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Residents reappointed

Several residents were reappointed to boards and commissions at the Thursday, Jan. 19, Northville Township Board of Trustees meeting.

Voting unanimously, trustees reappointed George McCarthy and Timothy Zawodny to the Planning Commission.

Also by unanimous vote, Donald Webb was reappointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals, and John Colling and Dan Schneider to the Historic District Commission.

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Twp. scores major U-M project

Health facility hailed as job creator

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

The University of Michigan Health System will lease property to build on Seven Mile Road in Northville Township near the closed psychiatric hospital.

The ambulatory care facility will be 100,000 square feet, said Mark Abbo, township supervisor,

with potential to expand an additional 100,000 square feet. "Something's brewing on the Seven Mile property," he said at Thursday's Board of Trustees meeting.

Plans are for a site plan by spring, site development by the end of the year and 2014 completion.

"I think this is going to be a great anchor," Abbo said of the

plan, approved by U-M's Board of Regents earlier on Jan. 19. "I think it's perfect for the site."

The lease will be taxable, he added, a benefit to the township.

"We will do everything we can to expedite it," Abbo said after the meeting. "I love the concept."

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MARK ABBO
Northville Township supervisor

Snow time



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Monty Kamposh enjoys a sled down the hill at Amerman Elementary on Jan. 21. Winter showed up at least for awhile last week as the area got about 3 inches of snow on Jan. 20.

And then there were two

Pair of candidates left to fill Wadsworth's seat

By Lonnie Huhman
Correspondent

The Northville Board of Education whittled the list of candidates down for the open board seat from eight to two Jan. 19 after Will Bryan and Cynthia Jankowski were named as the finalists to take over for Joan Wadsworth.

"I looked at the current makeup of the board and what could be added to our board makeup to better it or enhance," said Dottie Garrity, board president.

She said it was an incredibly difficult decision because all eight were qualified and could bring something different to the table. Board vice president Ken Roth

concurred, saying it was an outstanding field. The candidates, all Northville residents, have backgrounds in business, law, education and community volunteering.

"I have been impressed that so many took the time to do some reading and thinking about the district," Wadsworth said of the field.

Bryan said he has previous experience serving on a school board while living in Indianapolis. He has been a resident of Northville for six years and has four children in the district. He said tackling the financial issues will be the big challenge.

Jankowski said her motivation to

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City Council, staff map out goals for 2012-13

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Recycling in downtown Northville to include plastic, office paper and glass is in the works for this summer, along with a number of steps outlined Jan. 23 at a Northville City Council special meeting to set goals and objectives for 2012-13.

"I like the progress on what we've been doing," said Mayor Chris Johnson. The city continues to provide quality services in challenging times, he said.

"We still have a couple of difficult years ahead of us," Johnson said, noting good staff and the council's cooperation make a big difference.

Department of Public Works Director Jim Gallogly was among department heads explaining such services as recycling downtown slated for around June 1 of this year. Only cardboard is currently recycled downtown, Gallogly said.

Under the new recycling effort, "toters" will be placed near downtown Dumpsters, he said, adding many businesses have requested such a service.

The council listed as high-priority projects long-term financial stability, including pension obligations. The council members will lobby legislators on that, with City Manager Patrick Sullivan

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Sandwich selection wins Northville woman \$20,000 in Culver's contest

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

A lot of people will take advantage of an instant winning ticket for a free soft drink or fries, but there are probably quite a few who don't bother going online to enter numbers for another chance at a prize.

Kate Mansell did take the time to enter for a chance at another prize and ended up winning \$20,000 in the Pay It Off, Live It Up contest sponsored by Culver's and Pepsi.

"It's amazing. I've never won anything in my life. I'm glad to start with something big," said Mansell, who got

her winning ticket at Culver's of Westland. "I better enter every sweepstakes I can — I'm feeling lucky."

A Northville resident, Mansell has worked for nearly nine years at the Lowe's Home Improvement located across Newburgh from Culver's. To earn a contest entry, Mansell had to order a grilled or crispy chicken sandwich basket — she went for grilled — and also ordered a Pepsi soft drink.

"I took a chance and entered the code online, I got picked. I was surprised. I forgot what I entered for," said Mansell, who works in



Kate Mansell (center) receives a ceremonial check for her \$20,000 prize in the Pay It Off, Live It Up contest sponsored by Culver's and Pepsi. Joining her are Culver's of Westland General Manager Jamie Bell (from left), Westland Mayor William Wild, Culver's co-founder and CEO Craig Culver and Culver's of Westland owner Linda Fitzpatrick.

receiving at Lowe's. "I thought it was \$1,000. I had all the paperwork. My mom was skeptical. It said I was a potential winner. They had to verify everything."

Mansell's parents Kathy and Bob accompanied her Jan. 11 to the official presentation of the ceremonial check

by Culver's co-founder and CEO Craig Culver at the Westland restaurant. The prize money had already been given to Mansell on two Visa debit cards.

Noting the contest, designed to promote Culver's use of antibiotic-free premium chicken and Pepsi Max, was

held at 445 restaurants in 19 states, Culver said. Mansell was a very lucky person to win the cash prize.

"She had a great chicken sandwich — the best chicken sandwich she ever had," Culver said.

With her prize money, Mansell said she plans to do exactly what the con-

test name says by paying some bills, using part of the money for a down payment on a new Ford and taking a trip to the California wine country.

"Because I've never been there," said Mansell, who is 33 and single.

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HGTV’s Cucksey turns old into new at warehouse

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

Whether it’s furniture from the 1950s, an antique sewing machine or an old record player, there is probably something for everyone at the Re-Purpose Estate Services warehouse in Westland.

“Believe it or not, taxidermy is hot right now. There is a collector for everything,” said Cari Cucksey, owner of RePurpose and host of HGTV’s *Cash and Cari* program.

The company’s location on Commerce Drive will be the site of a silent auction event 6-10:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 27, and warehouse sale 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 28. The silent auction will include some art sculptures and high-end items along with some mid-range items.

“We’ve been having monthly warehouse sales. It seems to be catching on. People come from all over — Tennessee and Ohio — which is great,” said Cucksey, who also has a 1,700-square-foot store in downtown Northville.

Old to new

The warehouse space houses an office, storage and also creative space for Cucksey who, as the company’s name indicates, repurposes old items into new uses.

An estate liquidator for about 12 years, Cucksey’s business has been in the warehouse for four years. The store opened in conjunction with the television show, which started filming just over a year ago.

“We opened the store as a result of the television show. Northville is small town America. We live

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there, so it made sense,” said Cucksey, whose business partner is her husband, Vince Iafano. “The show and the shop have been fantastic. It has definitely been a blessing for business, especially in this economy.”

Growing up in the 1908 Sears and Roebuck house, Cucksey said her family was always into antiques.

“I love a little bit of everything. I love mid-century modern, Art Nouveau,” she said. “I have a little knowledge about a lot of things. That’s good for a liquidator. You learn a lot on the job.”

With about 20 employees, Cucksey’s firm handles estate sales which have a minimum \$10,000 value and also will buy all or some of a home’s contents when an estate sale isn’t possible or wanted by the owners. It’s not always a sale after the owners have died.

“It’s really a mixed bag. There are a lot of people who are downsizing. They get caught up with buying too much or maybe they’ve been bequeathed an estate and don’t know



Cari Cucksey, host of HGTV’s Cash and Cari program, is based out of a Westland warehouse.

what to do with it,” said Cucksey. “We don’t take a lot on consignment and we don’t take a lot of collectibles, like Hummels (figurines).”

Positive trend

Estates are becoming more popular, which Cucksey sees as a positive trend.

“I hope that people are more conscious and not so quick to throw away things,” she said. “If you buy more vintage and antiques, you’ll be more green. But you’re also sharing stories and traditions. I think I help facilitate that.”

To that end, Cucksey has an affiliate business training people to start estate sale business.

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Kowall bows out of Congressional race

By Philip Allmen
Staff Writer

Mike Kowall said he's staying in Lansing.

The state Senator from White Lake Township announced last week during Gov. Rick Snyder's State of the State address that he is suspending his 2012 campaign for the U.S. House of Representatives 11th District seat (which includes the cities of Novi and Northville as well as Northville Township).

Kowall announced his bid for the congressional seat last summer while Thaddeus McCotter, the Livonia Republican cur-



Mike Kowall

rently serving the 11th District, explored a presidential bid. At the time, Kowall said the redistricted congressional boundaries shifted the bulk of the district to Oakland County, including his entire Senate district, making him more familiar with the constituents' views.

"It was more of a family decision," Kowall said Friday afternoon. "We decided as a family it was not a good time. Once you go to Washington, you're gone."

Kowall, who was elected to the state Senate in November 2010, previously worked as the White Lake Township supervisor and a member of the Michigan House of Representatives.

Kowall said Michigan looks to be on the road to recovery after a busy year for Republicans in Lansing.

"We've really turned the cor-

ner as far as from the red to the black," he said, citing budget changes, including eliminating the Michigan Business Tax. "We've eliminated job-killing regulations and streamlined state government."

This year, Kowall said the focus will be on implementing the new laws legislators put in place.

"It's more than bringing in new companies. What are we doing with the companies that are already here? Like the tubing company in South Lyon. Those are companies we need to focus on. What can we do to help them?"

Kowall points to a meeting he had with Sen. Tom Casperson, who represents Menominee in the Upper Peninsula, as a way legislators can support business. They want to connect a manufacturer of small helicop-

ters there with potential Saudi Arabian buyers, which if successful could bring hundreds of jobs to the U.P., according to Kowall.

"There's really some exciting stuff going on," he said. "It's not just Oakland County."

Kowall said he wants the Senate Economic Development Committee, which he chairs, to hold joint policy hearings on education, local government and perhaps state medical policy.

He said he hears comments from companies coming to Michigan that while the state has an educated workforce, "the majority that apply are not well trained... There's something lacking. We're so focused on sending kids to college, we're forgetting the skilled trades... We need to nurture that along."

The hearings would give educators a chance to hear directly from businesses, not an elected official, of what they need, said Kowall.

He also wants to see a port authority created for metro Detroit, something he said "has the potential for creating a lot of jobs" and more funding for schools.

Kowall's Senate term expires at the end of 2014. While Kowall is no longer seeking the congressional post, McCotter will face challenges for the seat in both the primary and general elections. Republican Kerry Bentivolio, a Milford Republican, and Syed Taj, a Canton Democrat, both said they are running for the position.

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Monday's the last day to register for primary voters

By Christopher Behnan
Gannett News Service

Michiganders who want to have their say on the intensifying GOP presidential race have until Monday to register to vote for the Feb. 28 primary election.

The election also will have a Democratic ballot, though incumbent Democratic President Barack Obama is seeking his party's nomination unopposed.

Voters can register to

vote by mail, at Oakland or Wayne county, city or township clerks' offices or Secretary of State offices.

Voters must be at least 18 years old by Feb. 28 and be U.S. citizens. They must also be residents of the community they want to register in.

The Feb. 28 election is a "closed primary," which means both absentee voters and those voting in-person must request in writing either the Democratic or Republican bal-

lot in order to vote.

Voters don't have to register party affiliation to vote in the primary, however.

Republican lawmakers introduced legislation, now law, making the Feb. 28 primary a closed primary. The new law also requires the secretary of state's office to make public voters' party information collected for the election within 71 days following the primary.

Also under the law, voters' party informa-

tion must be destroyed after expiration of the 22-month federal election records retention period.

The Aug. 7 primary for local elections, by contrast, will be an "open primary." That means voters will be able to make their choices on one ballot without requesting a partisan ballot.

Absentee ballots can be requested by mail through 2 p.m. Feb. 25 and in person through 4 p.m. Feb. 27. Emergency absentee ballots are avail-

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Voters who select the GOP ballot can vote for U.S. Rep. Michele Bachmann, Herman Cain, Newt Gingrich, Jon Huntsman, Gary Johnson, Fred Karger, U.S. Rep. Ron Paul, Texas Gov. Rick Perry, Buddy Roemer, Mitt Romney or Rick Santorum.

While their names will appear on the ballot, at least Bachmann, Cain, Huntsman and Perry have already ended their campaigns.

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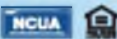
The credit union's newest branch, DFCU Novi, is now open. It's located at 39570 10 Mile Road near Haggerty Road. As part of the Grand Opening, community members are invited to join the credit union for Family Fun Day on Saturday, February 11, from 9:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Bring the whole family to enjoy games, activities, prizes, refreshments and a few surprises, too.

While you are enjoying Family Fun Day, you are invited to help DFCU Financial support the Novi schools. Open and account or close a loan at the new Novi branch and DFCU Financial will donate \$25 to the Novi Education Foundation through the Schools and You (SAY) program. Please visit dfcufinancial.com for details.

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Watkins one of four finalists for Florida job

Tom Watkins, a Northville resident and former Michigan schools superintendent was selected Jan. 18 as one of four finalist to be interviewed to lead the nation's 11th largest school district – Palm Beach County, Fla.

Watkins served as Michigan's state superintendent of schools from 2001-2005 and was the president and CEO of the Economic Council of Palm Beach County, 1996-2001.

Watkins also took on the extra duty of serving on the Detroit School Board simultaneously with his term of state superintendent. He oversaw Michigan's implementation of No Child Left Behind and tossed out a state-wide accreditation system developed by his predecessor that was solely based on Michigan's standardized test.

Watkins said at the time, "Our schools, teachers and, most importantly, our students, are more than the sum total of a single test given on a single day." He pulled together a coalition of educators, business leaders and other stakeholders and developed a new accreditation system that looked at not only test scores but other indicators of student success.

Watkins wrote a book, "They Help Us Paint Rainbows", that the business community underwrote that he distributed to recognize the many great teachers across our state.

Bill Cecil, Michigan's 2003-2004 Teacher of the Year, praised Watkins for

his focus on helping lift up teaching and learning. Cecil wrote in a reference letter for Watkins: "What impressed me most about Tom as an educational leader was his ability to remain dedicated, committed and focused on the right things – teaching, learning and children."

Dr. Jeremy Hughes who served as Watkins chief academic officer and is now superintendent of Plymouth-Canton Schools, wrote in his reference letter: "Tom is the most creative, innovative, and child-centered educator I have ever known." Hughes went on to say Watkins is "a visionary" who thinks ahead of the crowd, sighting Watkins' 2004 report "Structural Problems Facing Michigan Schools in the 21st Century," that foreshadowed what is playing out in every school district in Michigan today.

Watkins, an international education and business consultant, said he is able to walk in multiple communities and is equally comfortable in the corporate board room and in our state's toughest neighborhoods.

During this past holiday season, Watkins volunteered his time in a southwest Detroit school and collected over 400 books to give to the children in need.

Watkins is known for calling our public schools "The true Statute of Liberty of the great country of ours" and calling Michigan's great teachers "the torch lighting the way for us all."

Workshop



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Northville High School students work on some vocal exercises on Jan. 24: (l to r) Ellen O'Brien, Haley Spindler, Morgan LaLonde, Kate Step, Savannah Maize and Halle Bins. These students of the NHS Choir Department -- and others -- will be helping out at its four-hour singing, dancing and theatre activities workshop on Saturday, Feb. 4, at Northville High. The workshop is open to third through fifth graders. For registration information, send an e-mail to prycema@northville.k12.mi.us.

NORTHVILLE SCHOOL BRIEFS

Senior All Night Party tickets on sale now

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

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

Early Learning Series

Northville Public Schools presents

the Early Learning Series for parents with children from birth to 5 with educational consultant Cathy Shapero as the presenter. She will provide relevant information to provide balance in your child's life to maximize learning. Workshops include:

March 13-Understanding and Embracing Your Child's Personality and Learning Style to Maximize Learning

The workshops are free and run from 6:30-8 p.m. at the Northville Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main. Free child care is provided for children 33 months and toilet trained (pre-registration required). Donations will be collected for Northville Civic Concern. Call (248) 344-8465.

NORTHVILLE ON CAMPUS Western Michigan University

The fall 2011 Dean's List (students must have earned at least a 3.5 grade point average in at least 12 hours of graded class work) includes the following Northville students: Jordyn Bell, David Engerer, Samantha Evasic, Lia Gargaro, Thomas Klarr, David Marcus, Erik Markstrom, William Nini-vaggi, Sarah O'Brien, Marie Samson, Stephanie Sorenson, Paige Stuart, Lauren Switalski and Jeffrey Woodside.



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Contemporary cabinets, solid surface counters and stainless steel appliances are some of the latest trends in kitchen design and products that will be showcased at the Novi Home improvement Show. More than 50 kitchen and bath exhibitors will offer consumers the newest products and services in home remodeling and improvement. The show runs Jan. 27-29 at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi.



Home Improvement Show coming to the Suburban Collection Showplace

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) is sponsoring the Novi Home Improvement Show featuring the Michigan Kitchen and Bath show, Jan. 27-29 at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi. The show is part of the National Home & Garden Series presented by Dish.

Anything and everything you need to remodel and design your home can be found under one roof. Browse exhibits in kitchen and bath interiors, windows, doors, flooring, furniture, cabinetry and more.

At the show, enter to win valuable giveaways, including:

- \$10,000 worth of windows from Wallside Windows.
- Catnapper recliner, Spring Air queen size bed mattresses and Ashley furniture living room set from ABC Warehouse—one prize per day.
- “Treasure Chest” giveaways. Enter to win prizes by filling out a special coupon and dropping in boxes throughout the show.

Featured “Michigan Kitchen and Bath” exhibitors will showcase the latest trends. The Michigan chapter of the National Kitchen and Bath Association (NKBA) will be available to answer questions and help you design your kitchen or bath. Free consultations with a designer from the American Society of Interior Designers

DETAILS

Event: Novi Home Improvement Show
Location: Suburban Collection Showplace, Grand River, between Novi and Beck roads
Dates: Jan. 27-29
Hours: Friday 2-9 p.m., Saturday 11 a.m.-9 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m.-6 p.m.
Admission: Adults (ages 13 and up) is \$8; seniors (ages 55 and over) is \$7; and children ages 12 and under are admitted free. Purchase advance tickets online at novihomeshow.com and receive a one-year subscription to Better Homes & Gardens, or buy tickets at Metro Detroit Home Depot stores for \$6 (a \$2 discount). A \$1-off admission coupon is available at novihomeshow.com, Metro-Detroit Hungry Howie's Pizza locations, in the January issue of Indoor/Outdoor magazine, and area newspapers.

(ASID) will be available, as well as inspirational room settings and how-to clinics. Browse sales on home theater furniture and flat-screen TVs from ABC Warehouse and appliance deals from Big George's and Witbeck Home Appliance Mart. Special appearance by “America's Master Handyman” Glenn Haeg of WJR.

Wine tasting, acoustic entertainment get council nod

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Changes are coming to the Cider Mill on Baseline Road following a unanimous vote by the Northville City Council on Jan. 17.

“It'll give us a chance to display our wines and give the community a chance to come in and enjoy them,” said Robert Nelson Jr., co-owner of the Northville Winery with wife Carina.

The council voted to allow a tasting room at 630 Baseline Road, an additional tasting area at 714 Baseline Road, and two tasting rooms with adjacent seating areas outside.

Police Chief Gary Goss told council members a transfer of the liquor license from the cider mill to the Northville Brewing Co. was needed for legal reasons by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission. The city's Board of Zoning Appeals had voted Dec. 7 that the additional location for a seasonal tasting room and full-service wine tasting bar were not an expansion of a non-conforming use.

The Nelsons passed a police department check, Goss added.

Hours of operation for the winery will be 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-midnight Friday and Saturday, noon-5 p.m. Sunday. The Nelsons had modified their earlier plans for use of a 10,000-square-foot area near Baseline which would have required an entertainment permit.

Music will now be acoustic, piano and guitar, not requiring such a permit, Goss said.

“We're not really looking to do music late at night where it would be distracting to the residents,” said Nelson, who also described plans for attractive fencing.

He noted in an interview the

previous owner started wine sales by the glass in 1982, along with bottled wine sales that year. “We picked up where he left off,” Nelson said.

Some residents had earlier objected to the Nelsons' plans but no one spoke in protest to the council last Tuesday. Northville Winery bottles seven wines under its label as well as two hard ciders.

“We plan to do some things like a rotating cider,” Nelson said. Train tracks run near the facility, and he noted the success of the Sidetrack restaurant in Ypsilanti, also near train tracks.

He and Carina took over from his parents, Rob and Cheryl Nelson, and aunt and uncle Mel and Diane Jones, who continue to run the cider mill, known to many as Parmenter's. “I'm working alongside them doing wines,” the younger Nelson said.

“It's part of the mix of the product all these years,” his father added. “It certainly has grown in the wholesale business.”

The family noted there's some paperwork that follows the council approval, and the business should ideally reopen in February.

“There is no amplification proposed,” said Mayor Pro tem Jim Allen. Councilwoman Nancy Darga said, “I'm glad that you want to reinvest.”

Darga asked about riverbank erosion on the family's business property. “We've been working on that for the past few years,” the younger Nelson said.

In other business, the council unanimously approved spending \$2,488 for Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART) special services, for seniors and the disabled.

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Volunteers needed for Rouge stonefly search

Friends of the Rouge is looking for volunteers who want to help look for stoneflies in the Rouge River on Saturday, Jan. 28.

The search begins at the University of Michigan-Dearborn at 9 a.m. No searching is done in Dearborn; volunteers carpool out in 10-12 teams to Rouge streams located around metropolitan Detroit.

Volunteers must pre-register by Jan. 20 on the FOTR website at www.therouge.org or by calling (313) 792-9621.

Winter stoneflies hatch from streams in winter and are sensitive to pollution, making them good indicators of water quality. Friends of the Rouge volunteers have been looking for stoneflies every winter since 2002. Last year, 95 volunteers participated, but very few stoneflies were found. The lack of stoneflies was attributed to extreme cold during and around the date of the hunt. The search date was moved to a week later in hopes of finding more of the sensitive creatures.

Volunteers must dress for the weather and be prepared to be out in the cold for several hours. Only trained team leaders go in the water; volunteers search through samples on the bank. Children five years and older are welcome when accompanied by a participating adult. Groups of up to six people can be accommodated.

The Annual Winter Stonefly Search is part of a long-term monitoring program coordinated by Friends of the Rouge. It is supported by the



Stoneflies are sensitive to pollution and indicative of the water quality.

Fred A. and Barbara M. Erb Family Foundation and conducted in partnership with Wayne County Department of Public Services and the Alliance of Rouge Communities. A report on the results from the Fall Bug Hunt held Oct. 15 was just completed.

Friends of the Rouge is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to promoting restoration and stewardship

of the Rouge River ecosystem through education, citizen involvement and other collaborative efforts, for the purpose of improving the quality of life for the people, plants, and animals of the watershed.

The Rouge River covers 466 square miles in three counties and 42 communities in the metropolitan Detroit area. For more information, go online to www.therouge.org.

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HALLE BINS

Join the Northville High School Drama Club as it presents the fun, family-friendly musical "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" at 7 p.m. Jan. 27 and 2 and 7 p.m. Jan. 28. General admission tickets are \$5. Pictured (l to r, back) are Kaitlyn Kallas (Sally), Blake Currie (Linus), Michael Dause (Schroeder), Madison Merlanti (Lucy), Dominic Seipenko (Charlie Brown); (front) Lauren Wickett (Woodstock) and Brian Grimmmer (Snoopy). Please call (248) 349-3400, Ext. 50427, for full ticket sales information.

SEAT

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serve is a lifelong desire and believes she can bring something to the table. She has a legal background and is a member of the Legislative Action Network (LAN) which helps represent the district in Lansing. She said establishing the International Baccalaureate program would be an important goal.

The interview processes started on Jan. 17 with two candidates going before the board and then Thursday six more were asked the same five questions with a sixth being a mystery or situational one. The board asked them about their motivations, what characteristics they thought a member needed, their hopes for the 11-

month term, and what potential challenges they think the board could face and solutions.

Using a point system the board selected the top candidates. Each board member picked his or her top three with the number one pick getting three points, and so on.

Roland Hwang came in third, and it was his educational background and experience, as well as his ethnicity that made him an attractive candidate. Some board and audience members expressed the need to have more diversity represented.

Hwang and the others will have another chance when the seat comes up for election next November.

The board's final decision was expected to come at their regular meeting on Tuesday, after the *Record* went to press.

FACILITY

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Lease for 25 years

It's a 25-year lease. The dilapidated psychiatric hospital building won't come down immediately, Abbo said, but he hopes the project initiates further development on the site.

REIS (Real Estate Investment Group-Schostak) owns 82 acres from which U-M will lease land for the facility. It'll be east of the closed psychiatric hospital buildings, Abbo said, closer to Haggerty.

"It was fabulous news," a beaming Abbo said. "I was very excited."

He's unsure just how many jobs will be created. Abbo called it a sign "Michigan's economy is starting to gain some momentum."

"I'm hoping so," Abbo said of the closed psychiatric hospital buildings being torn down. "I would love to see continued development. For us, it's different and that's good," he added, noting Northville Township is mostly residential and commercial.

Northville Township Trustee Christopher Roosen said, "I obviously think it's a fantastic proposal. I'm sure they're going to build a facility that's first class."

Roosen, who offered a "Go Blue" on the news, only heard of it at Thursday's meeting.

"Universities and hospitals have really only been the two entities building projects," he said. Securing such a project requires patience and working with people, Roosen said.

"It's a natural for us," said Roosen, who down the road would like a continuum of care for seniors or perhaps for veterans. "We will do whatever it takes to get U-M to come to the community."

PARK MASTER PLAN TO BE UNVEILED TONIGHT

A park master plan for redevelopment of the 7 Mile Road property in Northville Township will be presented at a special meeting of the Township Board of Trustees at 7 p.m. tonight in the Community Room at the township municipal office at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville. The concept plan for the 350-acre site of the former Northville State Regional Psychiatric Hospital reflects a nearly year-long public outreach effort and incorporates feedback from the trustees, a Green Ribbon Committee of 30 local residents and more than 900 survey responses. The plan was designed and will be presented by a team from Stantec, the township's engineering and landscape architect consultant. In September, four conceptual plans were gener-

ated to illustrate potential design alternatives for the 7 Mile Road property. The plans were available online and at the township offices for five weeks. Feedback forms solicited comments specific to each plan. The surveys were used to gauge the desirability of specific uses and design features for the property. The final master plan incorporates desired components from each plan. Common elements in all four plan designs were the preservation of key natural features and resources, while opening the land for community wide active, passive and recreational opportunities. A summary of the responses can be found on the township website at www.twp.northville.mi.us/7milemasterplan.

Livonia remaining open. U-M also has a facility in Canton which will remain. "We will be adding more physicians to our group," Spahlinger said of Northville Township. "There'll be jobs associated with that."

Those include nurses, medical assistants, radiation technologists and clerical staff. Spahlinger couldn't say how many construction jobs will be created, noting a developer will build the center on the leased property. "This has been on our planning for a long time," Spahlinger said of the Northville Township project, which competed with other capital needs. "It's not something we decided recently."

The plan wasn't a tough sell to the Board of Regents, he said of the \$39 million project. The expansion site is near the U-M's existing Livonia Center for Specialty Care.

The U-M facility will include 100,000 square feet of clinical and diagnostic space for caring for adults and children.

"The care provided by the University of Michigan Health System is consistently ranked among the nation's best, and with this project we have the opportunity to bring that care closer to home for patients who live in that part of Wayne County," said Doug Strong, chief executive officer of the U-M Hospitals and Health Centers, in a statement. "We strive to create the ideal patient care experience and part of that experience is convenience," said Jeanne D. Rizzo, executive direc-

tor of Ambulatory Care Services for UMHS, in a statement. "With this expansion, we will be able to provide additional services, as well as UMHS expertise and quality care, in the Northville area."

Varied services

In addition to primary and specialty care, the Health System's newest center is expected to offer a musculoskeletal program, designed to care for bones, joints and muscles; eye care for adults and children; radiology services such as diagnostic imaging, bone ultrasound and magnetic resonance imaging; infusion for cancer and noncancer treatment; and a medical procedure unit.

"It's a wonderful thing," said state Rep. Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth, the day after the announcement. "It means more jobs and more economic development. It's a great location."

Heise said it's part of a larger brownfield redevelopment for the psychiatric hospital property "which has been long sought by the township. It's a great win."

Northville Township has received state funds for that, Heise said, and by such achievement can leverage into additional funding from the state.

The U-M's Faculty Group Practice, a physician group that includes more than 1,600 members, manages 1.8 million patient visits at outpatient clinics throughout Southeast Michigan.

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NORTHVILLE COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Community Events

BLOOD DRIVES

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-2:45 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 28
Location: Amerman Elementary, 847 N. Center, Northville

Time/Date: 8 a.m.-2:45 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 29
Location: Our Lady of Victory Church, 133 Orchard Street, Northville

Time/Date: 2-1:45 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 31
Location: Deerfield Elementary, 26500 Wixom Road, Novi

Time/Date: 2-7:45 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 31
Location: Novi Sports Club, 42500 Arena Drive, Novi

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-2:45 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 2
Location: Henry Ford Medical Center, 39450 W. 12 Mile, Novi

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE CODE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION CHAPTER 82 –FLOODPLAIN REGULATION

The following ordinance was introduced to the Board of Trustees at the December 15, 2011 Regular meeting. This ordinance was adopted at the January 19, 2012 Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Chapter 82 - Floodplain Regulation

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sue A. Hillebrand
Clerk

Publish: January 26, 2012

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ENGAGEMENT



Nicole Feielin and Nicholas Reilly

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Michael and Robin Reilly of Novi announce the engagement of their son Nicholas Michael Reilly to Nicole Diane Feielin, of Canton, Ohio.

The groom-elect is a 2003 graduate of Catholic Central High School. The bride-to-be is a 2003 graduate of Glen Oak High School in Canton.

Nick and Nicole are graduates of the University of Toledo where they met. Nick is employed with Deloitte & Touche in Detroit, and Nicole is employed with Trinity Health in Farmington Hills.

A winter January 2012 wedding is taking place in Novi.

ENGAGEMENT

Deianey & Steeie

Former Northville residents Linda and Jim Delaney, of Madison, Miss., announce the engagement of their daughter, Kyle Patrice Delaney, of Wichita, Kan., to Sherman Alan Steele, of Dallas.

The bride-to-be is a 2001 graduate of Northville High School and a 2006 graduate of Eastern Michigan University. She is a third grade teacher at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School in Wichita.

The groom-elect is the son of Keith and Linda Steele, of Ulysses, Kan. He is a 2003 graduate of Ulysses High School and a 2008 graduate of Kansas State University. He works for Schmidt and Stacy Consulting Engineers in Dallas.

A July 7, 2012, wedding in Wichita is planned.



Sherman Steele and Kyle Delaney

ENGAGEMENT

Kocsis & Dutkeywych

Christie Kocsis and Mike Dutkeywych, both of Ferndale, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Tom & Patrice Kocsis, of Rochester Hills. She is a hairstylist and make-up artist at Creations Salon.

The groom-elect is the son of Janet Dutkeywych, of Riverview, Mich.

He graduated from Wayne State University and is an editorial director at Blue Wheel Media.

A September 2012 wedding in Detroit is planned.



Christie Kocsis and Mike Dutkeywych

First Baby of 2012



Caiden James Robinson was the first baby born at the St. Mary Mercy Miracle of Life Birthing Center in 2012. Congratulations to proud parents Kevin Robinson and Kelsey Soronen of Westland. Kelsey gave birth to Caiden James at 4:20 p.m. on Jan. 1. Caiden weighed in at seven pounds, five ounces and was 19.75 inches long. He is Kevin and Kelsey's first baby.

NORTHVILLE ETC.

Meetings

NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
Date: Second and fourth Tuesday of the month
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Location: Old Village School

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

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEETING
Date: Third Tuesday of each month
Time: 8 a.m.
Location: City Hall Meeting Room A, on lower level, 215 W. Main St.
Contact: downtownnorthville.com

Birth



Anna Pearl Pack

Jonathan and Victoria (Stephens) Pack, of Traverse City, Mich., announce the birth of their baby daughter, Amanda Pearl Pack, born July 7, 2011, at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City.

Grandparents are Carl and Karen Stephens, of Northville, and Jon and Karen Pack, of Kingsley, Mich.

Great-grandparents are Carl and the late Pearl Stephens, of Northville; John and Lois Winters, of Northville; and Nancy O'Hara, of Traverse City.

Birth

Peneiope Rose Mei Qi Culp

Todd William and Juliet Elise Culp of Northville are proud to announce the adoption of their second daughter, Penelope Rose Mei Qi, born May 5, 2010, in Chenzhou City, China, and adopted Nov. 7, 2011.

Her middle name, Rose Mei Qi, is a combination of a paternal family name and her given Cantonese name.

Grandparents are William and Carole Jean Stockhausen of Northville and Bill and Kitty Culp of Richmond, Ky., formerly of Canton. She has many aunts and uncles — Luke and Sarah of Seattle, Rachel and Ryan of Northville, Clara of Northville, and Dale of Fla. Serving as godparents are Karen Martin and Robert Grant both of Northville.

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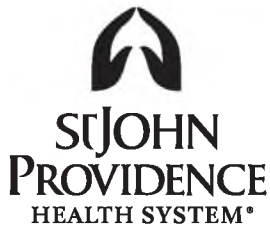
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noting legislators appreciate hearing from local elected officials.

Work force smaller
The city has 41 employ-

ees as of 2011, down from 58 in 2006. The city also undertook an HVAC upgrade designed to improve energy efficiency.

Fire Chief Jim Allen described the Jan. 1 merger with the City of Plymouth for fire serv-

ices as smooth. "It's run about what we're figuring on," said Allen, with 54 Plymouth runs and 42 Northville runs as of Monday.

The fire department plans to do some hiring from the academy, "having our numbers up

where we want to be," Allen said.

The city of Northville ended the last fiscal year with positive financial results and another GFOA Distinguished Budget Award.

Among medium-priority projects are:

- Water and sewer system improvements -- A leak detection survey will be done early this year to identify possible leaks. Replacement of a watermain on South Rogers from Main to Seven Mile will begin this spring. Its larger size

will provide better fire-fighting ability.

- Implementation of Downtown Strategic Plan -- The East Main Street Walkway Project is under way, with completion anticipated in June.
- Street, sidewalk and bike path improvements -- The city was successful in having funding programmed for 2013 to resurface portions of Center Street, Seven Mile and Eight Mile, including the Center Street intersection with those two roads.

The city also completed another \$35,000 worth of sidewalk repair in 2011. The city and Northville Township participated in the completion of a new pathway along Sheldon to help connect the Northville Township non-motorized path system to the city.

Police

City Police Chief Gary Goss told the council his department has used technology for records management through Oakland County. Maintenance fees are an issue, he said.

The system has been used by a number of agencies and officers say it's user-friendly, Goss said. Administrations for police agencies have had trouble getting data, however.

"We don't have to get a Motorola team coming in at rather high expense," Goss said of working out the bugs, which should be done by the end of the fiscal year.

His department is replacing one retiring policeman, with Goss noting all candidates have bachelor's degrees, a standard Northville is able to set. The successful candidate with go through three and a half months of additional local training.

Goss also praised use of social media as an "electronic neighborhood watch," helpful in a case of a missing suicidal teen.

"I just can't get my head around police officers tweeting," said Councilwoman Nancy Darga.

Sue Campbell, director of Northville Youth Assistance, said the program will look at recidivism among young people as well as camp opportunities and adequate funding.

"We're working on our communication tools this year," including the website, Campbell said.

Annual process

The council and staff also discussed redevelopment of Mill Pond, noting a lack of current funds but possibility of grants. That was reworded to Mill Pond and watershed enhancements.

The City Council took no formal action Monday but agreed on the goals for the coming year, as members do each January. The council moved to low priority the post office property, with a recent five-year lease extension signed.

Council members also agreed the board/commission followup process is largely completed.

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CAMPBELL, AUDREY H.

Age 85, longtime resident of South Lyon, passed away January 3, 2012 in Ann Arbor, Michigan. She was born April 17, 1926 in Wimbledon, England to Arthur and Mabel Daisy (nee Revell) Latchford. Audrey was united in marriage to George W. Campbell on July 23, 1943, and they spent 57 loving years together until his death in 2000. Audrey, a homemaker, also worked at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Northville as the church secretary. She was a member of Cross of Christ Lutheran Church and Daughter's of the British Empire. Her love of teaching children made her a wonderful church preschool and kindergarten teacher. She was an avid reader, who also enjoyed knitting and making decorative eggs with her friends. Audrey is survived by her loving daughter, Wendy Butler; her granddaughter, Rachel (John) Gray; her great grandchildren, John and Madelyn; and her brother, Kenneth Latchford, PhD. She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, and her brothers Maurice Latchford, Ronald Latchford, and Dennis Latchford. A memorial service will be held Saturday, February 4, 2012 at 3 p.m. at Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, 24155 Griswold, South Lyon. Pastor Terry Nelson will officiate the service. Mrs. Campbell will be laid to rest at South Lyon Cemetery. The family would appreciate memorial contributions to Michigan Humane Society, 30300 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 220, Bingham Farms, MI 48025. Arrangements entrusted to Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. of South Lyon.



LANNING, LOUIS W.

Age 86, passed away January 21, 2012, surrounded by his loving family. He was born on May 1, 1925, son of the late Louis and Dora Lanning. He was a proud Army veteran serving in the Pacific theater on Okinawa during WWII. He was a past commander and life member of the Northville VFW Post 4012. He is survived by his beloved wife Margaret; his loving children: Chuck Lanning, Vicki (George) Daubresse, Bob Lanning, Kay (Mike) Cichon, Peggy (Marvin) Van Gorden, George Williams, Judy (Ken) Sweat, Mike (Dawn) Williams, Chris (JoAnn) Williams, Becky (John) Hall and Shawn (Suzette) Williams. He is also survived by his only surviving sibling, his sister, Ginny Lach and many loving grandchildren and great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his brother Don and his four sisters: Hazel, Loretta, Dorothy and Pauline. Visitation was held on Tuesday, January 24 from 3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. A Funeral service was held on Wednesday, January 25 at 11:00 a.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. He was laid to rest in Rural Hill Cemetery in Northville where military honors were rendered. Memorial contributions may be made to South Lyon Special Stars, P.O. Box 804, South Lyon. Online Guestbook at www.phillipsfuneral.com

LUDWIG, BRENDAN JOHN

Age 30, June 12, 1981-January 18, 2012 Online condolences: obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

LYKE, VIRENA F.

Age 98, of South Lyon, passed away January 20, 2012. A funeral service was held Jan. 24 at Casterline Funeral Home.



MESSNER, EDITH L.

Age 95, passed away January 17, 2012. She was born on May 29, 1916, in Detroit, to the late Henry and Gertrude (Wesselhof) Ciske. Edith is survived by her sons: Jon (Judy) Messner, Ronald (Sue) Messner; 2 grandchildren: Kathryn Messner and Mike (Kristen) Messner; 2 great grandchildren: Ryan Messner and Melana Messner. Visitation will be held on February 8, Wednesday, from 3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. A funeral service will be held on February 9, Thursday, at 11:00 a.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 West Lake Street (Ten Mile), South Lyon. Online Guestbook at www.phillipsfuneral.com

MYERS, LINDA J.

Memorial Service January 28, 2012 11am at Commerce United Methodist Church www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com



MYERS, STEVEN D.

Age 70. January 17, 2012, passed away from an aneurysm. Beloved husband of Izumi Suzuki Myers. Proud father of Ken (Ting) Myers and Jun Myers. Brother of Duncan and Andrew Myers, and Elizabeth Charron. A visitation with friends and family took place at O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home on Saturday, January 21, 2012. Mr. Myers was a graduate of Grand Haven High School ('59), Lawrence University B.A. - Physics ('63) and Wayne State Law School (J.D. '70). He was an active and happily contributing member of many organizations, including the Novi Rotary Club, the Greater Detroit/Windsor Japan-America Society, the White Pine Glee Club (where he sang bass) and the Board of Hinoki International School in Livonia, MI. Mr. Myers had varied and interesting occupations over his life, including as a teacher at the American School in Japan (ASIJ) High School in Tokyo, as the Deputy Executive Director of American Chamber of Commerce in Japan (ACGJ), as an Attorney/Manager of International Public Affairs for Amway Corporation, as the Chief Executive Officer of Amway (Japan) Ltd. and as the founder and principal associate of Suzuki, Myers and Associates, Ltd.

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NAZIMEK, PAULINE M.

Age 89, passed away January 23, 2012. Beloved wife of the late Walter; cherished mother of Gloria Nazimek and Sharon (Leonard) Brannun; dearest grandmother of: Scott (Melissa) Nazimek, Amanda (Jason) Bobrovetski and Erica (Roger) Minton; loving great-grandmother of Houdini, Phoenix, Addison and Braden; also by her sister-in-law Bertha Luszczakoski; loving sister of the late Frank Luszczakoski and Genevieve Butler. Pauline will also be forever remembered by her nieces, nephews, extended family and dear friends. Visitation will be held on January 26, Thursday, from 3:00 - 9:00 p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 West Lake Street (Ten Mile), South Lyon. A funeral mass will be held on Friday, January 27, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 830 S. Lafayette, South Lyon. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com

PAULEN, MARELYN P.

Age 84, September 17, 1927-January 19, 2012. Online condolences: obriensullivanfuneralhome.com



RENGA, MILDA

A long time resident of Roselle, New Jersey, and a resident of Milford, Michigan for the past eleven years, died on January 19, 2012, at the age of 100. She was preceded in death by her husband, Arturs Renga in 1965, and is survived by her son, Ivy (Pamela) Renga of Milford; grandchildren, Brian (Cindy Gray) Renga, Suzanne (Gordon) Cloudman and great grandchildren, Baylee and Thomas. During WWII, Milda and her family emigrated from Latvia to the United States, living first in Ohio, and later New Jersey where she made her home for many years. In 2000 she moved to Milford Park Place in Milford, Michigan to be near her son. She was ever independent, self-sufficient, and would tell you that her love of walking kept her healthy and happy. Services will be held privately with interment in Rahway Cemetery in Rahway, New Jersey. Memorials may be made in her name to the Make-a-Wish Foundation. For further information please phone Lynch & Sons Funeral Directors, Milford, 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com



SPERANDEO, UMBERTO "ROBERT"

Of Pony Montana died in Bozeman Montana on December 22nd, 2011. Robert was born in San Sabino, Italy in 1935, the eldest son of Generoso and Elvira Sperandeo. Robert is survived by his loving wife Nina; daughter Jennifer, her husband Gerald and their son Vincent of Venice CA; son Joseph of Santa Monica CA; son Justin, his wife Diana and their son Christian of Sewickley PA; brother Giuseppe, his wife Emanuela and their children Valeria and Riccardo of Rome, Italy; brother Domenico, his wife Adrianna and their children Federica and Francesca of Rome Italy, along with cousins, godchildren and hunting buddies across the country. Robert came to the United States in 1952 and lived with his dear Uncle Fred Federici in Detroit, Michigan. Bob spent his working years in machinery moving and rigging, rising through the union ranks with the help of his beloved Uncle Walter Yest, achieving the rank of Master Rigger and subsequently running 2 rigging companies of his own. Bob retired to farm life in 1984, raising Morgan Horses in South Lyon, Michigan. An avid, life-long outdoorsman, Robert's love of the mountains brought him to the Gallatin Valley in 1993 and he settled in Pony, Montana in 1997. Services will be held April 21st at 11AM at Holy Family Parish Catholic Church in Three Forks MT with interment in the Pony Cemetery in Pony, Montana.



SULLIVAN, DONALD D.

41, of South Lyon, Michigan, passed away unexpectedly on Friday, December 30, 2011, from injuries sustained as a result of a snowmobile accident on Clear Lake. Donald was a graduate of the University of Michigan School of Engineering and a graduate of the University of Detroit School of Law. He practiced law in New Mexico and in Michigan where, most recently, he was employed at Skupin & Lucas Law Firm, Detroit. He was an outdoor enthusiast who enjoyed golfing, hunting, boating, and snowmobiling. More than anything, he loved his two daughters. Donald is survived by his daughters, Mariah Destiny Sullivan and Makayla Christina Sullivan, both of South Lyon; the mother of his daughters, Crystal Shuttleworth, of South Lyon; and his parents, Donald and Shirley Sullivan of West Branch. Also surviving are his sisters, Corinne (Nelson) Williams of Saline, Cathy (Tom) Wierzbicki of Redmond, WA and Tina Kitts-Broderick of Detroit, and his brothers, James (Sandra) Kitts of Flushing, and Jon Paul (Sally) Kitts of Norfolk, VA. He was preceded in death by his aunt, Dr. Donita B. Sullivan. Visitation was at the Steuermol & McLaren Funeral Home in West Branch January 4, 2012. The Celebration of Life Mass was held on Thursday, January 5th at St. Joseph Catholic Church in West Branch. Burial took place at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery, West Branch. Memorial Contributions may be made to the family for the benefit of his children.

VALLETTE, EVA A.

Age 77 of St. Helen passed away Monday, January 16, 2012 at West Branch Regional Medical Center. Eva was born in Milford on September 1, 1934 and had lived in St. Helen since 2002, formerly of Reed City. She enjoyed spending time with her family. Eva is survived by her husband Charles Vallette of St. Helen, her children, Paul (Janice) Vallette of Highland, Tim (Kerry) Vallette of Milford and Mark Vallette (Sandra McLennan) of Sylvan Lake. Also surviving are her grandchildren, Jacob, Lisa and Wesley, great-grandchildren, Calvin, Sidney, Clair and Callum and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Susan Vallette. A memorial service was held on Wednesday, January 25th at the Elton Black & Sons Funeral Home.

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OUR VIEWS

Church and state

Presentation was a violation, and it shouldn't happen again

Northville Parent Teacher Associations have a variety of school improvement goals, including positive behavior support. To that end, students at Meads Mill Middle School and Northville High School hosted motivational speaker Joel Penton for an assembly Jan. 10. Students had to either attend in the auditorium or watch it on classroom televisions.

As indicated in his promotional materials, which the district received prior, the presentation did not contain any profanity or religious content as he basically tried to get students to commit to avoid dangerous behaviors.

Near the end, Penton invited students to attend a free concert after school back in the auditorium and even gave them tickets as reminders. According to administration, feedback from the assembly was positive, and the concert was to be a continuation of Penton's theme.

That seemed fine, but that's not what happened.

The concert started with music performed by Ryan Holliday, but then turned, literally, into a religious sermon by Penton.

It was, as NHS student Erin Dunn stated in her letter to the editor in the *Northville*

Record last week, a classic case of "bait-and-switch."

Afterward, those who attended were offered a free copy of Penton's book *Seven Lies Almost Every Teen Believes*, in which he promotes Christianity as the only religion whose followers are truly alive. That's an affront to many — including true Christians who would not approve of Penton's tactics.

We've been scratching our heads here wondering if anyone from the PTA or the district administration bothered to do any research on Penton and his agenda. A quick visit to his website fully explains his mission to bring the Gospel into public schools. Allowing it is ignoring the separation of church and state.

There are students of all faiths in our local schools. While there were only about three dozen students at the concert, what about the impact on those who aren't Christian — those who just thought they were simply attending a concert?

Yes, the ball was dropped on this one. Simply stated, Penton should not have been allowed to present his religious views in a school environment.

To its credit, however, the district reacted quickly with measures to prevent something like this from happening again. According to a letter from Supt. Mary Kay Gallagher, distributed via ListServ last Friday:

"School level procedures are being reviewed in an effort to ensure that any speakers brought forward for consideration for a school activity of any kind are thoroughly researched, including a review of the content of such presentations.

"Additionally, school personnel observing any inappropriate content have been directed to intervene in the event and to promptly bring it to the attention of both school and district administration so that proactive steps can be taken to communicate with students as well as parents.

"In addition, Mr. Penton is being contacted to register a complaint regarding this matter."

One would have thought those first two items would have already been in place. The third is a must, too — and it wouldn't hurt for the Northville district to give a heads-up to other districts about Penton's presentation.

COMMUNITY VOICE

Gov. Rick Snyder gave his State of the State address Jan. 18. What advice would you give him?



"They probably could use him in Indiana or Ohio. Any place but here."

George Gougeon
Northville



"Quit hanging on to the damn money and give it back to the schools."

Dave Hursey
Northville Township



"Don't try to tax everyone's pensions. People need that money to live on."

Dennis Bradshaw
Northville



"I'd tell him to create some more jobs; bring the jobs back to Michigan."

Chris Dimitriou
Livonia

LETTERS

Beck property use

The use of the property on Beck Road for veterans treatment and retraining seems like a good idea. We owe a great deal to our returning men and women of the armed forces. Certainly we need to know more details of the project before it can be approved by the Planning Commission.

However, it was pointed out that this land had been zoned for church use. That was the case with ROC and the use before that. I am not certain that was the case for Women in Transition.

Dr. James Morche
Northville

Be fair in evaluations

I would only ask fairness and not favoritism in any profession when judging a person's work performance. Nepotism is prevalent in education as well as in the corporate sector. The purpose of the teachers union is only to assure fairness and due process. All human beings deserve this.

Carol Maynard
Northville

Music Boosters raffle success

The Northville High School Music Boosters recently wrapped up the 2012 Raffle to benefit the high school music program. I would like to thank all the parents who volunteered and the families who participated as well as others who deserve our public appreciation, including Ms. Kelli Knotts at the high school, Broughton Music for their charge card assistance, and Mr. Bill Felosek, CPA/Correll Associates for certifying the raffle.

Many local businesses also supported the raffle: Aubree's Pizza, Cherry Blossom Japanese Restaurant, George's Senate Coney Island, Nassau Grill, Pastry House Hippo, Piepers, Poole's Tavern, Baby Baby Plus More, Center Stage Dance Studio, Goldsmith Galleries, Good Time Party Store/Custard Time, Northville Watch and Clock, Piazza Dance Company, Re-Purpose, Scores Haircuts for Men, Seaway Painting, Tier One Marketing, Novi Bowl, The Knickerbocker Group of Raymond James & Assoc., Dr. Richard F Ambrose DPM, Dr. Brian Andress DDS, Drs. Bookwalter, Fee & Wright, Dr. Jeffrey Burstien DDS, Northville Physical Rehabilitation, Old Orchard Pediatric Dentistry, Tyler Dumas Reyes Orthodontics, Spillane & Reynolds Orthodontics, Wen-Chi Takada DDS, Laurie Jayne Toomajanian DDS, DR. Michelle Calder Cardwell OD at Urban Optics, Bikram Yoga, Hantz Group, Northville Sports Den, Total Vending, Bricks Restaurant, Lender Solutions, and Temple Training.

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Kathryn Peltier
raffle chairperson 2012

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Terry Gruiey
Northville

Don't blame Obama for gas prices

The recent news that the largest U.S. export, measured in dollars, is fuel (i.e. gasoline, diesel and jet fuel) belies the misconception and accusation that high gasoline prices are the result of President Obama's obstruction of oil drilling exploration.

It's obvious that the oil companies prefer higher profits by selling U.S. oil products abroad rather than driving down U.S. gasoline price by increasing the domestic supply. Oil depletion allowances should be incentive to produce oil for U.S. consumption, not to increase profits of the oil interests.

Foisting the onus of high gas prices on Obama is but one more salvo of barbs by Republicans and their major contributor, the oil industry, meant to disparage and politically cripple the president.

Expanding our exports, of course, is economically beneficial, but to portray any negative consequence as an Obama flaw is propaganda learned so well in the Nixon era and finely tuned in the ensuing years.

Patrick Downey
Novi

Bigoted bill

The Republican-run Legislature has passed a bill that will eliminate domestic partnership benefits for public employees. This bill removes health care benefits for the gay partners of public employees throughout the state. This cruel and bigoted piece of legislation was supported by our own Sen. Patrick Colbeck.

Domestic partnership rules would not be needed if gays were allowed to be married in Michigan. But the

people of Michigan have spoken and hate has triumphed over tolerance and inclusion. So, led by lawmakers like Mr. Colbeck, the anti-gay agenda continues unabated.

Thaddeus J. Hejka
Canton

'Facts are stubborn things'

I read Mr. Beck's response ("Do the research," Jan. 19) to my letter titled "Vote wisely" in the Jan. 12 edition of the *South Lyon Herald*, and wish to respond accordingly. Mr. Beck stated incorrectly that "it is pretty much a list of falsehoods and misinformation." The list of Mr. Obama's top economic accomplishments through December 2011 was compiled by Scotty Starnes' Blog which utilizes only reputable sources that the editor of the *South Lyon Herald* required me verify (via web links) for each claim on the list. Mr. Beck stated that he "tends to believe" that I'm a conservative. I'm just a voter who considers all available facts rather than just someone who merely clings to political ideology when deciding on which candidate to support.

Mr. Beck attempted to discredit several of the claims by providing his own analysis that ultimately supported his goal of blaming George W. Bush and Congress. The sources utilized in his analysis included MSNBC and the *New York Post*, both staunch supporters of Mr. Obama; the Congressional Budget Office; and White House Council of Economic Advisors. I'm sure those sources, particularly the last two, have no agenda.

Mr. Beck also stated that he "could go on debunking the rest of the list, but I have made my point." The reality is that he couldn't debunk anything on the list because as John Adams stated: "Facts are stubborn things." The truth is that Mr. Obama and his administration have dug the hole of this recession deeper with failed economic policies and their obsession of growing government control over private lives and enterprise. Hope and change didn't work out as promised in 2008 and has exacerbated any hope of recovery. Furthermore, Mr. Obama refuses to take responsibility for how his big spending policies have contributed to our economic woes. Instead, he continues to promote class warfare to gain support for more tax increases and bigger government. He's tripled the deficit, added a record \$6 trillion to the national debt, lost one million jobs under his recovery, and added more Americans to the food stamp registry. Our debt now exceeds our GDP and yet he's still asking for \$1.2 trillion more. Never has the United States borrowed so much, so fast, for so little results.

The "stubborn" facts prove that Mr. Obama and his administration are absolute failures — it's not a conservative or liberal thing. It's all about electing the best candidate who can bring America back and, to do that, the voters must be kept well informed with facts.

Mr. Beck, I've made my point with facts rather than spouting pure political ideology, but go ahead, I'll give you the last word.

TC Howerly
Salem Township

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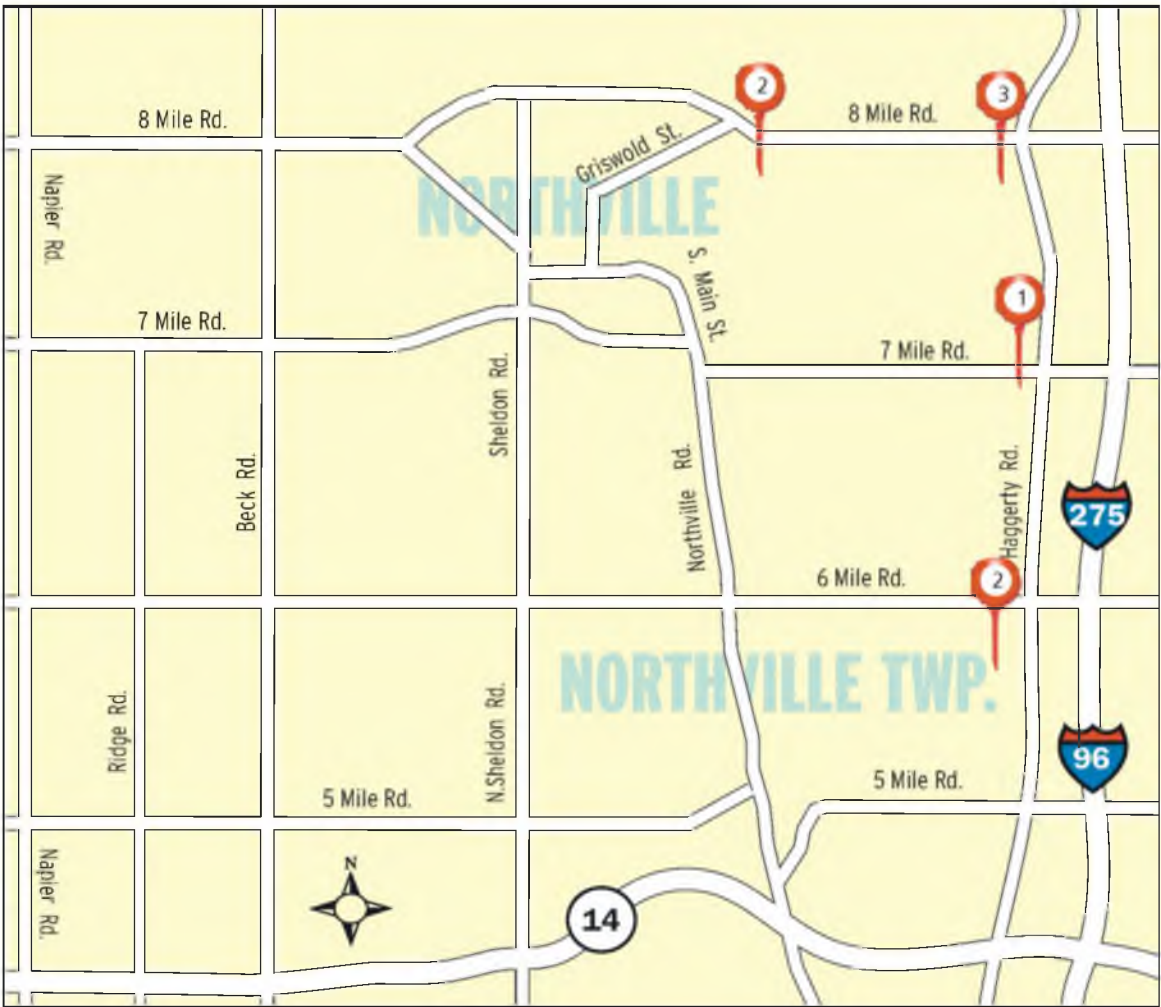
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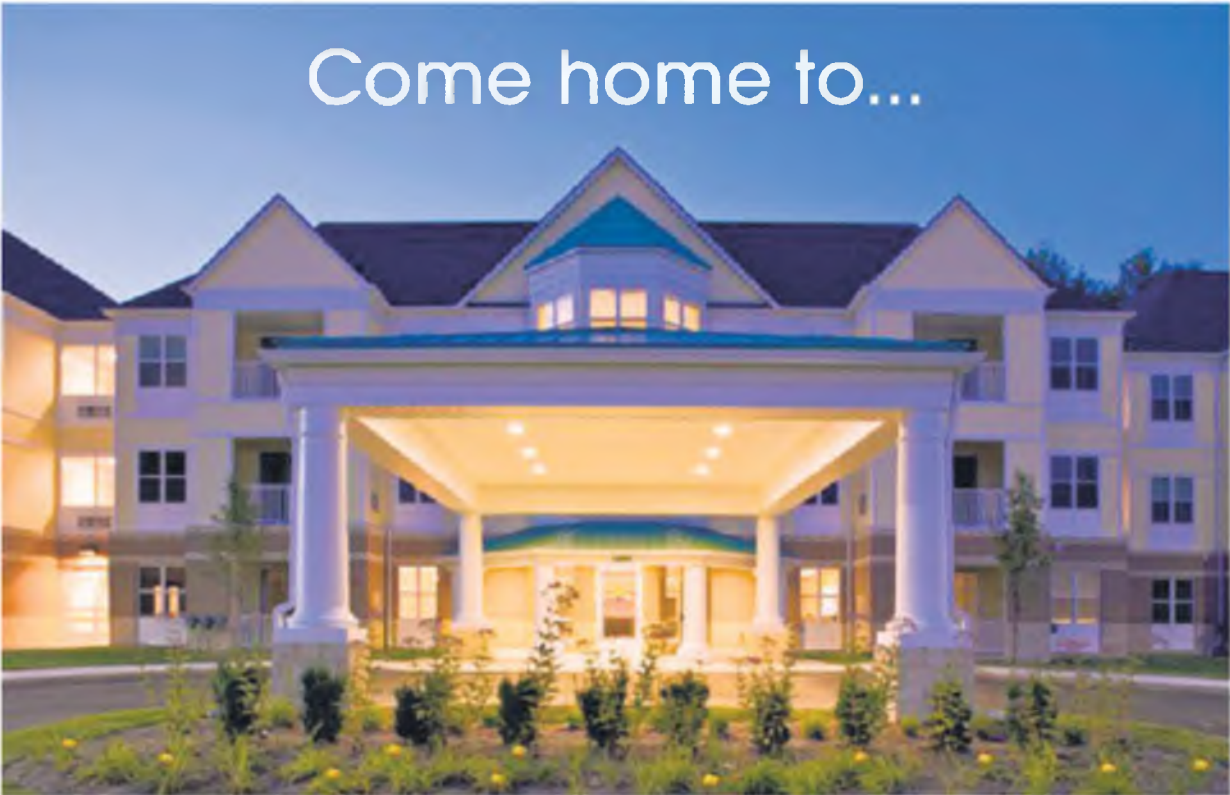


Seven Mile Road Trespassing
The former psychiatric hospital property on Seven Mile Road has had its share of trespassers over the years, and 2012 starts off no different with two incidents reported by the Northville Township Police. On Jan. 14, a suspicious vehicle was identified by police while parked at the Yager Professional Center building. The reporting officer stated while waiting for backup a group of people crossed Seven Mile and moved toward the parking lot. There were three men and two women cited for trespassing. They said they were Eastern Michigan University students and went onto the property to take photographs of the abandon buildings. The second incident involved two men who were discovered while police were on a property check. They had driven onto the property's eastside.

Larceny from Autos
Another high rate crime in 2011 was larceny from autos with many residents having items stolen from their vehicles. Again, this year starts with two incidents in Northville Township. The first occurred on Dun Rovin Drive with a sterling silver necklace, priced at \$200, being stolen from a 21-year-old Northville woman. She had parked her car outside of her place of work and came back on Jan. 12 to find her purse missing as well as the necklace. There was no reported damage and she was unsure if she had locked the car. The second happened on W. Northville Place Drive on the same day, but there was some evidence of tampering with the door and weather seal. A 28-year-old Northville woman found her Apple iPod and Garmin GPS missing.

Larceny at Kohl's
A 39-year-old Northville woman was arrested at the Haggerty Road Kohl's store on Jan. 16 after she attempted to steal jewelry. Loss Prevention stated it observed the woman taking items out of their packages and stuffing them into her coat. This included jewelry and nylon leggings. She admitted to the crime after she was stopped while trying to pass through the check out area without paying.

Compiled by correspondent
Lonnie Huhman



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Northville varsity basketball seniors, from left: Andrew Wright, Jeff Hewlett, Jeff Gertley, Andrew Poterala, Brett MacDonald, Mitch Alameddine, Ryan O'Callaghan.

Mustangs split with South Lyon schools

Boys cagers topple Cougars, can't tame Lions

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

When it comes to the big cats in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association Central Division, you've got the fearsome Lions and the not-so-much Cougars, as proved last week when the Mustangs took on both South Lyon and South Lyon East in boys basketball last week.

The Mustangs, coached by Todd Sander, earned a win over the South Lyon East Cougars, 57-28, but couldn't hold their own against the South Lyon Lions, falling 57-50.

Against South Lyon East, the Mustangs not only earned a victory, but a tie for second place in the division. They were able

to come out of the gates and play their style of basketball from start to finish for the convincing victory.

"We wanted to create tempo early, and we did," said Sander. "We were able to get some easy scores from our pressure."

The Mustangs controlled the entire first half, going up 14-3 in the first quarter before increasing their lead, 28-14.

In the second half, the strong play continued as the Mustangs came out with a full-court press that resulted in a fast 10 points off of turnovers. Northville outscored the Cougars, 17-4, in the third stanza to take a commanding 45-18 lead and put the rest of the game on cruise control for the victory.

"I really liked how we started

the second half," noted Sander. "The guys didn't let off the gas pedal."

Leading the way for Northville was Andrew Meacham, who had 12 points, while Andrew Poterala scored nine, Jeff Hewlett had eight, Brett MacDonald added seven and Jeff Gertley had six. Hewlett also had five steals in the victory.

Against South Lyon, Northville was plagued with a slow start that proved to be the end of their game as the Lions came out shooting with precision. By the end of the first quarter, despite some strong play by Northville forward Stewart Henzi, the Mustangs found themselves trailing, 15-8.

Northville's woes continued in the second quarter,

ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs boys basketball team will be back in action when they visit Salem tomorrow before hosting Livonia Stevenson Tuesday. Both games have a 7 p.m. tip.

their outside shooting falling short while the Lions remained hot through the period. By the time the halftime buzzer sounded, the Mustangs trailed, 28-20. The second quarter wasn't without its high-lights for Northville, which had some impressive play from Meacham inside to keep the squad in the game.

"Meacham continues to get better every week," noted Sander.

Northville came out of the locker room in the third quarter looking to make a comeback

as they followed the lead of Gertley, Meacham and Hewlett in a quick scoring frenzy, outpacing the Lions, 17-11, through those eight minutes of play, slicing the lead to just 39-37 heading into the final quarter. Unfortunately, that strong play, which ultimately led to Northville leading by one, 47-46, with 3:50 left in the contest, proved to be for naught as the Lions converted several free throws to distance themselves from their foes and earn the win.

Gertley led all scorers on the night with 14 points.

"Gert was fantastic tonight," said Sander. "He was active on defense and really looked to attack on offense."

Meacham scored 12 points in the loss while Hewlett had eight and MacDonald and Henzi each had six.

Northville is now 5-5 overall and 3-2 in division play.

Looking for help



Mustang AJ Bradley looks for a teammate to pass to during last week's game against Canton. Northville came out on the losing end of a 2-1 overtime decision. For more on the game, see page B4.

Girls add two wins to mid-season record

Squad downs both South Lyon schools in divisional play

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

The Northville Mustangs girls basketball team doesn't care if it has to play scrappy, defensive ball or go on an all-out scoring spree to earn Central Division victories — one way or another, they are going to do what it takes to try and earn that win.

The squad had to play two styles of basketball last week as it topped both South Lyon, 35-30, and South Lyon East, 53-31, in divisional play.

The girls squad, coached by Todd Gudith, is now 7-4 overall and 3-2 in the division. Northville is currently tied for second place in the division with Novi while Stevenson is one game up on both squads.

"We knew that it would be a long haul to win this division because anybody could beat anyone else on any given

ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs girls basketball team is slated to be back on the hardwood when they host Salem tomorrow and visit Livonia Stevenson Tuesday. Both games are scheduled for 7 p.m.

night, that's how balanced it is," Gudith said. "It's frustrating the way we started out going 0-2 (losing by three points and one point), but at the same time we know that when we are playing at our best we are tough to beat and can determine our own fate."

Against South Lyon, Northville had hoped to come out looking to make a statement.

"We talked about matching the energy level that we had against Novi and not having a let down," said Gudith. "I think

we did that for the first three quarters. We did enough early offensively and defensively."

The Mustangs pounded their way to a 13-6 lead by the end of the first quarter and increased that lead to 29-10 at the half before a true defensive struggle emerged in the third quarter.

The Lions came out looking to regain some momentum, and their defense definitely did that, holding Northville scoreless over those eight minutes. But Northville was scrappy enough to play the same tenacious style, holding South Lyon to just three points in the third quarter to make it a 20-13 game heading into the fourth.

The Lions surged in the final stanza, outscoring Northville, 17-6, but it was too little, too late as the Mustangs' work early in

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Gymnastics team continues to show improvement

Daisy Ference sets school record on bars

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

Northville gymnastics coach Erin McWatt only asks that her team find a way to improve each and every time they compete —

something the squad hasn't shied away from this season.

The young team, which is still searching for that first, elusive victory of the season, earned its highest and second-highest point totals in the last two meets.

Against Salem the squad scored 136.25 points and a few days later they put up a 134.675 performance in the Huron Valley Invitational.

Against the Rocks, the season-high score wasn't enough to hold off the Salem squad, which turned in a 139.15.

"I'm thrilled we're making

improvements from meet to meet, but that doesn't always equal higher scores, necessarily," said McWatt. "The fact that the girls are looking and feeling more confident, and showcasing bigger skills, really does amount to great success. Our

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ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs gymnastics team will be competing on the road against Brighton Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. before heading to the Canton Invitational Feb. 4.

Cheer seniors are few, but strong

Trio is proud to lead Mustangs squad through growing pains

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

The Northville Mustangs cheerleading team is packed full of youthful energy. Nothing expresses that more than taking a look at the roster and seeing that there are just three seniors this season.

But that doesn't mean those seniors feel that the team is lacking in experienced leadership. In fact, Rachel Polanski, Castille Asmann and Alex Romano are happy to take every bit of that responsibility on their shoulders.

That, of course, doesn't mean the role comes without a little added burden.

"Being one of three seniors is difficult because there's a lot of pressure you put on yourself to be a good role model for the underclassmen," said Polanski, a four-year member of the varsity team. "You never want to be too harsh on them, but you don't want them to slack off, either."

For Asmann, the pressure isn't quite the same. She just started cheering last season, rising through the ranks to become not only one of the team's valuable members, but a captain this year as well.

"I love getting to help all the underclassmen," said Asmann. "I was completely new to the cheer world last year, so I know what it's like to come in completely blind not knowing anything really about the sport. I really enjoy taking the time to answer any questions they have because there are a lot of things I had to ask last year."

One of the girls answering those questions last year was no doubt Romano, who is a four-year

member of the varsity squad. This season has been tougher on Romano than the other seniors — she's been forced to watch from the sidelines after taking an injury. She's quickly taken up the mantle of team manager and is as vocal as ever — both in support of her team and the sport itself.

"The most challenging part about being a competitive cheerleader is probably being mentally ready for the competitions," Romano explained. "We have three different routines that we do and a million little things we need to think about throughout all of the rounds which can get overwhelming."

That was a stumbling point for the team last week at the Royal Rumble (see this week's results), but the team is looking to overcome the mentally-draining aspect of the day-long competitions to make some noise in the Northville Invitational this weekend when they host 41 teams.

For Polanski, she's looking forward to that moment when everything goes right.

"My favorite thing about cheer is the adrenaline you get whenever you do really well at a competition," she said.

For all three of this year's seniors, it is a sad thought that this Northville Invitational is their last, and that their season will be coming to a close soon. All of them quickly noted that they have high hopes for the squad in the coming seasons, however, and are looking forward to how the girls they are helping teach now will grow over the years.

"It's really sad that this is my last year cheering, but a lot of the younger girls have lots of talent so I know the program will continue to grow and do well," Romano said.

The three seniors will help the Mustangs finish their season in style, hopefully continuing with the winning traditions the team has become known for.

They invite everyone to their upcoming meets to watch the girls turn in some impressive performances.

"We may make certain skills look easy, but in reality it took us years to actually get them to look good," Asmann said. "Cheer isn't something you can get good at overnight, it requires constant effort."

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Cheerleading squad celebrates senior night in style

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

As a senior, it's always nice to have that one special night that is dedicated to you by the team you've spent so long being a part of. What makes it even more special is getting a win.

The Northville Mustangs competitive cheerleading team did just that last week, notching a win over Novi, 704-677, during a double dual. The squad also took a tough loss to a very competitive Livonia Stevenson team, which scored 713 points.

Seniors on this year's team include four-year varsity member Rachel Polanski, three-year varsity member Alex Romano and two-year varsity cheerleader Castille Asmann.

The double dual results leave Northville with a 2-1 record in the KLAA Central Division. The girls also competed in the Royal Rumble last Saturday in Rochester, finishing in 12th place with 673 points.

"It was a long, disappointing day," admitted coach Mindy Gentz.

The squad had a strong round one performance but found itself losing momentum in rounds two and three.

"We will be making changes in order to get the best performance possible out of the team," said Gentz.

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Northville youth wrestlers earn over a dozen medals

“OH NO! I have to wrestle Northville!” was overheard at Walled Lake Central High School last Sunday, as a nervous wrestler studied his bout sheet. The Mustang Youth Takedown Club has earned a reputation for being tough opponents early in the season for good reasons. Fourteen wrestlers competed and brought home 13 medals.

Silver Springs led the heard with two first place medals going to fifth grader Grant Hood and first grader Boden Dietrich. Winchester second grader Jake Merritt and first grader Mason Stewart also won gold.

Hillside eighth graders dominated the second place medal stand, as Josh Bentley, Luke Lindstrom and Trevor Morgan competed strongly. Thornton Creek third grader Andrew Hayek took second along with Winchester fifth grader, Michael Merritt.

Bronze medals were earned by Silver Springs fifth graders Parker Diet-



Grant Hood was undefeated for Northville, pinning three opponents and winning his final match by points.

rich and Alex Jones and their first grade friend Nathan Jones. Hillside eighth grader Brendan Boyd also won third place.

Northville High School's head wrestling coach, Bob Boshoven, said, “We are so pleased to see the participation and enthusiasm of our Youth Wrestling Program continue to grow. The mat experience that our young wrestlers will bring to the Mustang wrestling

team is going to pay dividends for years to come. We cannot thank the parents, coaches, and volunteers enough for all of the time and effort they are putting into the program.”

The Mustangs will ride to Saline Sunday to earn more hardware. For more information on Mustang Youth Wrestling, contact head coach, Kevin Eichholtz at nhsyouthwrestling@mail.com.

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goal continues to be earning the qualifying scores necessary to compete at regionals, and the ultimate goal, of course, is to get back to states.”

Those goals have held steady since the first day of winter sports, and McWatt said the team record isn't any indication to the successes the squad has had.

“While it's nice to have a winning record in the conference, everything until we get to those post-season meets is ‘practice,’” she said. “The small victories along the way are something for all the girls to be proud of, especially since we're making an effort to rebuild.”

Against Salem, there were a slew of small victories. Daisy Ference, for example, earned not only

her personal best score of the season on the bars, but set the Northville High School record with a 9.8. Morgan Price also had an impressive day, turning in a career-high 9.25 on the beam.

The Mustangs also had solid performances from Taylor Dempsey, who had an 8.5 on the floor, while Victoria Clay earned an 8.45 on the vault.

In the Huron Valley Invitational, the Mustangs earned a solid ninth-place finish with their second-highest score of the season. Canton finished at the top of the competition, earning first overall.

Ference had another great day, though this time with her floor routine, as she scored a 9.55 from the judges table. Alyssa Breen also had a solid day, scoring an 8.65 on the vault while Dempsey had an 8.4 on the bars and Price scored an 8.45.

GIRLS

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the game was enough to hold the victory.

Leading the way for the Mustangs was Meredith Williams, who scored 11 points — including five crucial points in the fourth quarter to keep the Mustangs rolling along and out of South Lyon's claws. Alex Moynes added nine points in the victory while Kendra

Brenner and Aly Bates each had seven.

Against South Lyon East, the Mustangs didn't have any kind of dip in intensity as they jumped out to a 31-13 halftime lead and didn't both looking back.

“It was a nice all-around win,” said Gudith. “Not only did we shoot the ball well, but we made the extra pass and set our teammates up and that was good to see us sharing the ball like that.”

Coming in off her suspension following a flagrant foul against Novi, junior Brittany Berehulka poured in 15 points to help her squad secure the victory, including three three-point field goals. Bates and Moynes each added 11 points in the victory.

In all, 11 of Northville's 12 players scored on the night, shooting 45-percent from the floor to South Lyon East's 21-percent.

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NORTHVILLE SPORTS BRIEFS

Northville to host Pistons camp

The Northville Mustangs basketball program will be hosting a Detroit Pistons Shooting Camp from 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. February 11. The camp will be conducted by NBA shooting coach Steve Moreland, who has 15 years of experience in the NBA with the Detroit Pistons. The cost for the camp is \$25 at the door and no credit cards or checks are accepted. The price includes a camp T-shirt. For more information, contact Steve Moreland at (586) 212-2359.

Northville takes hockey loss to Canton

The Canton Chiefs are tough in ice hockey — that’s pretty much a fact every year. Yet, that doesn’t dull the sting of Northville’s 2-1 overtime loss to the Plymouth squad last week. Northville found themselves knotted up with the Chiefs, 1-1, after the first period of play as Andrew Rosati scored off an assist by Tyler Harrington. The Chiefs added the game-winning score in overtime. Taking the loss in goal for Northville was Jake Pawloski.

Mustangs stomp Walled Lake Western

It wasn’t much of a meet when all was said and done, but more like a competitive practice as the Mustangs swimming and diving team crushed Walled Lake Western last week, 123-57. The squad is now 6-1 on the year with a 6-0 standing in the KLAA and a 1-0 mark in the Central Division. That doesn’t mean there isn’t room for improvement. “Overall, we are still making too many mistakes to be a winning team,” said coach Rich Bennetts. “The effort level is there, but the mental focus is still lacking. We have to be able to finish races much better than we are doing right now. We had some positive swims, no doubt, but this team is judged on winning and losing the conference meet and right now, we still have a long way to go if we want to be that team.” Against Walled Lake Western, the Mustangs were able to swim a slew of their younger competitors. “A lot of our younger guys got into the line-up tonight and our other kids were able to move around into some events that they do not normally swim,” noted Bennetts. “It was nice to see some of the younger guys respond when put into the varsity line-up.” Outstanding performances from Northville were turned in by Sam Boyea (1:58.89, 200 freestyle), Alan Ruan (2:20.23, 200 Individual Medley), Sergio Reyes (24.77 seconds, 50 freestyle), Troy Cini (144.05 points, diving), Dennis Kim



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Mustang Ben Crabill begins to celebrate his first-period goal against Farmington.

(1:00.21, 100 butterfly), Adam Curry (54.04, 100 freestyle), Dawson Laabs (5:20.96, 500 free), Kevin Yang, (1:12.56, 100 backstroke), and Matt Smelt (1:15.18, 100 breaststroke).

Mustangs continue mat success

The Northville Mustangs wrestling team continued its success on the mat as it earned second place in the Patriot Invitational last weekend after beating both Livonia Stevenson and Novi just days before to keep their Central Division record untarnished so far this season. In the invitational, the Mustangs earned the runner-up trophy thanks to two individual championships, one coming from 130-pound Sean Wagner and the other from Travis Compo at 135. The Mustangs also had three other finalists. Jasen Lerner, at 125 pounds, and Max Mudar, at 145, were both unseeded wrestlers in

the tournament but fought their way to the championship round. The other finalist was Trevor Maresh, who took second at 171 pounds. Kevin Charara had four wins in the 103 division for third place while Jack Sherman, at 140, was fifth as were David Borthwich, 171, and Andy Boyd, 215. In a double dual meet that had huge Central Division implications, the Northville Mustangs looked simply untouchable as they defeated both Stevenson and Novi. The squad is now 3-0 in the central division. The Mustangs defeated Stevenson, 36-29, winning seven of the first 10 matches and then putting the match out of reach off a pin by Maresh. Against Novi, Northville had a tougher time, but still earned the win, 37-32, sealing the match off a win by Boyd with a first-period fall.

— By Sam Eggleston

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South Lyon’s Harding makes immediate impact

By Jeff Theisen
Sports Writer

South Lyon has been a staple at the State Finals the last few years, and freshman Caroline Harding was a major reason why this year.

Despite being a new-comer to varsity golf, she showed the form of a veteran all season.

Harding led the Lions with a 44.1 average for nine holes. She finished third individually at the KLAA Conference meet and fourth at region-als. Harding didn’t have her best tournament at the State Finals, but she will have three years to improve on that.

Harding also shot one of her best rounds of the year against Central champion Northville with an even-par 36 at Tanglewood.

“She was our best player all season,” said coach Dan Skatzka. “Caroline is one of the hardest workers and one of the most dedicat-ed golfers I have seen in all the years I have coached. She often stays after practice and after home meets for extra practice. She is a very good team member and very well liked and respected by all.”

First team
Camiiia Zhao, North-ville

Northville let it be known who was the class of the Central Division this year, going a perfect 10-0. The Mus-tangs also went on to place third at the KLAA Conference meet and sixth at regionals.

The key to such a good run was the play of Camilla Zhao.

The junior golfer aver-aged 43 for nine holes with a low of 40 and 85.5 for 18 holes. She was medalist five teams with highlights of an 81 at the Grosse Ile tourney, an 80 at the Pioneer tourney at U-M and 84 at the con-ference meet for sixth overall. She went on to shoot an 82 at region-als to advance to state where she finished tied for 18th overall.

“Definitely our top golfer — very consis-



South Lyon freshman Caroline Harding is the All-Area Golfer of the Year.

tent, focused and even-tempered golfer,” said coach Mary Jane Ossola. “She had a good - not great year. With a lit-tle more dedication, she will be able to compete in the top groups next

year. She needs to work on her short game as she is not extremely long.”

Lindsey Matych, North-ville

The Mustang junior played the perfect com-plement to Zhao. She led the team four times and averaged 41.6 for nine

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Golfer of the Year
Caroline Harding, South Lyon

First Team
Camilla Zhao, Northville
Lindsey Matych, North-ville
Katelyn Sakkinen, Mil-ford
Lizzie Higgins, South Lyon
Elena Moore, South Lyon East

Second Team
Alex Fischer, South Lyon
Allison Ranusch, South Lyon
Sarah Thompson, South Lyon
Lauren Cojei, Novi
Taylor Jones, South Lyon East

Honorabie Mention
Brenna Bush, South Lyon East
Maria Brooks, Lakeland

holes, including rounds of 34, 37, 38 and 39.

She didn’t do as well in 18-hole matches, aver-aging 89.4. She did have an 84 at the Grosse Ile tourney.

Matych finished eighth at the KLAA Conference meet with an 86 and 19th at regionals with a 90.

“Had some wonder-ful 9-hole rounds,” said Ossola. “Could never put together two nines in her tourneys. Can hit the ball a mile - but is hurt by her short game. The key for her will be to develop some consis-tency.”

Kateiyn Sakkinen, Mii-ford

Maverick senior Sakkinen put together a strong year for the 7-3 Milford squad which also finished third at the conference tourney.

She averaged 84.3 for 18 and placed in the top 10 five times. She was voted team MVP and earned First Team All-KLAA honors.

Eiena Moore, South Lyon East

The Cougar junior averaged 45.0 for nine holes and qualified for the State Finals. She earned All-Conference honors and was medal-

ist four times through-out the year. She helped East win the Oakland County Division 2 title.

Lizzie Higgins, South Lyon

Higgins co-captained and finished as the sec-ond leading scorer for the Lions. She finished seventh at the confer-ence tourney to earn All-Conference honors.

“Lizzie has played in virtually every varsity meet for the last three years,” said Skatzka. “She has helped us get to the state finals for the last three years. As a junior captain she gave us a lot of leadership.”

Second team
Taylor Jones, South Lyon East

The senior Cougar earned medalist twice and earned All-Confer-ence Honorable Mention honors. She averaged 48 for nine holes.

Lauren Cojei, Novi

The sophomore aver-aged 86.6 for 18 with a low of 80. She finished tied for fifth at the Oak-land County meet and was team medalist 12 times.

Aiex Fischer, South Lyon

The junior averaged 47.5 for nine holes dur-ing her third year with the varsity squad. She earned All-Conference honors with a sixth-place finish and has been to the State Finals the last two years.

Aiiison Ranusch, South Lyon

The Lion sophomore stepped up her game in her second year with the team, averaging 48.2 for nine. She earned All-Conference honors with a ninth-place finish. She shot an 85 at the Oak-land County meet to fin-ish 12th.

Sarah Thompson, South Lyon

The senior Lion earned her fourth let-ter with the team. She averaged 48.2 for nine and was played at the State Finals the last two years.

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Northville Parks and Recreation
Notice of Public Hearing
Proposed Recreation
Master Plan 2012-2016

The Northville Parks and Recreation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, February 9, 2012 to receive input on the proposed Recreation Master Plan 2012-2016. The Public Hearing will be held at the Northville Township Hall 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville MI 48167 at 7:00 p.m. All residents of the Northville Community are invited to attend and participate in the Public Hearing.

The proposed Recreation Master Plan document is available for review beginning January 6, 2012 at the following locations:

Parks and Recreation Offices - 700 W. Baseline Road
Northville District Library - 212 W. Cady Street
Northville Senior Community Center - 303 W. Main Street

For further information, please contact Joanna Vaghy, Interim Director of Parks and Recreation, (248) 449-9941.

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City of Northville
Proposed Amendment to the
Zoning Ordinance
Article 29 Conditional Zoning

At its regular meeting on January 17, 2012, the Northville City Council introduced for first reading proposed amendments to the City of Northville Zoning Ordinance, Article 29 Amending the Ordinance. The proposed amendments to Article 29 include requirements for conditional zoning and zoning amendments, the criteria by which the Planning Commission can evaluate a proposed zoning map amendment, and the establishment of specific application requirements and review procedures for evaluating a conditional zoning request.

Second reading and possible adoption is scheduled for the regular City Council meeting to be held on Monday, February 6, 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.

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and Tunes on Tuesdays Bid

Northville Parks and Recreation will receive sealed bids for the summer concert series until **Wednesday, February 1, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.** local time, at which time the proposals will be opened and read aloud.

Bid documents consisting of specifications and instruction forms may be obtained from:

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Please send your sealed bid package to **City of Northville, 215 W. Main St. Northville, MI 48167, Attn. Clerks Office.** Please mark your envelope **Parks and Recreation Friday Night Concert Series and Tunes on Tuesday**

Northville Parks and Recreation reserves the right to waive any irregularity or informality in bids, to reject any and/or all bids, in whole or in part, to select various options, or award any contract to other than the low bidder, should it be deemed in their best interest to do so.

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Salon owner looking good at 25-year milestone

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Margo Kramar knows “support and encouragement” from many have helped her reach her 25th anniversary owning Margo’s of Northville Salon and Spa.

“I’ve had a core group of staff,” the Northville resident said. “They’re phenomenal.”

Husband Bob’s been a big help, along with son Jeff Kramar. Margo who bought the salon from the previous owner, also thanked Peg Campbell, Laurie Marrs, Mamie and Teresa Folino, along with stylists Cam Furmanek, Dawn Raymond, Cheryl Hayes, Pat Carlton, Sheryl Landskroner, Linda Ranta, Terri King and Freida Charles.

“They’ve been such a strong support group,” said Margo, who was in a car accident and off work five and a half months. “They never stopped. They just kept everything going. That’s pretty awesome.”

The salon is at 141 E. Cady St. in downtown Northville and can be reached at (248) 348-9130.

She takes pride in the research she does on product lines, such as the Pevonia skin care products offered: “I’m picky.” Kramar’s pride is evident on a tour as she shows the pedicure room, two facial rooms, two massage rooms (with attached dressing rooms) and styling area with eight stations. Staff training is also a source of pride at the salon, which is moving into hair coloring.

On Jan. 27, SpaWhite technicians will be at the Northville salon to introduce teeth whiten-

ing technology, which will continue after that date. Kramar is offering specials in conjunction with the salon’s silver anniversary under her ownership.

She served 12 years on the chamber board and learned a lot from that. By volunteering, she met others in the business community, and praises support from the city of Northville, Northville Central Business Association, chamber and Downtown Development Authority.

She hears from colleagues in her professional organization who own salons elsewhere who don’t enjoy the support of Northville. “I really feel fortunate having the business in Northville. Clients have been very loyal. We’ve given back to the community, too.”

Kramar worked 12 years for the previous owner, and before that was at the Virginia Farrell salon five years right out of beauty school.

“Once I came to Northville, I just loved it,” she said.

She recalled working near General Motors headquarters where women employees had to have their hair and clothing just so. Keeping up with those high standards was a challenge.

“The demand was really high pressure,” she said of those times, adding Northville customers also take pride in their appearance. “I’m the one that gives them the pressure” now she said of the staff.

For the future of Margo’s, she envisions “continued growth, keeping up with the latest technology.” That’s true in skin care, hair care and even nail care.

“It’s very, very fun.” People ask, “Aren’t you going to



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Margo Kramar (with customer Dawn Raymond), owner of Margo’s Salon and Spa of Northville, is celebrating the Cady Street beauty shop’s 25th year of business.

retire? No.”

She’s pleased it’s possible to eliminate skin imperfections now, and emphasizes the advances in technology.

Husband Bob’s been retired eight years. “But she puts me to work,” he said, adding he’s not doing any styling but handles other duties.

For more information, visit www.margossalon.com or like the salon on Facebook at Margo’s of Northville Salon and Spa.

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Margo’s Salon and Spa of Northville at 141 E. Cady St.

Chamber survey: Social media use for business grows

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

When it comes to using social media to promote their businesses, Northville Chamber of Commerce members are adept.

There were 55 responses to a chamber survey that began in mid-December and recently wrapped up. Among respondents, 67 percent use Facebook or Twitter to boost their businesses, said Traci Sincok, chamber associate director.

Chamber leaders were also encouraged to learn 89 percent read the chamber newsletter and, good news for print publications, more in print than online. Among Around the Clock newsletter readers, nearly 92 percent prefer the print version. Some read it both in print and online.

“We just do surveys from time to time,” said Sincok of the efforts to meet members’ needs. “It gives us a flavor of how people are getting their word out.

“We always want to know what our members are thinking,” said Sincok, who appreciates the feedback. She’s not sure just yet when the next survey will be done.

A total of 67 percent of respondents use a smartphone, and 49 percent of those would be interested in having a chamber membership directory app for their phone.

The survey also looked a bit at chamber programming. Among the most popular programs were the Rise and Shine Morning Mixers, with nearly 38 percent participation, followed by TGIF Networking at

24.5 percent, the State of the Community Luncheon at nearly 21 percent and the Lunch and Learn Seminars also at 21 percent. The golf outing drew nearly 19 percent and the Business Showcase almost 21 percent.

The annual meeting drew just over 28 percent of respondents, the After Hours Mixers 48 percent. Just under 2 percent of respondents use the Blue Cross insurance offered through the chamber. Nearly 23 percent use the Office Depot discount program offered through the chamber.

Looking at 2012

The year is young, but chamber members are already gearing up for a productive 2012. Dan Gilmartin, CEO of the Michigan Municipal League, will speak on “Placemaking: How Does Northville Measure Up?” 7:30-9 a.m. at a member breakfast Wednesday, Feb. 29. It will be held at the Northville Hills Golf Club, 15565 Bay Hill Drive, Northville.

Gilmartin is on the Board of Directors of the National League of Cities and a member of the Michigan Future Inc. He also served for four years as an advocate for Michigan communities in Lansing and Washington.

In 2010, Gilmartin became host of “The Prosperity Agenda” on News/Talk 760 WJR Radio. Issues he has worked on include transportation, land use and urban redevelopment.

“Placemaking” focuses on creating desirable, livable places where young, talented people with educations wish to live, work, play and raise families. RSVPs for the Feb. 29 member breakfast should be made by Feb. 24 by phone, (248) 349-7640, fax, (248) 349-8730, or e-mail, chamber@northville.org. Cost is \$20 for chamber members, \$25 for nonmembers.

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Local Realtors optimistic for 2012

By Julie Brown
O&E Staff Writer

Realtor Bob Bake's been in the business for 45 years, so he has a good sense of how things are going.

Bake, with Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel of Plymouth, agreed the market's looking up.

"Very definitely, we are," he said, adding he speaks for Northville, Plymouth and Canton. "There's a significant uptick in activity, especially for homes that are in move-in conditions in appealing areas."

Fixer-upper homes are less appealing, Bake said, but the supply of homes is more limited.

"There's a definite scarcity factor," he said. "We're very, very busy."

Bake agreed buying a home remains a good investment despite market upheaval of recent years. "In my judgment it is (a good investment), especially if you're going to be living in your home five years or more. It's a great time to buy."

Interest rates for mortgages are low, he added.

Realtor Bart Patterson, a 15-year industry veteran, also sees signs for optimism.

"Always. There's plenty of buyers out there," said Patterson, vice president and general manager for RE/MAX Classic, with offices in Canton, Farmington Hills corporate headquarters, Novi and Milford. "It's a pretty competitive market still. If it's a nice house and is priced competitively, it's selling pretty well. Buyers are doing well."

"Mortgage rates are historic lows. You can't beat that," Patterson added.

Patterson acknowledged the housing market has struggled in recent years.

"It has been struggle."

Some buyers were forced to sell for financial reasons.

Others can move because of



Local Realtors are pleased to see an uptick in business in early 2012.

their circumstances, Patterson said.

"We saw a little bit of an increase in the (average) sale price last year." If that continues, "that would be good for the economy. We've got to get to that leveling out place."

Patterson agreed the jobs element is a key piece, and that some renters could buy for the first time.

"Everybody stayed focused," he said of those in his field, adding some homes are still being sold as short sales.

Existing-home sales rose again in November and remain above a year ago, according to the National Association of Realtors. Also released recently were periodic benchmark revisions with downward adjustments to sales and inventory data since 2007, led by a decline in for-sale-by-owners.

Although rebenchmarking resulted in lower adjustments

to several years of home sales data, the month-to-month characterization of market conditions did not change. There are no changes to home prices or month's supply.

The latest monthly data shows total existing-home sales, which are completed transactions that include single-family, townhomes, condominiums and co-ops, increased 4.0 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 4.42 million in November from 4.25 million in October, and are 12.2 percent above the 3.94 million-unit pace in November 2010.

Lawrence Yun, NAR chief economist, said more people are taking advantage of the buyer's market. "Sales reached the highest mark in 10 months and are 34 percent above the cyclical low point in mid-2010 — a genuine sustained sales recovery appears to be developing," he said.

"We've seen healthy gains in

contract activity, so it looks like more people are realizing the great opportunity that exists in today's market for buyers with long-term plans."

According to Freddie Mac, the national average commitment rate for a 30-year, conventional, fixed-rate mortgage fell to a record low 3.99 percent in November from 4.07 percent in October; the rate was 4.30 percent in November 2010; records date back to 1971.

NAR President Moe Veissi, broker-owner of Veissi & Associates Inc., in Miami, said housing affordability conditions have set a new record high. "With record low mortgage interest rates and bargain home prices, NAR's housing affordability index shows that a median-income family can easily afford a median-priced home," he said.

The NAR website contributed to this report.

Weigh animal issue with care

Q: We have a community that is trapping cats and turning them over to the Humane Society which is putting them up for adoption or euthanizing them. We now have an animal rights activist owner who has gotten every single animal rights group and a local paper involved with this issue and is trying to get the board to change their position on this issue. It is the animal rights position that you need to trap the cats, neuter them and then release them since this will prevent reproduction and will allegedly lead to the extinction of that colony of cats within the association. What do we do?

A: I know of one association that was actually sued by an animal rights activist to

prevent it from capturing the feral cats and turning them over to the shelter where they were either adopted or euthanized. The plaintiff in that case sought a



Robert Meisner

permanent injunction requiring what was referred to as TNR (Trap, Neuter, Release). There are, however, organizations that will either neuter the cats or keep them or put them up for adoption and the TNR advocates are familiar with these organizations. In that particular matter the case was settled by the Association agreeing not to trap the cats for 30 days to allow the Plaintiff to arrange to trap them and then ship them off to a facility for TNR and housing, and then to resume trapping placement in the shelter after 30 days. Obviously, you can offer to have the cats turned over to the various animal rights groups that are complaining so long as they do not end up back at the Association. This is a delicate legal question and/or political issue that requires much consideration by the board and counsel.

Q: I am a board member, and am concerned about the fact that our collection lawyer for our condominium seems to have every collection account on a computer with access to the management company and, perhaps, others. Isn't that an invasion of privacy?

A: It is hard to determine exactly what type of system your collection attorney has established, but the attorney/client privilege could be waived or otherwise jeopardized if proprietary information in the hands of the attorney is disclosed to third parties who are not protected by the attorney client privilege, namely are not the client or authorized representatives of the client to receive this information within the protections of the attorney/privilege. The technological age may prove to some to be beneficial in terms of record keeping and the like but it also opens up additional pitfalls to the long established legal principals embodied in the attorney/client privilege which could well undermine the association's operations, and impede, indeed, the collection process. You are best advised to have a second opinion provided to you concerning the propriety of the computer access information procedures that you have outlined.

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HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Oct. 11-14, 2011, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON
50492 Amberley Blvd \$540,000
41345 Ford Rd \$375,000
2236 Hendrie \$250,000
7247 Kingsbridge Ct \$150,000
4063 Pond Run \$160,000

44575 Savery Dr \$46,000
41850 Woodbridge Dr \$137,000
GARDEN CITY
32248 Florence St \$36,000
31927 Hennepin St \$52,000
32751 Maplewood St \$55,000
32219 Rosslyn Ave \$80,000
30036 Rush St \$77,000
LIVONIA
36262 Barkley St \$150,000
9586 Deering St \$92,000
11840 Farmington Rd \$78,000
38517 Mason St \$130,000
9970 Oporto St \$95,000
30064 Richland St \$75,000

14599 Ronnie Ln \$123,000
29056 Roycroft St \$61,000
14139 Susanna St \$129,000
NORTHVILLE
20268 Longwood Ct \$110,000
16001 Morningside \$117,000
46423 Pinehurst Cir \$640,000
725 Randolph St \$58,000
317 Yerkes St \$170,000
PLYMOUTH
39519 Birchwood Dr \$159,000
262 N Holbrook St \$119,000
624 S Harvey St \$110,000
REDFORD
19653 Brady \$54,000

18679 Delaware Ave \$32,000
9159 Dixie \$50,000
18690 Gaylord \$39,000
9655 Hemingway \$35,000
24904 N Sylbert Dr \$69,000
WESTLAND
33731 Blackfoot St \$49,000
31628 Conway Dr \$85,000
38592 Florence St \$55,000
7780 Louise Ct \$38,000
36449 Newberry Estates Dr \$172,000
36515 Newberry Estates Dr \$160,000
35588 Pheasant Ln \$75,000
39227 Randolph Ct \$85,000

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Oct. 3-7, 2011, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS
16910 Lauderdale Ave \$148,000
30354 Lincolnshire E \$340,000
31054 Pickwick Ln \$215,000
BIRMINGHAM
1540 Bowers St \$124,000
1192 Cole St \$430,000
1809 Holland St \$149,000
369 Kimberly St \$392,000
1021 Smith Ave \$129,000

BLOOMFIELD HILLS
617 Wilshire Dr \$195,000
4725 Dover Rd \$268,000
718 E Long Lake Rd \$260,000
1377 Pembroke Dr \$900,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP
3425 Berkshire Dr \$396,000
1054 Clear Point Ct \$290,000
6522 Donegan Ct \$250,000
5373 Echo Rd \$235,000
474 Fox Hills Dr N \$25,000
1180 Hill Line Trl \$420,000
6465 Maple Hills Dr \$135,000
945 Satterlee Rd \$460,000
3647 Shallow Brook Dr \$235,000
4147 Stoneleigh Rd \$420,000
1101 Timberlake Dr \$530,000
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP
1760 Birchton St \$45,000
4735 White Tail Ct \$179,000

FARMINGTON HILLS
22743 Clear Lake Dr \$175,000
31711 Dohany Dr \$100,000
35575 Forestville St \$180,000
29261 Glen Oaks Blvd E \$89,000
36650 Howard Rd \$170,000
29508 Juneau Ln \$115,000
29308 Regents Pointe \$132,000
28895 Rockledge Dr \$190,000
FRANKLIN
26651 Captains Ln \$678,000
25075 Franklin Park Dr \$367,000
MILFORD
3045 Hillside Dr \$151,000
983 Manderly Dr \$217,000
852 Manor Dr \$68,000
NOVI
22120 Brockshire St \$420,000
47334 Butler Ln \$242,000
28314 Carlton Way Dr \$132,000

39510 Country Ln \$89,000
40698 Lenox Park Dr \$235,000
24777 Reeds Pointe Dr \$400,000
41451 Reindeer Dr \$230,000
SOUTH LYON
124 Brookwood Ct \$92,000
25607 Buckingham Ct \$230,000
698 Center Rdg \$119,000
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1053 Saddle Dr \$223,000
SOUTHFIELD
19481 Cherry Hill St \$124,000
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8990 Twin Lakes Dr \$190,000

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Contest finalist

Jewish Family Service's Project Build! program, based in West Bloomfield has been selected as a finalist for Aprons in Action, The Home Depot Foundation's Facebook voting program, and now has the opportunity to win a \$25,000 gift card from The Home Depot. Voting began Jan. 2 and runs through Jan. 31 at www.facebook.com/homedepotfoundation. The organization with the most votes will win the \$25,000 prize, and be in the running for the grand prize of \$250,000 at the end of the yearlong program. The runner-up organizations from each month will receive \$5,000 in The Home Depot gift cards.

During the Aprons in Action Contest, which began in April 2011, 11 monthly winners will be selected. In March 2012, Facebook fans will have the chance to help one of those 11 winners win the \$250,000 grand prize. The organization that receives the second and third most votes will receive \$150,000 and \$100,000 from The Home Depot, respectively.

In the January round of the competi-

tion, Jewish Family Service is competing against three other nonprofit organizations from across the country including Oregon Paralyzed Veterans of America, Pilot Club of Denham Springs, and VFW Post 4127.

"Being selected for the Aprons in Action Program is an honor, and we are so thankful for the recognition," said Perry Ohren, CEO of Jewish Family Service. "If we win the \$25,000 Home Depot gift card, we will be able to provide home repairs and modifications for many low-income and physically challenged individuals in our community over the next year."

Working together, Jewish Family Service's Project Build!, The Home Depot Foundation and the local The Home Depot Commerce Township store recently teamed up to complete an extensive home repair. It took seven days over a period of three weeks to replace rotted flooring, paint all of the walls, replace the lighting and oven, and repair the gutters outside. In the end, JFS's Project Build! and The Home Depot turned the client's house into a home.

Aprons in Action is on Facebook at www.facebook.com/homedepot or www.facebook.com/homedepotfoundation.

The final percentages of votes for each nonprofit will be posted on The Home Depot and The Home Depot Foundation's Facebook pages on Feb. 1 at 9 a.m. ET. For more information and to view the program rules, visit The Home Depot on Facebook or go to www.homedepotfoundation.org.

Seminar on Tuesdays

A free Reverse Mortgage Seminar is 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday at Colonial Mortgage Corp., 33919 Plymouth Road, Livonia. No obligation.

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Before They Were Famous: Celebrity Career Aspirations

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Deciding what you want to be when you grow up can be difficult. And even if you're set on being rich and famous, having something to fall back on can't hurt.

While it's hard to imagine pop culture without these icons, here's a look at some celebrities' career aspirations before they made it big:

- When comedian and former "Saturday Night Live" cast member **Will Ferrell** graduated from the University of Southern California with a degree in sports information, he took a job as a sportscaster on a weekly cable show. But he found that his calling was in acting and stand-up comedy. He later played a newscaster on the big screen in "Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy."

- Eva Longoria** attended Texas A&M-Kingsville, graduating with a degree in Kinesiology. After graduating, she entered a talent contest, went to Los Angeles and was signed by an agent. After stints on soaps including "General Hospital," "Beverly Hills, 90210" and "The Young and the Restless," Eva Longoria landed a role as Gabrielle Solis, on the popular television series, "Desperate Housewives."

- Instead of joining his father's oil business, **Matthew McConaughey** attended the University of Texas in Austin intending to become a lawyer. He reportedly changed his major to acting after discovering an Og Mandino book "The Greatest Salesman in the World" and girls all over the world have been swooning since.

- After being discovered by an agent in a pizza parlor when she was 11 years old, **Natalie Portman** began a career in modeling, which she later

bypassed to concentrate on acting. Her role as Queen Amidala in "Star Wars: Episode I -- The Phantom Menace" and Oscar-nominated role in "Closer" heightened her status as a Hollywood star. She took time off to study at Harvard University in Boston, Massachusetts, majoring in psychology. Although she intends to continue acting, she also plans to practice psychology.

- Before becoming an Academy Award-nominated actress and successful hip hop artist, **Queen Latifah** (a.k.a. Dana Owens) studied

broadcast journalism at Borough of Manhattan Community College. She considered pursuing a career either a newscaster or a lawyer.

- Denzel Washington** attended Fordham University to pursue a career in journalism before getting involved in student drama productions and being drawn into acting. He finished his degree and moved to San Francisco attending the American Conservatory Theater for one year before pursuing acting work and later earning multiple awards.

- "Charlie's Angels" star, **Lucy Liu**

attended New York University before transferring to the University of Michigan where she graduated with a major in Asian Languages. During her last year of college, she landed the lead role for her school's production of "Alice in Wonderland" that launched her career in acting.

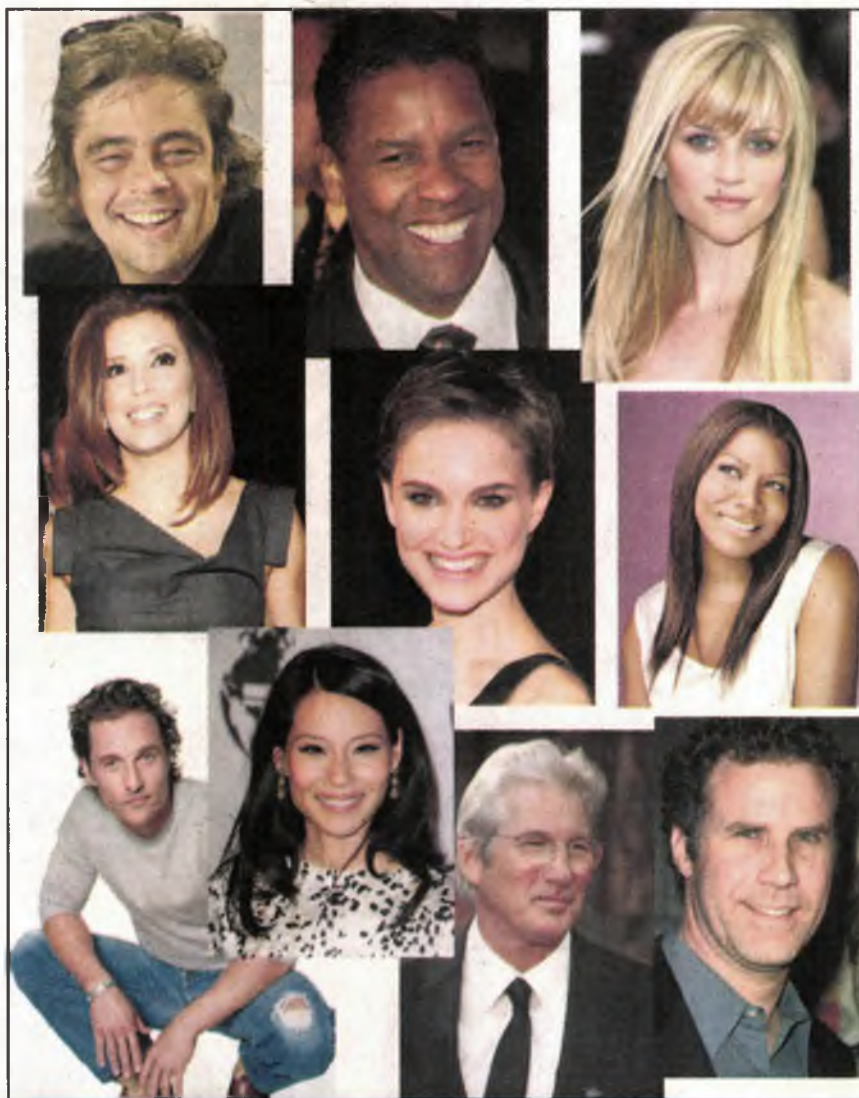
- Before **Benicio del Toro** was in "Traffic" and "Sin City," he studied business at the University of California at San Diego. Although his father wanted him to become a lawyer, del Toro secretly changed his major to acting and later dropped out to study the craft in New York City.

- Before playing a Harvard law student in "Legally Blonde," **Reese Witherspoon** attended Stanford University, majoring in English literature. The actress took a hiatus from her educational pursuits to take on roles for the movies "Freeway" and "Fear," and eventually earned an Oscar in 2006 for Best Actress in "Walk the Line."

- Years playing the piano in "Pretty Woman" and tap dancing in "Chicago," attended the University of Massachusetts in Amherst on a gymnastics scholarship. He studied philosophy, but dropped out of school after two years to pursue acting with the Seattle Repertory Theatre and New York's Provincetown Playhouse.

Sources: The Internet Movie Database, The Biography Channel, Hollywood.com, ABC.go.com, The Miami Herald, Mtv.com, Wikipedia.com.

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