-person committee. So when they drew the districts, they did so in a legal way — it survived a court challenge — that favored Democrats more than it did Republicans.

But then something amazing and disgraceful happened. State lawmakers passed a law that took the reapportionment duties away from the committee and gave it to the Republican-dominated county board. This law affects Oakland County and only Oakland County.

This stinker of a law sailed through the House and Senate, with our local Lansing leaders voting as follows:

YES: state Rep. Hugh Crawford, R, 38th District; state Sen. Mike Kowall, R, 15th District; and state Rep. Kurt Heise, R, 20th District.

NO: state Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R, 7th District.

Then Gov. Snyder signed it, proving he can be as politically craven as the best — or worst — of them.

His rejection of anything approaching principled government left his press spokesperson issuing a ridiculous press statement that justified the law because it "brings greater transparency to the process."

Oh, really? That's ridiculous on the face. But if the governor's office pretends that's the case, then the only logical conclusion is that the governor believes there is a transparency problem in the state's other 82 counties.

Lawmakers insult our intelligence by saying this is a cost-saving measure because it will reduce the commissioners from 25 to 21. Since Oakland County isn't financially failing, it's up to that county's elected officials to make that decision.

While 25 commissioners seems a lot, it must be remembered Oakland County has 1.2 million people, or about 48,000 people for each commissioner. But, apparently, you just can't have too many Republicans.

COMMUNITY VOICE

The holiday shopping season's over — how'd you do with your gift budget?



"I went way over (but don't tell my husband)." **Andrea Klitchen**
Northville



"I definitely went over I didn't have a lot of restraint, but it was fun." **Al MacDonald**
Northville



"I stayed right on budget. It was easy as we only had three people around here to shop for." **Ingrid Kasley**
Northville



"We did not have a budget — or at least my wife didn't, as our daughter just had twins." **Ron Stevens**
Bonita Springs, Fla.

LETTERS

Republican rule

Where is the outrage? Where are all the screams of Big Brother takeover, crony capitalism and legislation for special interest? If we currently had a Democrat majority running our state the screams would be deafening. But with Republican domination it appears to be just a whimper of objection as they over run the people's choices. What are some of these Republican overruns?

Oakland County Republicans fearing losing control of the county commission [after a court challenge failed] went to state legislators to change the rules after the fact. In 2008, two Democrats were voted into countywide positions. Because of this voter choice, the committee charged with redrawing county commission districts became majority Democrat. With legislation applying to Oakland County alone, Gov. Snyder has signed these new rules into law. The rules were OK with Republicans in the majority.

Republican legislators are again trying to take away our catastrophic injury coverage, this time referring to the No Fault law. This was tried under the Engler Republican majority. It was challenged by the voters who said no to giving up the coverage. Under the change we could still buy it at higher cost with less coverage. (Legislation for special interest.)

A new bridge from Detroit to Canada. Our last governor (Granholtz) and the Democrat-controlled State House passed a bill authorizing a new bridge to be built Downriver. The Republicans in the Senate (at the behest of the Ambassador bridge owner) refused to vote on the bill.

Our new governor (Republican), the Detroit auto companies and labor unions along with many other industries and unions on both sides of the border favor a new bridge. Canada has even said they will front Michigan's share of the money if the bridge is not built next to the Ambassador Bridge. Building a new bridge would mean thousands of construction jobs, increase in trade and travel traffic and thousands more spin-off jobs.

(Republican dominated Legislature bows to special interest.)

With Republican domination you get legislation for special interest, disregard of the people's will and crony capitalism. They have even passed legislation so one particular businessman could and will receive a tax abatement if he expands his business giving him an advantage that those he would be competing with will not receive.

This is not government of, by and for the people. This is Republican rule. All voters should refuse to accept this.

Chuck Tindall
Novi

Sam Logan will be missed

Detroit, Michigan and America lost a man that stood tall with the passing of Sam Logan, the publisher of Michigan's largest African American weekly newspaper. Sam

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I am deeply saddened by his passing. Mr. Logan asked me to write for the Michigan Chronicle and it is an honor to be associated with the flagship newspaper he led.

I extend my sympathies to our community, his colleagues at the Chronicle and to his family during this time of sorrow.

Mr. Logan, you will be missed.

Tom Watkins

former state superintendent of schools and regular contributor to The Michigan Chronicle

Performance-based pay needed for teachers

My friends Pete and Emily speak eloquently and accurately from the teachers' perspective regarding the issues confronting teachers and public education in the U.S. today.

Their position also highlights the divide between education and those working in the private sector. The issues of compensation and benefits between teachers and nonteachers will forever exist as long as unions exist and provide a security blanket that professionals in fields where performance is the primary indicator for job retention do not enjoy.

Yes, the economy and the tax structure of today is placing unheard of pressure on our public school systems. Salary structures,

jobs and pensions are at risk, for everyone, not just teachers. This reality has been documented many times over in recent years. And yes, teachers have a tremendously difficult job in the classroom today for the reasons Pete and Emily mentioned. While industry personnel do not influence our youth as only teachers can do in the classroom, all professionals — white- and blue-collared workers — contribute daily to making our country what it is; they just don't do it in such a public spectrum as teaching. Most workers pursue daily tasks without the long-term satisfaction of having their work rewarded by former students or associates acknowledging who they were years afterwards.

Until there is general recognition that performance is the common denominator for salaries and benefits, whether it is teaching or corporate America, we will have a divide politically, economically and socially on what is the right way to compensate teachers and ultimately encouraging our youth to pursue a teaching career.

Roger Atchinson
Northville

Turf over janitors?

I find it interesting that we, as parents of Northville students, receive this e-mail for donations to the turf at the football stadium when Northville is laying off the custodians. As a Northville resident who lives a short walk from the football field, I am all for sporting improvements. However, it seems a little misguided when the custodians are losing their jobs. For the amount of money being put into new "fake" grass we could keep the custodians.

While I understand budget issues and the need for districts to save money I also understand that these are people with families to support. It just seems misguided. Merry Christmas, by the way.

Jim Kasteiy
Northville

Santa Depot kudos

This year on Dec. 10 Northville Civic Concern held their 23rd annual Santa Depot Party. Every year, kind-hearted members of our community adopt our families in need and provide them with Christmas gifts and essentials. Because of this, our Santa Depot Party was an overwhelming success.

I would like to express my deepest thanks to the Detroit First Church of the Nazarene for hosting our party this year and to all our loving shoppers and volunteers who gave of themselves with their time and monetary gifts. Blessings abounded as our community came together to share the Christmas Spirit.

It is because of each individual, organization, family, and business that Northville Civic Concern is able to continue serving those who are currently struggling in our community. Thank you and God bless you all for your help and generosity.

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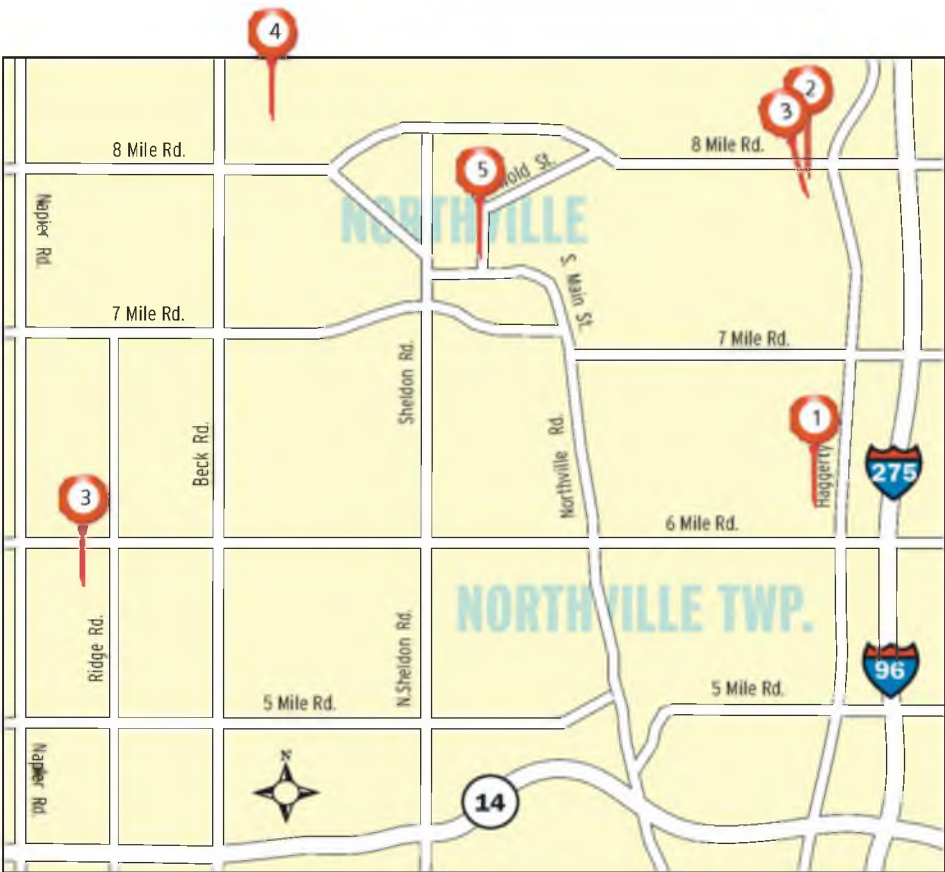
1 A Northville woman had her wallet stolen while shopping at the Kroger store on Haggerty Road. On Dec. 19, the 79-year-old woman told Northville Township police her wallet was taken from inside her purse by an unknown individual. It contained \$55 in cash and three credit/debit cards. She said she had used it before getting to the store and left it unattended while in the baking goods aisle. The case remains open pending an analysis of the video surveillance.

Fraud-swindle

2 A 21-year-old Taylor woman was arrested for attempting to cash a fraudulent check at the 8 Mile Road Citizens Bank location. According to the police report, a bank teller alerted the manager to the possible bad check made in the name of the Metro Welding Supply Corp. A phone call was then put into the supply company and it said the check was no good. Bank security detained the woman until police arrived. She told police she was trying to open a savings account with her payroll check. When asked why the check didn't match the name of the company she works for she said that's how they write their checks.

Property damage

3 A 51-year-old Farmington man had his vehicle



cle vandalized after bumping his door against a car parked next to him. On Dec. 22, the man reported to police he parked his car in the Meijer store lot at Haggerty Road and

as he tried to exit it he rested the door on the

driver's side mirror of the car next to him. A female

passenger in the other car said he had hit them. He said he did not do it on purpose and told police there was no damage. Sometime later he came out of the store and found a derogatory statement scrawled on his car. Another incident was reported by a 25-year-old Northville man. He said his car had been keyed or scraped in several areas twice in the last month while parked on Carriage Way.

Nativity Scene Theft

4 A baby Jesus and camel were stolen from a yard on Elmsmere Drive leaving one resident quite perturbed. The victim, a 47-year-old Northville man, told police on two different occasions someone stole an item from his nativity scene in the front yard. He said the baby Jesus was proba-

bly stolen on Dec. 25 or 26. There were no witnesses.

Rock thrown through window

5 An incident was reported at a location on South Griswold Street after an unknown person had thrown a large rock through the window while a party was going on. The possible suspect is a man who, described as white and six feet tall and wearing a red baseball cap, had entered the party uninvited. After being asked to leave he threatened to come back and cause some damage. An hour later a party guest stated a rock had been thrown through the window by a person who ran south behind the Griswold Street apartments and was wearing a red cap.

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Lonnie Huhman

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Location: Old Village School

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

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEETING
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Date: First and third Tuesday of month
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Location: City Hall

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Date: Second Wednesday of every month
Time: 3 p.m.
Location: Allen Terrace, 401 High St.

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
Date: Third Wednesday of month
Time: 7 p.m.

Location: City Hall

ARTS COMMISSION
Date: Second Wednesday of every month
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Location: Art House, 215 W. Cady St.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION
Date: First Monday of every month
Time: 8 a.m.
Details: Individuals and organizations invited to attend.
Location: Northville City Hall, Meeting Room B

Dance party



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Gianna Galli, right, and Elisabeth Moore, left, were part of a group of Northville High School varsity dance company members who put on a holiday dance party on Dec. 22 in Novi. The party, that ran through the afternoon, was attended by 57 youngsters and was a fundraiser for the dance company for its expenses through the year.

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Northville helps bring holiday cheer to last a lifetime

By Tom Watkins
Guest Columnist

Happy New Year to all. In the year just ended, the good citizens of Northville helped the beautiful children of southwest Detroit by donating over 400 books.

When Ann Crowley, a teacher at Beard Early Childhood Center, a Detroit public school, asked me to volunteer at the school during the Christmas break, I jumped at the opportunity sensing I would receive much more than I could give. How right I was.

For six days during the two-week Christmas break, Detroit Public Schools opened a number of its building to offer students academic enrichment, free meals and food baskets to take home.

While I could afford the gift of my time, I wanted to do more. I put out the word to my friends at Tuscan Cafe and The Next Chapter Bookstore and Bistro that I was looking for quality used books to take with me for the children. Within days, the generosity of family and friends and the goodwill of Joe Thomas, the volunteer director of Used Book Operations for the Friends of the Northville District Library, over 400 age-appropriate quality used and new books were donated.

Some friends even went out of their way to buy new books for me to deliver to the children.



Tom Watkins

Detroit Public Schools and teachers have taken some hard knocks of late and often, we do not hear how these great teachers go above and beyond the call of duty to lift up our children.

More than 150 volunteers, including two teachers per building, provided students with academic lessons, physical exercise, a touch of love and a healthy lunch.

Over 4,000 food baskets went home over the two weeks for families in need.

As the Detroit News reported, at Beard Early Childhood Center, on the first day of the program, about 30 students, ranging from preschoolers to first-graders were in class drawing pictures of “healthy choices” such as sleeping and exercise, while another class acted out “Goldilocks and the Three Bears” with puppets while working on letters of the alphabet. More than a dozen youngsters sat around teacher Joanna Luck and drew a picture of a healthy choice they make in their lives.

Penny Bailer, the executive director of City Year Corps (www.cityyear.org/detroit.aspx) should be bursting with pride as members of City Year

Corps were on scene as usual adding value and making a difference in the lives of the children of Detroit.

Ann Crowley, a saint of a Detroit Public School teacher, a truly good woman who volunteered at Beard, said keeping kids in school during the winter break helps combat academic losses that occur during the two weeks off.

“When the children are out of school, they lose a lot of ground, and they need a lot of nurturing,” she said.

Ann Crowley demonstrates the power of giving. She represents the countless number of great teachers that give their all to educate our children. She not only teaches the children, she sends a powerful message to us all about giving back.

We often forget that our neighborhood public schools are the true Statue of Liberty in this great country of ours. In the hallways of this over-100-year-old school building were the tired, the hungry, the poor, the huddled masses – children that spoke English as a second language along with children with disabilities. The DPS teachers, the Ann Crowley’s of the world, are the torch lighting the way for us all.

A child without a decent education today will become an adult without much of a future tomorrow. Reading truly is fundamental.

It is easy for some, while reading about the corruption, crime and other negative things in the city of Detroit to look the other way. Yet, as one fellow volunteer reminded me, “These children may make up a small part of our population – but they are 100 percent of our collective future.”

The children were excited to be able to choose one of the donated books, that became “their” book to take home. Have you ever seen a child hug a book? A tear-inducing moment.

Being at Beard Early Childhood Center with the great teachers and volunteers reminded me of the quote from the American cultural anthropologist, Margaret Mead, “Never doubt that a small group of committed people can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”

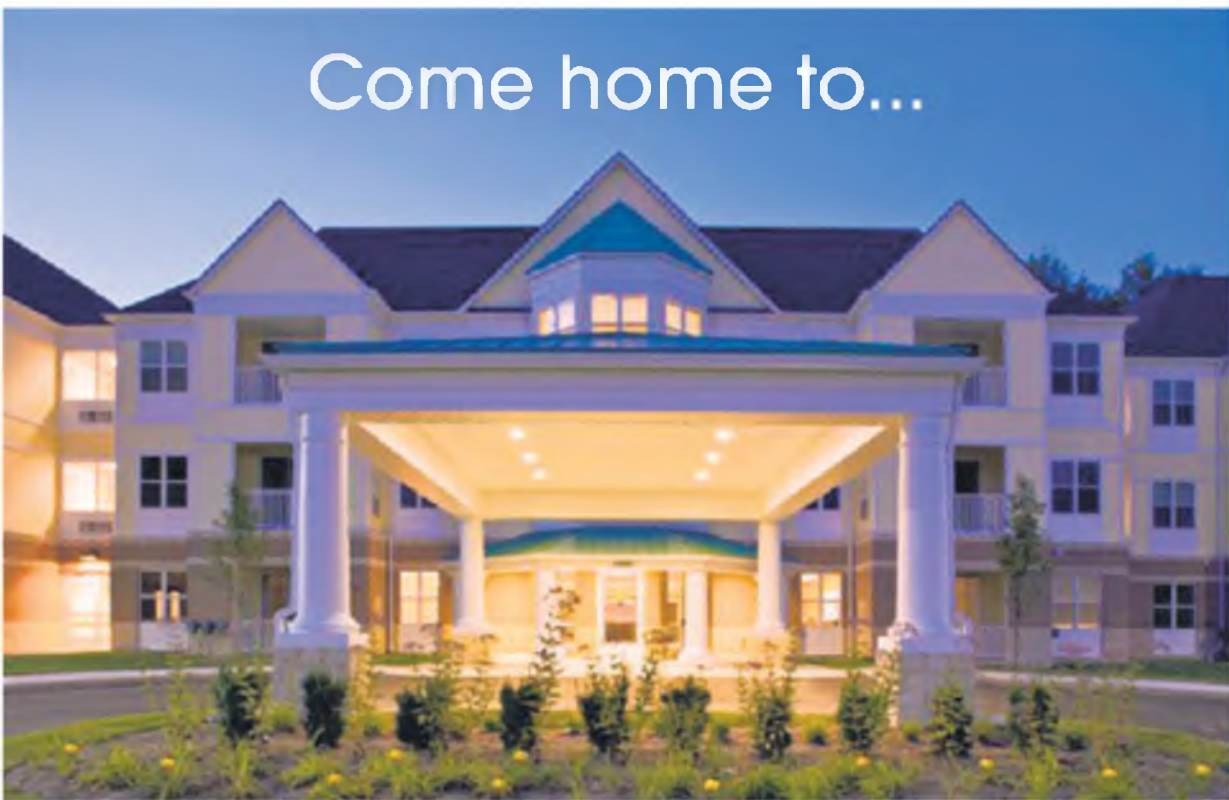
Thank you, the good people of Northville, for putting a smile on countless beautiful little faces and in a small way – helping to change the world.

If you want to donate your time, books or other school supplies contact Ann Crowley at crowakc@aol.com or (313) 587-1800.

Tom Watkins is a former Michigan state superintendent of schools and state mental health director. He is a resident of the city of Northville. He can be reached at tdwatkins88@gmail.com



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Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk

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The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) has scheduled a public hearing for Wednesday, January 18, 2012 at the Northville Township Municipal Office Building, located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168. The ZBA will consider a variance request **for property located at 16560 Brooklane Boulevard, Chapter 170, Zoning Ordinance, Article 18, Schedule of Regulations (rear yard setback)**. Written comments regarding this request will be received by the ZBA at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168. The meeting will begin at 7:30 P.M.

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Zoning Board of Appeals

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Northville boys take second in holiday tournament



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Mustang Stewart Henzi.

ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs boys basketball team will be back in action when they host Salem tomorrow before hosting Livonia Stevenson Tuesday and visiting Novi a week from tomorrow. All games have a 7 p.m. tip off.

Cagers can't top undefeated Milford squad

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

You win some. You lose some. The important thing is that you learn from both experiences. The Northville Mustangs boys basketball team took away plenty of experience and some tough lessons when they played in their own Holiday Tournament last week. The squad split their games, beating Birmingham Groves in the opener and falling to an undefeated Milford squad in the title tilt. "I was proud of the fight we displayed down the stretch," said Northville coach Todd Sander of the Milford game. "Guys showed some guts." In the end, Milford prevailed convincingly, winning with a 49-34 final. Right from the start, Northville looked like a team trying to find its

Please see BOYS, B3



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Evan Davis wrestles a North Farmington player on Dec. 14.

Wildcat grapplers pin down winning record

Novi wrestlers battle with ranked competition at Seasons Beatings

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

With a string of victories, Novi's wrestlers finished off 2011 with a strong showing. The Wildcats piled up six victories, one loss and a solid performance at the county meet to finish the year.

Please see WILDCATS, B3

ON TAP

Novi's grapplers (6-1) were scheduled to visit Wayne Memorial last night for a tri-meet with Wayne and Westland John Glenn before heading to Brighton 9:30 a.m. Saturday for the annual Manning Vieau Invitational. The 'Cats then host Plymouth Salem and South Lyon East 5:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Mustangs win holiday tournament

Girls cagers topple Harrison for title

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

Alex Moynes sure knows how to end a year with a bang. The senior girls cage standout put up 26 points in last week's victory over Farmington Hills Harrison, leading her team to the Northville Holiday Tournament championship. Northville won the title with a 36-34 final in double overtime.



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Mustang Alex Moynes tries to complete a shot after getting fouled by a Skyline High player on Dec. 28.

ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs girls basketball team won't have much of a break as they get back on the hardwood tomorrow when they visit Salem at 7 p.m. before hosting Livonia Stevenson on Tuesday and Novi next Thursday. Both games have a 7 p.m. start time.

ter, but the Harrison squad buckled down in the second and held Northville to just three points

Please see GIRLS, B4

Catholic Central wins Medina Invitational

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks wrestling team doesn't back down from a challenge—in fact, the squad goes out of its way to find them. Take, for example, the recent trek down to Medina, Ohio, to take on a field of 38 teams. The Medina Invitational Tournament, often considered one of

the toughest tournaments hosted in Ohio, including such teams as Massillon Perry, ranked 27th in the nation. But, in the end, the true challenge was for any team to figure out how to beat the Shamrocks, a feat that was not accomplished in Medina as the Catholic Central grapplers became the first out-of-state school to

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ON TAP

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Lakeland's Zuk tops Division 1 field

By Jeff Thelsen
Sports writer

Lakeland senior Garret Zuk runner had one goal in mind at the State Finals for his senior year - win his last race in high school.

Zuk did just that by besting the Division 1 field in a time of 15:21.2.

He finished second at regionals, the conference meet, the Oxford Invite and at the Jackson Invite. He was third at Oakland County and at the Nike/Holly Invite.

"Garret has been a tremendous part of our program the last four years," said coach Joe Verellen. "His efforts are perfectly matched by his accomplishments."

FIRST TEAM
Brian Kettle

The Milford sophomore was Zuk's main competition throughout the year, with Kettle getting the upperhand more than once, including at regionals with a first-place finish for Kettle in a scorching 15:25. Kettle went on to place second at the State Finals in an even faster 15:24 to propel the Mavs to a State Championship. Kettle also won the Lakes Conference title, was runner-up at Oakland County and is the sophomore record holder at Milford.

"In Brian you have a runner with poise, confidence and a burning competitive desire," said coach Brian Salyers. "He loves to compete. This season allowed him the opportunity to grow into one of the state's best runners, something that fueled our State Champi-



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Northville Mustang cross country runner Edward Clifton.

onship run."

Cody Snavelly, Milford

The Milford junior was another top force for the Mavs, finishing fifth at the State Finals, third at regionals and an Oakland County invite title. He earned All-State, regional medalist and First Team Lakes Conference honors along the way. He had a top time of 15:31 on the year.

"He is driven, consistent and committed to excellence," said Salyers. "Cody sets the tone for practice, workouts and races with his all business attitude and old school work ethic. Cody provided the team presence essential to bring Brian and Paul to the forefront of the racing scene."

Paul Ausum, Milford

The lone senior in Milford's top five at the State Finals also earned All-State honors in 13th (15:51). He was a regional medalist, was 2nd Team All-Conference and qualified to represent Team Michigan at the Mid-east Cross Country Championships.

"Paul is the Heart of our team," said Salyers. "He is passionate about his sport, the program and his teammates. Paul is a tireless worker filled with dedication and determination. Watching a senior realize his potential as a runner and lead his team to the podium is one of the coolest things I have experienced as a coach."

Dan Sims, Northville

The Mustang sophomore claimed 11th at the State Finals (15:48.9) to claim All-State honors. He turned in a top time of 15:41 at Huron Meadows. Sims finished second at the MSU invite, third at the Wayne County Championships, finished sixth at regionals and won the KLAA Kensington Conference title.

"From beginning to end, one could argue that Dan has had perhaps the best season of any runner in last 35 years for Northville cross country," said coach Chris Cronin. "Dan combines great talent with a ferocious competitive spirit. You might beat Dan once or even twice, but his ability to adapt from race to race sets him apart from other runners."

Scott Neff, Lakeland

The Lakeland senior joined Zuk in All-State status by finishing 27th in 15:59 at the State Finals.

ALL-AREA BOYS XC
RUNNER OF THE YEAR
Garrett Zuk, Lakeland
FIRST TEAM
Brian Kettle, Milford
Cody Snavelly, Milford
Paul Ausum, Milford
Dan Sims, Northville
Scott Neff, Lakeland
SECOND TEAM
Nick Noles, Northville
Edward Clifton, Northville
Grayson Thomas, Lakeland
Chris Housel, Milford
Nicholas Lanzetta, Catholic Central
HONORABLE MENTION
South Lyon — Mark Cogo, Mike Brodowicz, Andrew Thomas
South Lyon East — Ian Juntunen
Lakeland — Ryan Carrigan
Novi — Ryan Tgiros, Brian Barnes, Ben Jenkins, Eric Gardner, Kevin Hanlon, Dan Lee, Cameron Richman, Mike Benkarski, Allen Potter, Tim MacPherson, John Potter
Northville — Jason Lerner, Jason Ferrante, Matt Sierra, Neson Nesmith, Sean McCullough
Milford — Matt Graves, Steven Sloboda, Shawn Welch

He was 22nd at regionals, 12th at the KLAA meet, fifth at the Nike/Holly meet and third at the Oxford Invite.

"Scott has improved leaps and bounds this year," said Verellen. "Last year, he was consistently our No. 4 guy, and this year he has been our solid No. 2 runner behind one of the best in the state. Scott's toughness

has become legendary at Lakeland when he ran over 2.5 miles in our dual meet against Mott at Hess Hathaway with only one shoe."

SECOND TEAM
Nick Noles, Northville

The Mustang freshman blitzed a path to All-State status with a 29th-place finish at the State Finals (16:01). He had a season-best time of 15:57 at Huron Meadows. Noles was fourth at the KLAA Conference meet and 13th at regionals.

Edward Clifton, Northville

The senior Northville runner finished 52nd at the State Finals in 16:18. Clifton had a top time of 15:54 at Huron Meadows where he placed 11th at regionals. Other highlights included a third-place finish at the South Lyon Invite, sixth at the Bath invite, fourth at the MSU invite, and third at the KLAA Conference meet.

Grayson Thomas, Lakeland

The Lakeland junior ran to 45th at the State Finals (16:14). He was 16th at both the regional meet and at the KLAA Conference meet.

Chris Housel, Milford

The Milford junior finished 75th (16:27) at the State Finals for the champion Mavs. He had a top time of 16:07.

Nicholas Lanzetta, Catholic Central

The Catholic Central junior just missed qualifying for All-State honors by placing 32nd at the State Finals (16:02). The top 30 earn All-State.

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Milford's Barrett runs to the top

By Jeff Thelsen
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Milford runner Rachel Barrett backed up an All-State performance as a freshman with another as a sophomore.

Barrett hit the tape in 15th place at the State Finals with a time of 18:30.

"In Rachel you have a young and gifted runner who is learning the intricacies of distance running," said coach Brian Salyers. "With two solid years under her belt she has all the tools to continue to rewrite the Milford record books throughout her career. All season long she provide our team with a front running presence yielding low tickets in every meet."

Barrett earned several honors throughout the year, including All-State, Academic All-State, First Team All-Conference, Regional runner-up and an Oakland County medalist.

FIRST TEAM
Morgan Bridgewater, Lakeland

The Lakeland senior was next across the line for the local All-Area runners at the Division 1 State Finals in 26th place to earn All-State status. She was first at the Flint Carmen Ainsworth invite, second at the Jackson invite, third at the Brother Rice/West Bloomfield invite and fourth at the KLAA Lakes Conference meet and sixth at the regional meet.

ALL-AREA GIRLS XC

RUNNER OF THE YEAR
Rachel Barrett, Milford
FIRST TEAM
Morgan Bridgewater, Lakeland
Jackie Mullins, Novi
Rachel Coleman, Northville
Erin Zimmer, Northville
Erin Dunne, Northville
SECOND TEAM
Taleen Shahrigian, Northville
Gina McNamara, Northville
Alison Robinson, Northville
Kerri McMahan, Novi
Christina Swain, South Lyon
HONORABLE MENTION
Northville — Nicole Mosteller, Claire Courtney, Alex Rodriguez, Becky Chase
Novi — Hannah Loneragan
East — Erin O'Donnel, Courtney Collins, Sylvia Domanico
South Lyon — Madison Swaitlowski, Caitlin Millis, Maggie Sadler, Katie Beaber, Meghan Shelton, Meghan Burke
Milford — Madison Paquette, Lina Erlingis
Lakeland — Sara MacDonald, Nicole Clover

She has been Lakeland's MVP two years running.

Jackie Mullins, Novi

The Novi junior qualified for the State Finals and just missed out on making All-State, finishing in 37th (19:00.7).

She was the KLAA Conference champion and earned All-Region and All-County honors. She was also a captain for the Wildcats.

"Hands down the number one runner for our program this year," said coach Marsha Reid.

Rachel Coleman, Northville

Despite being a sophomore, she was the leader for the state-qualifying Northville Mustangs. She was first in for the Mustangs at state in 57th place (19:14), helping the Mustangs to eighth place as a team. She earned All-Conference, All-Wayne County and All-Region honors. Coleman helped the Mustang reach the State Finals with a seventh-place finish at regionals (18:42.4).

"She finished in the top 2 spots at every dual meet this season," said coach Nancy Smith. "She is very talented and I think she still has not seen her true potential as a runner."

Erin Zimmer, Northville

The Mustang sophomore finished shortly after Coleman at the State Finals, claiming 65th place (19:18.9). She earned

All-Conference and All-Wayne County honors.

"Erin again had another great year running a career best time of 18:56 at regionals (17th place)," said Smith. "Dedicated and hard-working day in and day out, always striving to get better."

Erin Dunne, Northville

Dunne ran a career-best



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Northville Mustang cross country runner Gina McNamara.

18:53 at regionals to claim 15th place in helping the Mustangs advance to the State Finals. She placed 77th at Michigan International Speedway in 19:28. She earned All-Conference, All-Wayne County and All-Region honors.

"Erin had an unbelievable junior year and

stepped up when we needed her most," said Smith.

SECOND TEAM
Taleen Shahrigian, Northville

The sophomore Mustang ran through knee issues, finishing the year by claiming 84th at the

State Finals. She also finished 13th at regionals with a career-best time of 18:48. She earned All-Conference, All-Wayne County and All-Region honors.

Gina McNamara, Northville

The lone senior on Northville's team to finish eighth at state helped the Mustangs get there with a 14th-place finish at regionals (18:51). She went on to finish 151st at state. She earned All-Conference, All-Wayne County and All-Region honors as well as competing at state for the third time.

Allison Robinson, Northville

The sophomore finished third for the Mustangs at state in 68th (19:23). She also finished 18th at regionals in 19:04. She earned All-Conference and All-Wayne County honors.

Kerri McMahan, Novi

The Novi sophomore ran 18:45.9 to finish ninth at regionals to punch a ticket to the State Finals. She finished 110th at state. McMahan earned All-County, All-Conference and All-Region honors.

Christina Swain, South Lyon

South Lyon's top runner ran a 19:30 at the KLAA Conference meet and a 19:33 at regionals to place 27th. Swain won three dual meets, won the MVP award and was the leading point-scorer for the Lions.

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NOVI SPORTS BRIEFS

PeeWee Warriors win Team of the Week

The results are in and Play It Again Sports has its new winner for the Play It Again Sports Hockey Team of the Week contest. The

Suburban PeeWee Warriors from the Suburban Ice Rink in Farmington racked up the most votes and will now get to celebrate their win at their local Play It Again Sports store in Novi.

The Play It Again Sports Hockey Team of the Week Contest will continue through mid-December. Hockey players, coaches and parents can nominate their teams at www.piasteamoftheweek.com.

Teams only need to be nominated once. Team voting starts fresh every week, so teams are encouraged to vote often.

Now that the Warriors have won, the team will now be entered

into a drawing for a grand prize - a chance to win tickets for the entire team to attend the CCHA College Hockey Championships taking place March 17 at Joe Louis Arena.



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Although he broke his hand in practice and has yet to play in a game this winter, Mustang Jeff Gertley will be a contributor to the team as it makes its way through their schedule.

A new point of view

Gertley won't let injury stop him from helping Mustangs

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

It's an odd sight to see Northville senior Jeff Gertley directing the Mustangs basketball team from anywhere other than his normal point guard position.

But Gertley has been sidelined since just before Thanksgiving due to a broken finger that required surgery to repair. But he hasn't let that slow him down any—at least not when it comes to helping the Northville Mustangs strive to succeed on the court this season.

Gertley can be found at each and every practice, helping the point guards who are temporarily filling his shoes learn the ins and outs of the game.

Gertley was suddenly thrust into the role of coach and sideline support after having his finger hyper-extended during practice just prior to Thanksgiving when it was accidentally caught up in a teammate's jersey. The injury required surgery to repair, and Gertley isn't expected to be back on the court until, at the earliest, January 6, when the Mustangs play Salem.

Coaching a role that Gertley, a standout athlete in several sports, hadn't experienced until his injury put him on the

sidelines.

"I have always loved our coaching staff," Gertley said. "To coach a team you always have to be focused. When you are a coach you can never have mental lapses and it is your job to keep the team focused. My time on the side lines has given me a greater appreciation for all my coaches."

It's been difficult for Gertley to watch the game from the bench, but he knows he still has a responsibility to the team.

"Even though I am injured, I know I have to still be a leader," he said. "I try to push my teammates to get better every day in practice."

Northville coach Todd Sander said Gertley has been key in helping replacement point guards Jeff Hewlett and Alec Lasley improve each week as they learn to run the offense.

One aspect of the game that Gertley is now realizing his coaches go through from time to time is watching, powerless to do anything, as a game goes right down to the last second.

Gertley experienced that feeling first hand when the Mustangs played Walled Lake Western recently—his team wasn't able to secure the victory until the final moments when

Hewlett hit two clutch free throws to win the game by one point.

"Watching that Walled Lake Central game gave me a heart attack," said Gertley. "I was going crazy on the bench the whole game. You could say I was crawling out of my skin—I wanted to be on that court."

And when Hewlett's shot went home, no one was more excited for his teammate than Gertley.

"As the game ended and we won, Gertley (seated near the end of the bench) was one of the first guys to race off the bench and meet Hewlett at half court for a terrific 'chest bump,'" noted Sander.

And while Gertley admits he was on pins and needles, wanting nothing more than to go out and try to help his team win the game, he had the utmost confidence in his teammate and friend.

"I've been best friends with Jeff my whole life and I knew he had it in him, even under all that pressure," Gertley said.

Despite that confidence in his team and their ability to win without him, Gertley is ready to get back to the court and shoulder the pressure of being the team's starting point guard once again.

While many people are reflecting on 2011 as the year comes to a close, Gertley is focused firmly on the days ahead—January 6 cannot get here soon enough for him.

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WILDCATS

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The first tri-meet of the season was a success for the 'Cats (6-1) Dec. 14 as they hosted both Farmington and North Farmington. Novi came from behind for 41-27 and 37-36 victories.

Down 15-3 against Farmington with a win coming only from freshman Evan Davis (125 pounds), senior Giddiani Albuerne (135) and senior Kaveh Sohizad (140) added wins to cut the deficit to 21-10.

Mike Guerny (150) and junior Ben Landry (160) tacked on a pair of victories to edge the 'Cats closer at 27-19 before the big guns stepped in and swept the final four matches. Seniors Jake Dobras (171), Justin Michael (215) and Jimi Keller (heavyweight) each won to put Novi up a decisive 35-27 before junior Dan DeNova (103) added six points for the final 41-27 score.

Riding the victory into the North Farmington match moments later, Novi's Tony Levy scored a pin for an early 6-0 lead, but the teams traded matches through

the next several weight classes.

After victories by seniors Giddiani and Alejandro Albuerne put Novi up 15-13, the 'Cats dropped three in a row. A pin by Landry and a decision by Fairman Kian (171) made it 27-24, but Novi lost another three straight fall behind 27-36.

A victory by DeNova cut the deficit to 36-33, setting up junior Andrew Park for a victory by major decision that won the match 37-36 for Novi.

The 'Cats rolled into the 52nd annual Oakland County Championships Dec. 16 at Southfield and eight grapplers advanced into the second day of action.

Both Albuerne brothers, Sohizad, Dobras (189), Michael, Keller, DeNova and sophomore Carston Cook (150) each advanced to the late stages of the tournament Dec. 17 at Oxford, while juniors Kelsey Larkin (112), Tony Levy (119) and Landry were unable to advance. DeNova and Alejandro Albuerne were each able to capture seventh place in the tournament during the second day.

Novi was determined to end the year on a strong

note as they visited Pathfinder Middle School in Pinckney for the Seasons Beatings Invitational. The Wildcats cleaned up in pool play, defeating Brighton's B-squad 70-10, Carlton Airport 65-11 and Division 4 No. 10-ranked Addison 38-37 in a tie-breaker on criteria after tying at 37.

Advancing into the championship pool, the 'Cats defeated Div. 3 No. 6 Swan Valley 45-28 to advance to the finals. However, a strong Dewitt team got the best of the Wildcats, handing Novi a 42-24 loss in their first defeat of the season.

Despite finishing as runners-up, several Wildcats went 5-0, including Alejandro Albuerne, Keller and Landry. Dobras, Michael and DeNova added 4-1 performances while many younger Wildcats got a chance to earn some experience.

Also wrestling for Novi were seniors Mike Guerny, Sohizad, Kian, Giddiani Albuerne, junior Park, sophomores Levy, Ben Wright and freshman Davis.

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rhythm. The squad netted just two points in the first quarter while holding the Mavericks to nine. By the end of the half, the Milford cagers were leading, 21-10.

"We need to play with more energy early," said Sander.

Northville didn't have as many troubles in the second half, despite trailing by 17 points at one point in the third stanza. By the start of the fourth quarter, they had cut the Milford lead to 11 points, 31-20, and then down to just five with about 4:45 left on the clock.

The squad couldn't make the best of their run, however, and ended up faltering in the final minutes as the Mavericks continued to grind out points to secure the victory.

Northville wasn't without its highlights, however: Brett MacDonald scored 19 points in the contest, including four three-point field goals—two of which

came in the fourth quarter. The mark is MacDonald's career high.

"Mac continues to get better and better," said Sander. "He was active and assertive all night on both ends of the floor."

Jake Hansen scored five points for the Mustangs, coming off the bench.

Northville 50, Birmingham Groves 39

The Mustangs started the tournament off with a big win over the Birmingham Groves Falcons despite a slow start that found them trailing in the opening minutes of the game, 4-0.

Northville followed Steward Henzi and Nick Raad to get their game back on track, eventually firing it up on all cylinders to take a 14-9 lead by the end of the first quarter before extending the advantage to 24-16 by the end of the half. Henzi went 4-for-4 from the floor in the second and MacDonald poured in several

buckets to keep the Northville offense charging.

"Stew was awesome tonight," said Sander. "He was very active, and did a nice job playing smart to stay in the game. Nick gave us a nice offensive spark, and did a nice job of attacking."

In the second half, it was smooth sailing as Northville's lead was never in jeopardy. By the end of the third, they led 37-22. The Falcons did employ a full-court press that caused some Northville confusion in the fourth quarter, but the Mustangs' lead was significant enough that they held on for the victory despite being outscored, 17-13, in the final quarter.

Northville was led by Henzi, who poured in 16 points in the victory, while MacDonald added 14, Raad had nine and Jeff Hewlett and Andrew Meacham notched four points apiece.

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win the tournament in the history of the event.

"Our guys should feel good about the way we competed," said coach Mitch Hancock. "We circled this day on our calendar as a test, and we passed that test this weekend."

The Shamrocks took home four individual titles and scored 256.5 team points to win the tournament. Massillon Perry scored 202 points for second place.

"Our guys have a lot of pride and they believe they're one of the best teams in the country," said Hancock.

The Shamrocks earned huge victories from tour-

namment champions Ken Bade, Alex Mooradian, Drew Garcia and Kevin Beazley while Malik Amine finished second and Evan Toth took a fourth. Taking fifth was Bob Coe while Logan Marcicki and Myles Amine both took sixth in their respective weight classes.

Mooradian continued his march toward a historic season as he defeated Jake Faust of Lexington—the 14th-ranked wrestler in the country in the 145-pound weight class—in triple overtime.

The victory marked the second time the Shamrocks have ever won the Medina Invitational, with the first title coming in 1988.

Hancock said his team cannot rest in its hunt for being the top team in Mich-

igan, however.

"We have a tough January schedule so we have to put this behind us prepare diligently for what (lays) ahead," he said.

The Shamrocks' White Team also competed last week, taking fifth in the Goodrich Tournament of Champions.

Leading the team was Riley Hanson, who won the tournament title at 140 pounds with a victory over an opponent from Springport in the finals.

Andrew Thompson also had a strong day, finishing third, while Zack Colone finished fourth, Casey Hagan and Mike Babicz took fifth, Chris Naubert took seventh and Alex Goings, Parker O'Brien and Josh Carolin took eighth.

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South Lyon's Reinig slams home top honors

By Jeff Theisen
Sports Writer

In a ridiculously talented field of volleyball players from the area, South Lyons Chloe Reinig stood out above the rest, figuratively and literally. Reinig, a 6-3 outside hitter for South Lyon, earned First Team All-State honors for Class A after posting an amazing 653 kills, 58 aces and 56 blocks. She is far from just a front-row player though, posting 226 digs on defense.

The junior earned First Team All-Conference and All-Region on honors along the way.

"Chloe is probably one of the most, if not the most dominating hitters in the state," said coach Mindy Collins. "Teams that play us plan their game around how to stop Chloe. When Chloe has a good set, she can put it away anywhere on the court. When the game is on the line, our game plan is get the ball to Chloe."

"She also became one of our primary passers and defenders this year, which is great in that we can use her offensively from the back row as well. She was second on our team in digs and set a school record for kills in a season with 653.

Despite being a junior, Reinig has verbally committed to playing at Michigan State.

FIRST TEAM

Katie Enright, Novi

Novi went 41-6-1, won the Central Division and KLAA Association titles thanks to three top-flight players. Senior Katie Enright was one of the leaders hitting from the outside. She recorded 347 kills on 834 attacks. She served at a 96.9 percent clip with 32 aces, produced 181 digs and had 20 solo blocks and 40 assists.

"Katie has been one of the most dominated outside hitters we have seen all year," said coach Ginette Parsley. "She has consistently been able to terminate plays with big and dynamic attacks."

"Katie could certainly have a lot more kills on another team in another offense, but we are blessed with a group of attackers and all play significant rolls. Her ability to put the team success ahead of her own personal stats is why she has been a true leader all season long."

Enright earned All-State Second Team honors.

Aiy Ryan, Novi

Senior Aly Ryan helped



Mustangs Rebecca Martin.



Wildcats Katie Enright, left, Molly Marzonie and others celebrate a point against Northville on Oct. 6.

control the middle for the Wildcats. She recorded 248 kills with just 41 errors. Ryan also served at a 97.3 percentage with 58 aces. On defense, she recorded 102 digs and had 42 solo blocks and 91 assists. She earned All-State Honorable Mention honors.

"As you can see from the her stats, she contributes to the team's success in almost every statistical category," said Parsley.

Emiliy Robb, Novi

The youngster among the three Novi start, Emily Robb set up the

offense. The sophomore dished out 1,059 assists on 2,733 attempts. She also fired out 50 aces and had 192 digs.

"Emily has been asked to run a very complicated offense this season and has excelled at it," said Parsley. "Her ability to execute every play-set is really impressive, and she has done a fantastic job keeping all of our attackers involved in the offense."

Ciara Schuitz, Lakeiand

Lakeland's senior setter proved she was a constant threat near the net.

Schultz passed out 985 assists and also hammered out a team-high 304 kills. She also provided 329 digs and 67 aces. She was voted All-KLAA Conference, All-Region and earned All-State Honorable Mention.

"Ciara is one of the most athletic, competitive high school volleyball players currently playing the sport," said coach Jen Cottrill. "This season she was able to put our team on her back and lead us to our third straight KLAA Division, Conference and District Championship."

She led us in every statistical category as a setter and ran our offense with perfection. Her passion, dedication and her work ethic were unparalleled every time she stepped on the court, and she will be absolutely impossible to replace next season."

Jenna Borgstrom, Northville

Northville's senior setter passed out 591 assists on 1,675 attempts (2nd all-time at Northville). Her 34.1 assist percentage is fourth in school history. Borgstrom also provided 46 aces, 144 digs and 53 kills.

Dagny Stark, Miliford

The senior outside and middle hitter slammed home 267 kills on 698 attempts. She was involved in 81 blocks and had no serving errors while playing in every match.

"Dagny was a game changing front row presence," said head coach Jeff Stark. "Her attack and blocking skills could generate or prevent offense off any ball. Her presence alone forced other teams to turn their lineups to avoid having to hit against her or to find a way to block her, usually without success. Her best games were always when she new she was playing someone who was going to some big school to play."

ALL-AREA VOLLEYBALL

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Chloe Reinig, South Lyon

FIRST TEAM

Ciara Schultz, Lakeland
Jenna Borgstrom, Northville
Aly Ryan, Novi
Emily Robb, Novi
Katie Enright, Novi
Dagny Stark, Milford

SECOND TEAM

Rachel Kopf, Milford
Gabby Williams, South Lyon
Brittany Leonard, Lakeland
Rebecca Martin, Northville
Kacey Sheldon, Novi
Victoria Rose, Novi
HONORABLE MENTION
SL East: Riely Kuznicki, Samantha Cook
Lakeland: Mary Armstrong
Northville: Symone Abbott, Kelsey Knickerbocker, Makenzie Wilson
Novi: Molly Marzonie

SECOND TEAM

Rachel Kopf, Miliford

The senior outside hitter played a perfect compliment to teammate Stark. She knocked home 259 kills on 716 attempts, produced 152 digs and had 27 blocks while playing in every match.

Rebecca Martin, Northville

The junior setter handed out 536 assists, had 66 aces and 12 solo blocks with 78 assisted blocks. She also had 205 kills and 198 digs.

Brittany Leonard, Lakeiand

The senior middle blocker hammered home 300 kills with a 49.3 attack percentage, had 40 blocks and 82 digs. She earned All-KLAA Conference and All-Region honors.

Gabby Wiiliams, South Lyon

The senior outside hitter was option 1A for the Lions this year. She had 420 kills with 516 digs to go with 72 aces and 27 blocks. She earned All-Conference First Team honors.

Kacey Sheidon, Novi

The junior outside hitter rarely left the court. She had 207 kills, 56 aces with only 17 errors on 466 serves, 309 digs and only 51 errors on 380 serve receptions.

Victoria Rose, Novi

The senior middle hitter produced 225 kills on 521 attempts, and provided 44 solo blocks with 67 assisted blocks.

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Mustang Meredith Williams brings the ball upcourt against Ann Arbor Skyline High on Dec. 28.

GIRLS

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while scoring seven of their own to knot the game up at the half, 14-14. By the end of the third quarter, Northville led, 22-20, but the Harrison team wasn't about to go quietly into the night. In the fourth quarter, they held strong, outscoring Northville, 9-5, heading into the last moments to take the lead. A last-minute shot by Moynes tied the game at 29-29 to force the game into overtime.

Both teams scored three points in the first overtime before Moynes and Harrison's Joslyn Wilcox exchanged baskets in the second overtime to keep the game tied at 34-34. It looked as though a third overtime was on the horizon when Moynes found a lane and scored on a lay-up to give her team the edge and the victory.

Moynes' 26 points ties her for second at Northville for most points scored in a single game for a girls basketball player and is the most points scored by a Mustangs girl



Mustang Alex Moynes goes flying through the air in an attempt to steal a pass on Dec. 28.

since 2001.

Northville is now 4-2 on the season.

Northville 50, Ann Arbor Skyline 23

The Mustangs didn't have any trouble in their opening game of the Holiday Tournament, cruising past Ann Arbor Skyline to earn a berth to the

championship game.

Northville jumped out to a 26-3 lead in the first quarter and tacked on 12 more points in the second for a 38-7 half-time advantage. They put their offense on cruise control from that point on, scoring just 12 more points in the second half to Ann Arbor's 16 points to secure the victory.

"This was really similar to our first game of the year in the way we broke the game open early," said Gudith. "Overall, this was the most complete team game we've played to this point. It was a total team effort and everyone played their part."

Moynes led the team with 13 points while junior Kendra Brenner scored 10 and senior Aly Bates had eight in the victory. As a team, the Mustangs shot 56-percent from the floor, going 20-for-36 in total, including 4-for-11 from beyond the three-point arc.

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Be wary of home loan scams

Loan modifications are changing every day. Here are some of the most common loan modification scams out there today.

Phony Counseling or Foreclosure Rescue Scams

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Some scammers may claim to be affiliated with, or approved by, the government, or they may ask you to pay high, up-front fees to "qualify" for government mortgage modification programs. The scammer's company name and website may sound like a real government agency, but the website may end with .com or .net instead of .gov. You may also see terms like "federal," "HAMP," "MHA," "HARP" or other words related to official U.S. government programs.

Contact your lender first. Your lender will be able to tell you if you qualify for any government programs to prevent foreclosure or modify your loans. And you do not have to pay to benefit from these programs.

Forensic Loan Audit

The scammer who may be called a forensic or mortgage loan "auditor" offers to review your mortgage loan documents to determine whether your lender complied with state and federal mortgage lending laws. The scammer will usually require that you pay a fee to start the process. The scammer may say you can use the audit report to avoid foreclosure, accelerate the loan modification process, reduce your loan principal, or even cancel your loan.

There is no proof that a forensic loan audit can save your home from foreclosure although it's conducted



by a licensed, legitimate and trained auditor, mortgage professional or lawyer. Even if you sue your lender and win, your lender is not required to modify your loan to make it more affordable. If you cancel your loan, you will have to return the borrowed money, which may result in you losing your home.

Mass Joinder Lawsuit

The scam artist, usually a lawyer, law firm or a marketing partner, will promise that they can force your lender to modify your loan. They will tell you that by joining other homeowners in a mass joinder lawsuit against a particular lender, you will be able to stop a foreclosure, reduce your loan balance or interest rate, receive monetary damages, or even receive title to your house free and clear. Mass joinder lawsuits can be used legitimately; these lawyers are usually paid *after* the lawsuit is over, on a contingency basis. However, mass joinder lawsuit scammers will try to "sell" you participation in a lawsuit against your mortgage lender, claiming that you cannot participate in the lawsuit until you pay some type of fee.

Bait-and-Switch

The scam artist convinces you to sign documents for a "new loan modification" that

will make your existing mortgage current. This is a trick. You actually just signed documents that surrender the title or deed of your house to the scam artist in exchange for a "rescue" loan. Thoroughly read any document before you sign it.

Rent-to-Own or Leaseback Scheme

A scammer urges you to surrender the title or deed of your home as part of a deal that will let you stay in your home as a renter and then buy it back in a few years. He may tell you that surrendering the title will permit a borrower with a better credit rating to get new financing—and keep you from losing your home. However, the scammer may have no intention of ever selling the home back to you.

But the terms of these deals usually make buying back your home impossible. Worse yet, when the new borrower defaults on the loan, you're evicted.

Variations:

1. The scammer raises your rent over time to the point that you can't afford it. After missing several rent payments, you are evicted, leaving the "rescuer" free to sell your house.

2. The scammer offers to find a buyer for your home, but only if you sign over the

deed and move out. The scammer promises to pay you some of the profit when the home sells. But the scammer simply rents out your home and keeps the profits while your lender proceeds with the foreclosure. You lose your home and are still responsible for the unpaid mortgage, because transferring the deed does not affect your mortgage obligation.

Short Sale Scam

Scammers, sometimes called "short sale negotiators" or "short sale processors," may promise to expedite a short sale and usually require you to pay a fee, which is illegal in many states. Some scammers may even include surcharges or hidden fees before the transaction closes, which are also illegal in many states. The scammer may also misrepresent the value of the home to the lender.

A short sale may be a legitimate option for a homeowner in default or homeowner who is current yet the value of the home has fallen — if the lender agrees to the short sale. But homeowners should only work with a licensed real estate professional or licensed real estate attorney since the law requires that the person be properly licensed to negotiate the short sale with your lender. Homeowners should verify licenses with their state licensing agencies.

Bankruptcy to Avoid Foreclosure

The scammer may promise to negotiate with your lender or get refinancing on your behalf if you pay a fee up front. Instead of contacting your lender or refinancing your loan, he pockets the fee and files a bankruptcy case in your name — sometimes without your knowledge.

A bankruptcy filing often stops a home foreclosure, but only temporarily. Filing bankruptcy stops any collection and foreclosure while the bankruptcy court administers the case. But, eventually you must start paying your mortgage, or the lender will be able to foreclose.

You could lose the money you paid to the scammer and your home. Worse yet, a bankruptcy stays on your credit report for 10 years, which makes it difficult to obtain credit, buy a home, get life insurance or even get a job.

Bedbug issue calls for action

Q: Our condominium has had incidents of bedbugs in the units, but the full extent is unknown. The association has mandated treatments by all and asks for proof of it. Some of the co-owners have complied and some have not. What is your experience with how communities have addressed it, and should the condominium exercise self-help to enter and treat and then charge back those who have not complied or supplied proof of treatment? Or have some associations just treated all as a common expense to make sure that it gets one?

A: This issue has not been widely discussed among condominium association practitioners, but it would be



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my belief that to the extent that bedbugs have infiltrated from the exterior, that it may well be an association responsibility to pursue. On the other hand, if the origin of the bedbug is within the individual unit, that may be the responsibility of the individual co-owner to take care of, all of course, depending on your condominium documents. Obviously, it is hard to trace the origin of bedbugs and the Board of Directors, with the advice of counsel, will have to establish a policy which best suits the accomplishment of the end result, that is, to get rid of bedbugs.

Q: Our condo association board was doing a good job, but there were a few people, we think "crazies," that challenged them on everything. At times, the "crazies" crossed the line and our lawyer had to write them a letter. Now, they have gotten themselves elected to the board, intimidated some of the old directors into resigning, and, basically, have taken over the association. They have fired our manager, our accountant and our lawyer, and who knows who else. What can a simple homeowner do to deal with the situation?

A: Most condominium bylaws provide for the removal of a director or directors on the vote of more than 50 percent of the co-owners, and require that a special meeting be scheduled at which you can hold such a vote upon the submission of a petition signed by one-third of the co-owners. You may wish to retain the services of an attorney who could assist you in this process. Before circulating the petition, you may want to contact members of the Board of Directors who may not be aligned with the "crazies" to try to gather additional information about the abuses that may have been undertaken by the new board. Unfortunately, to the extent that those directors breached their fiduciary duty, hired incompetent or no persons to take over the management of the condominium, are proceeding without proper or any legal advice and are otherwise acting maliciously or vindictively against former members of the board and/or professionals retained by the association, legal recourse in court may be the only available option that you have. In that case, you would need to retain an attorney who could bring a derivative action on behalf of the association against those directors to seek an injunction to keep them from undermining the operation of the association. Hopefully, the other co-owners in the condominium will help you handle the matter financially because their investment in their homes may well be at issue.

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These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Sept. 19-23, 2011, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON

2383 Amber Dr \$177,000
42240 Beechwood Ct \$162,000
7231 Briargate Dr \$292,000
42456 Castle Ct \$135,000
2288 Cleveland Way \$185,000
1756 Crestview Dr \$203,000
4168 Elizabeth Ave \$79,000
44573 Fenwick Dr \$290,000
43701 Fleetwood Dr \$107,000
45755 Gainsborough Dr \$215,000
1591 Glengarry Woods Ct \$285,000
45965 Graystone Ln \$132,000
46425 Killarney Cir \$167,000
443 Lenox Dr \$315,000
6495 Marshall St \$235,000
50880 Murray Hill Dr \$187,000
1623 Orchard Dr \$45,000
45127 Quaker Hill Dr \$163,000
40017 Rolling Green Ct \$138,000
44151 Sheridan St \$121,000

GARDEN CITY

28825 Birchlawn St \$15,000
31137 Block St \$87,000
28907 Bridge St \$35,000
32502 Brown St \$85,000
31550 Marquette St \$30,000
30645 Sheridan St \$95,000

LIVONIA

35024 Bristol Ct \$264,000
8823 Crown St \$67,000
29740 Curtis Rd \$69,000
30504 Fairfax St \$164,000
16142 Fairlane Dr \$149,000
16919 Fitzgerald St \$133,000
32918 Illinois St \$125,000
38616 Jahn St \$100,000
18720 Lathers St \$90,000
19243 Levan Ct \$277,000
17557 Louise St \$115,000
15123 Marsha St \$155,000
34658 Munger St \$193,000
18675 Myron St \$109,000
38530 Northfield Ave \$139,000
17333 Parklane St \$200,000
36296 Pickford St \$138,000
15463 Susanna Cir \$210,000
15022 Taylor Blvd \$230,000
18243 University Park Dr \$55,000
9834 Westmore St \$90,000

NORTHVILLE

42385 Beacontree Ct \$300,000
45005 Broadmoor Cir S \$328,000
16863 Brooklane Blvd \$414,000
15876 Crystal Downs E \$436,000
16790 Dover Dr \$118,000
49060 Freestone Dr \$385,000
18125 Laurel Springs Ct \$826,000
39580 Muirfield Ln \$215,000
46480 N Valley Dr \$295,000
633 Natalie Ln \$800,000
16207 Oak Forest Ct \$425,000
49735 Parkside Dr \$361,000
46680 Pinehurst Cir \$458,000
715 Randolph St \$70,000
39514 Rockcrest Ln \$108,000
18016 Shagbark Dr \$926,000
39637 Springwater Dr \$126,000

PLYMOUTH

9379 Baywood Dr \$175,000
10142 Dorian Dr \$230,000
14016 Eaton Dr \$395,000
9299 Hackberry Ave \$173,000
1167 Maple St \$265,000
14152 Meadow Hill Ln \$122,000
123 N Union St \$155,000
12900 Naples Dr \$408,000
51120 Northview \$216,000
12486 Pinecrest Dr \$135,000
331 Pinewood Cir \$40,000
134 Pinewood Dr \$51,000

9192 Redbud Ave \$161,000
634 S Harvey St \$335,000
9399 Village Manor Dr \$288,000
51308 W Hills Dr \$325,000
12348 White Tail Ct \$460,000

REDFORD

9557 Berwyn \$52,000
26109 Elsinore \$68,000
15563 Gaylord \$33,000
11363 Hazelton \$58,000
18303 Lennane \$11,000
26032 Lyndon \$56,000
15141 Sumner \$49,000
11711 Virgil \$36,000

WESTLAND

38071 Carolan Blvd \$24,000
31024 Grandview Ave \$78,000
32231 Grandview Ave \$44,000
8410 Haller St \$18,000
34852 Linden Ln \$85,000
29024 Manchester St \$30,000
7421 Manor Cir \$19,000
8223 Milburn St \$43,000
6826 Moccasin St \$65,000
6926 N Wildwood St \$80,000
7102 Timber Ridge Trl \$152,000
37523 Vincent St \$127,000
28212 Warren Rd \$123,000
28250 Warren Rd \$77,000
33348 Winchester St \$65,000

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560 Berwyn St \$335,000
1950 Bradford Rd \$110,000
1290 Lakeside Dr \$910,000
2553 Manchester Rd \$280,000
313 N Eton St \$40,000
717 N Old Woodward Ave Unit \$160,000
1285 S Bates St \$304,000
518 Townsend St \$1,150,000
547 W Merrill St \$369,000
533 Wallace St \$635,000

BLOOMFIELD HILLS

245 E Berkshire Rd \$150,000

174 Kirkwood Ct \$605,000
500 N Woodward Ave # 100 \$218,000
3949 Orchard Hill Dr \$215,000
1174 Peveril Rd \$119,000
3769 Quarton Rd \$250,000
2600 S Telegraph Rd \$274,000

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP

1861 Brookview Cir \$188,000
3766 Darlington Rd N \$253,000
4056 Golf Ridge Dr E \$155,000
5205 Longmeadow Rd \$297,000
255 N Berkshire Rd \$234,000
1528 Old Chatham Dr \$172,000
2610 Pendleton Dr \$165,000
5420 Saint Martins Ct \$310,000
5398 Van Ness Dr \$218,000
6659 Woodbank Dr \$223,000
3667 Burning Bush Rd \$265,000

FARMINGTON

23148 Floral St \$41,000
32060 Grand River \$40,000

35420 Heritage Ln \$111,000

FARMINGTON HILLS

37564 Baywood Dr \$244,000
31188 Berryhill St \$180,000
31145 Bycroft St \$147,000
29386 Chelsea Xing \$255,000
24397 El Marco Dr \$155,000
29742 Fox Grove Rd \$130,000
21219 Inkster Rd \$20,000
21293 Juniper Ct \$99,000
30324 Le Mans Dr \$182,000
25699 Livingston Cir \$260,000
32315 Middlebelt Rd \$112,000
29727 Monterey Cir \$142,000
30812 Mystic Forest Dr \$230,000
28627 Oak Point Dr \$210,000
21166 Osmus St \$35,000
35054 Quaker Way \$289,000
30715 Shiawassee Rd # 62 \$31,000
30111 Southampton Ln \$160,000
36916 Tina Dr \$252,000
37899 W 12 Mile Rd # C \$275,000

30690 Oakleaf Ln \$708,000

NOVI

22219 Barclay Dr \$355,000
24100 Cranbrooke Dr \$171,000
24861 Davenport Ave \$300,000
27945 Hopkins Dr \$130,000
24454 Myrtle Ct \$365,000
23586 N Rockledge \$45,000
23588 N Rockledge \$42,000
43037 Oxford Ct \$398,000
27596 Sloan St \$45,000
47265 Somerset Ct \$430,000
25345 Sutton Ct \$50,000
39833 Village Wood Ln \$32,000
29389 Whistler Dr \$260,000

SOUTH LYON

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 - Choose, with "for" remark
 - Cartoon
 - Part 3 of remark
 - Delany and Wynter
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 - Head line?
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What Not To Wear To An Interview

Top 20 Wardrobe Malfunctions

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What is the worst outfit ever worn to a job interview? For a career services director at the University of Chicago, it was the applicant who sported a Madras tie as a belt and a patterned cotton hat. Other contenders, according to a CareerBuilder.com survey of hiring managers, include candidates with dirty fingernails, micro-miniskirts, t-shirts with offensive slogans and even bare feet!

No one needs 'Queer Eye's' Carson Kressley to tell them that wearing shoes to an interview is a good idea, but could you be guilty of one of these top 20 fashion faux pas?

1. Carrying a backpack or fannypack instead of a briefcase or portfolio: Some image consultants suggest women ditch their purse, too!

2. Sunglasses on top of your head or headphones around your neck: Be sure to remove all your "transit gear" and tuck it in your briefcase before entering the lobby.

3. Too-short skirts: Forget what some of those gals on 'The Apprentice' are wearing. Your skirt should cover your thighs when you are seated.

4. The wrong tie: Ties should be made of silk, no less than three and a quarter inches wide with a conservative pattern. Image consultants say the best colors are red or burgundy.

5. Overly bright or large-patterned clothing: With the possible exception of creative fields like advertising or computer programming, it's best to stick with navy, black or gray.

6. Heavy makeup on women (or any makeup on a man)

7. Earrings on men: In fact, men should avoid wearing any jewelry unless it is a wedding ring, class ring or metal watch.

8. More than one set of earrings on women

9. Facial piercings, tongue jewelry or visible tattoos

10. Ill-fitting clothes. Few people can wear things straight off the rack. Spending a little extra to have your garments tailored is a worthwhile investment.

11. Long fingernails, especially with bright or specialty polishes. Nails should look clean and be trimmed to a length that doesn't leave an observer wondering how you keep from stabbing yourself.

12. Unnatural hair colors or styles. Remember, Donald Trump was a billionaire well before he began wearing a comb-over. If you're balding, try a close-cropped cut like Bruce Willis or Matt Lauer.

13. Short-sleeved shirts, even worse when worn with a tie

14. Fishnets, patterned hosiery or bare legs (no matter how tan you are). Women should stick with neutral color hosiery that complements their suit.

15. Men whose socks don't match their shoes, or whose socks are too short and leave a gap of flesh when they are seated

16. Rumpled or stained clothing: If interviewing late in the day, try to change to a fresh suit beforehand.

17. Scuffed or inappropriate footwear, including sneakers, stilettos, open-toed shoes and sandals

18. Strong aftershaves, perfumes or colognes: Many people are allergic to certain scents. For a subtle fragrance, use a good quality bath soap.

19. Belts and shoes that don't match: Shoes and belts should be made of leather or leather-like materials and the best colors for men are black or cordovan.

20. Telltale signs that you're wearing a new suit. Remove all tags and extra buttons — and remember to cut off the zigzag thread that keeps pockets and slits closed!

Don't be a wardrobe malfunction waiting to happen. Plan and lay out what you're going to wear several days before the interview, so you'll have time to shop or get garments pressed and cleaned.

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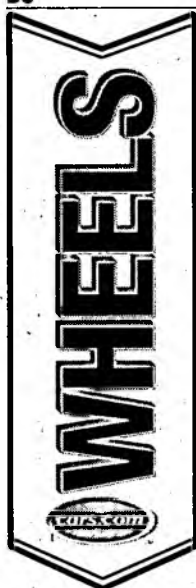
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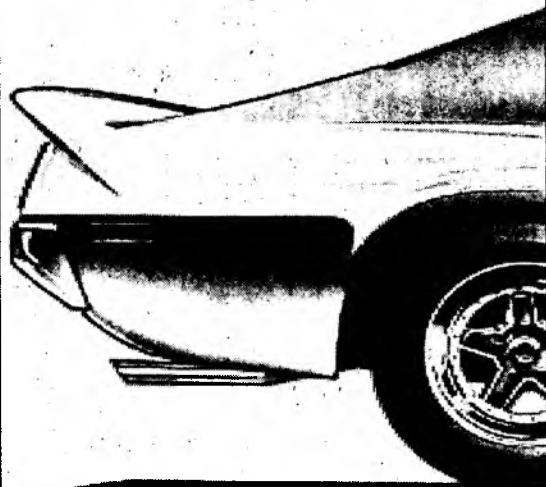
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