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Mission fundraiser

The members of Meadowbrook Congregational Church, 21355 Meadowbrook Road, in Novi, will be sponsoring a spaghetti dinner fundraiser on Sunday, February 12, from 11:00 to 12:30. They are raising money for the purchase of a dependable mission vehicle to be utilized by the Pilgrims Presence missionaries in the Pokot community of Kenya. All friends and neighbors are invited to attend.



Performance workshop

There will be a children's performance workshop for third-fifth grade students from noon-4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 4 at Northville High School. Sessions in singing, acting, and dancing will be offered to the children by members of the high school choir. The cost is \$45. E-mail prycema@northville.k12.mi.us for registration information.



Fireman's Ball

The 9th Annual Northville Township Charity Fireman's Ball will be held from 6 p.m.-midnight Saturday, Feb. 11 at the Italian American Club of Livonia. For ticket sales or donation information, please contact Tommy Hughes at (734) 219-3961 or firemansball3961@gmail.com. All proceeds benefit the Northville Township Professional Fire Fighters Charity Fund.

Township unveils 'crown jewel'



An artist's overview rendering of what the 7 Mile property in Northville Township could look like.

7 Mile park plan comes in at \$82 million

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Correspondent

It's not what will be, it's what could be. That's how Northville Township Supervisor Mark Abbo described the community master plan for the 332 acres of

property along Seven Mile Road. The total project cost is estimated at \$82 million. Abbo said the costs have a "sticker shock" effect, but the park has the potential to be a "crown jewel" for the township. He stressed that it's only a plan and no one should expect

to see an increase in taxes to fund it. "Every aspect of it, before a dollar is spent, will be vetted," said Abbo. The plan, approved 7-0 last week, outlines big ambitions for the property, which currently has a number of for-

mer state psychiatric hospital vacant buildings in disrepair and yet acts as one of the major entry points into Northville. It's called "Twenty 21" because the plan looks into the future and sets the parameters

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Ridge Wood Elementary School student Kennedy Jagnow portrays and tells a crowd about the life of Anne Therese McDonald - who dealt with cerebral palsy during her brief life - during the school's Jan. 20 "wax museum". Jagnow's sister, Addie, is second from right. Kennedy, in her poster above, listed some of the qualities that she admired about Anne McDonald: "Inspiring, Courageous, Intelligent, Big-Hearted, and Generous."

Cerebral palsy no barrier for Ridge Wood student

By **Julie Brown**
Staff Writer

Cheryl Jagnow of Northville Township has always been proud of her daughters. Daughter Kennedy Jagnow, 11, is a fifth-grader at Ridge Wood Elementary in the Northville district, with sister Addison, 9, a fourth-grader there. The girls have a younger sister, Delaney, 4½,

with Cheryl's former husband Chris as dad. Kennedy was born with cerebral palsy, but she doesn't let it slow her down. She's in a regular classroom at Ridge Wood and in the top of her class. "I like it," Kennedy said of the school. "It really is an awesome school. I feel

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Jankowski chosen to fill Wadsworth's school board seat

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Correspondent

After a second interview and much thought, the Northville Board of Education selected Cynthia Jankowski to fill the remaining 11 months of Joan Wadsworth's term on the school board. Prior to their regular meeting last week, the school board held an hour-long question-and-answer session with candidates Will Bryan and Jankowski. Board vice president Ken Roth spoke for the rest when he said the second round of interviewing helped him make his selection. Bryan did receive a couple of votes, but Jankowski was given the nod by the majority. "This was a great learning process, and no matter what the outcome I was planning on continuing to serve in some capacity," a beaming Jankowski said afterward.

With a background as a paralegal, Jankowski is bringing professional experience that has helped her develop leadership and collaborative skills, which made her an attractive fill-in for the 18-year member Wadsworth. Jankowski referenced her past leadership roles with professional paralegal organizations as an example of the experience she has gained. During her time she worked to build consensus among a group of professionals with different perspectives. She said a school board member should have integrity, empathy and diplomacy in order to be successful. Bryan and Jankowski were similar in many ways during the interview. Both said they would weigh each situation and decision very carefully taking



Cynthia Jankowski

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Worship at Ward puts focus on family

Kids need wisdom, guidance and caring from their parents. One local faith community has found a way for kids and their parents to connect with this need in mind.

The children's ministry department at Ward Church has piloted a program called FX: A Family Experience on Sunday mornings that brings children and parents together for an hour, in hopes of igniting conversation on important topics within the family. Through the use of music, drama, games and interactive teaching, parents and children are not only entertained — but are introduced to “the virtue of the month” which is then woven into the children's curriculum during the following weeks.

The pilot held last fall was met with so much excitement it was decid-

DETAILS

The staff at Ward is preparing for next month's FX which takes place on Sunday, Feb. 5, at 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. in Room A105 at Ward Church. FX will also take place on Sundays, March 4, April 1 and May 6. More dates will be added.

For more information about FX and other services, programs and events happening at Ward, visit www.ward-church.org. Ward Church is near the intersection of Six Mile and Haggerty roads in Northville Township.

ed that FX needed to take place on a regular basis. In the months that followed, a team was assembled and began their hard work

to develop a series of FX events that will take place on the first Sunday of each month for five months starting in January 2012.

“The response was overwhelming,” said Cindy Ziemba, director of children's ministry. “An hour after our FX on self-control, a parent Facebooked us to say, ‘Awesome job, FX team! We were able to apply what we learned immediately.’ Since virtues are qualities that all of us need to work on, learning environments like these are important because they create opportunities that lead to improved family conversation.”

The events are more than entertainment. “I found myself learning lessons and re-examining things in my own life too,” said Shawn Spencer, who attended FX on Jan. 8 with his wife and three of their

children. “The skits had us all laughing. Our kids absolutely loved it. They can't stop talking about it.”

Parents will recognize popular songs from their childhood, rewritten with lyrics based on Bible verses and virtues.

Over 350 children and parents attended the two FX programs on Sunday, Jan. 8, that focused on the virtue of self-control, which was defined as “choosing to do what you should do — and not what you want to do.”

“It's really unlike anything else happening in our area,” said Matt Greenman, who directs FX, acts in the skits and plays in the band. “Our hope is to give families in this area a new tool that helps them connect with their children in ways they haven't been able to before.”

Sixth exhibition



“Monster” by Leann Meixner

The Northville Art House is proud to present the sixth annual exhibition showcasing the various styles and mediums of its artist members. Over 70 artists have submitted work to this exhibit that was developed to say thank you to everyone who has supported the growth and creativity of the arts in Northville. The show will open with a reception from 6-9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 3 during Northville's First Friday Art Walk. The show will continue through Feb. 18 during Art House Gallery hours (1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday). For additional information, call (248) 344-0497 or visit www.northvillearts.org. The Art House is located at 215 W. Cady Street and is a facility of the Northville Arts Commission through the City of Northville. Admission to Art House exhibits is always free and open to the public.

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Greg and Judge Jeanne Stempien walk on the campus of Schoolcraft College in Livonia on Jan. 25. The Northville residents and couple have had a scholarship named after them at the school by its Board of Trustees.



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Stempiens ‘honored’ by Schoolcraft scholarship

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Jeanne and Greg Stempien of Northville have longtime ties to Schoolcraft College. She served on the Board of Trustees from 1986-92, he from 1998 to 2011.

“What a wonderful institution,” said Greg Stempien, who’s practiced law locally over 40 years. “This is really the crown jewel of the community.”

His wife, a Wayne County Circuit Court judge since January 1993, praised current President Conway Jeffress and former President Richard McDowell.

“I’m very proud to be associated with Schoolcraft College, always have been,” she said. “It’s gratifying to be a part of it.”

For their service to Schoolcraft and the community, the college Board of Trustees designated a portion of the Trustee Scholarship as the Greg and Jeanne Stempien Scholarship Fund.

“I am tremendously honored,” she said. “That was such an honor and surprise.” Her husband added, “It was totally unexpected.”

Judge Stempien has practiced law since 1980, her husband since 1970. They’ve seen “a lot” of changes in their profession, he said, with his wife noting an evolution of cases seen in court.

“There are incremental changes that have taken place,” she said. They cited no-fault auto insurance as a big one, along with lessened product liability.

“We’ve become more efficient and we’re going to electronic records,” she said of the Wayne County Circuit Court.

“That’s really changed the practice a lot,” he said, the couple noting federal and Oakland County courts use electronic records, with Wayne and Macomb counties just starting, “so all of us have become a paperless society,”

she added.

“I’m a dinosaur,” Greg Stempien added, noting he still prints out documents.

The couple has a grown son in Livonia and grown daughter in Northville, as well as five grandchildren. Their daughter had attended Schoolcraft before the University of Michigan-Dearborn. Their grandkids have attended Northville Public Schools as well as Our Lady of Victory and Catholic Central High.

The Stempien law firm is in downtown Northville, and used to be in Livonia. Greg and Jeanne used to live in Northville Township and are now in the city.

“We love it,” he said. He recalled his brother Marv being city attorney for Northville when people objected to subdivisions going in in Northville Township.

“The community’s a wonderful community,” the judge said. She and Greg have been married since 1966.

The Stempiens use Schoolcraft for sports activities, and recommend its many amenities and services to others.

“He’s just one of the smartest people I’ve met,” Greg Stempien said of President Conway Jeffress. The former trustee praised Jeffress as a hard worker and good planner.

“It’s just going to be a in a little different role now,” Jeanne Stempien said of their Schoolcraft service. She introduced her law clerk to Schoolcraft, which has its main campus on Haggerty in Livonia as well as a smaller campus in Garden City.

Those wishing to contribute should send a check payable to Schoolcraft College with Greg and Jeanne Stempien Scholarship Fund in the memo line. The address is Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia, MI 48152. For information, call (734) 462-4689.

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Chefs cook up plans for remodel, anniversary bash

By Karen Smith
Staff Writer

A 20th anniversary celebration and a dining room remodel are on the menu for 2012 for Chefs Charles “Rocky” Rachwitz and Steve Allen, owners of three restaurants in Northville, Novi and Livonia.

Rocky’s of Northville will celebrate its 20th anniversary in November, and Steve and Rocky’s in Novi will get “a whole dining room face lift.”

The partners also own Rocky’s Rotisserie in Livonia.

Rachwitz hasn’t decided yet how Rocky’s of Northville will celebrate its anniversary later this year, but Allen is already meeting with designers at Steve and Rocky’s in Novi.

“It needs a change,” he said of the look of the four-star restaurant that draws 10,000 people a month from all over the Metro Detroit area.

“It’s been five years since it was last remodeled.”

Allen said the restaurant will remain open during the renovations, all expected to be cosmetic. The work is expected to start in four to six weeks.

Other than that, the two chefs plan on continuing to offer people quality food at affordable prices.

Business is up

Despite the economy, they said business has been up significantly at their restaurants the past two years.



Chefs Steve Allen, left, and Chuck (Rocky) Rachwitz toast to their successful restaurant ventures in Northville and Novi. Rachwitz runs Northville’s Seven Mile Road “Rocky’s” and both have a hand in Novi’s “Steve and Rocky’s” on Grand River Avenue.



Rocky’s on Seven Mile Road.

Growing even faster is their catering business. They have so many catering requests — from breakfast in bed for two to parties for 600 — they have to turn some down.

The two became partners when they opened Steve and Rocky’s 14 years ago this month after being formally introduced by Chef Milos Cihelka, Rachwitz’s per-

sonal hunting friend and Allen’s mentor at the Golden Mushroom in Southfield.

Rachwitz already owned Rocky’s in Northville. He previously worked for the C. A. Muer Restaurant Corp. for 18 years guiding their culinary departments as corporate executive chef. Prior to Chuck Muer’s untimely death in a sailing accident, Muer helped Rachwitz turn the former Northville Charley’s into Rachwitz’s own restaurant.

Rachwitz wanted to partner in another restaurant with a slightly more upscale menu, and Allen wanted to own his own place.

Cihelka, the first Certified Executive Chef in the United States with 50 years of cooking experience in first-class hotels, restaurants and private clubs, thought Rachwitz’s business plan and menu savvy and Allen’s culinary skills and taste abilities would be a great match.

It’s been a recipe for success ever since.

Four years ago, they opened Rocky’s Rotisserie in Livonia, a counter service restaurant with a Midwestern menu formed by Rachwitz, Allen and Dan Meier, the former chef at Rocky’s of Northville.

Key ingredients

Ronald J. Hoffman, who handles their publicity, said value, quality and staff longevity are the ingredients to their success.

“These guys are key on keeping prices to the consumer down,” he said.

Both Rachwitz and Allen do their own butchering, a savings of \$4 to \$5 a pound that they pass on to diners. They use the trimmed off meat and fat to make stock as a base for soup and sauces. “Nothing here gets wasted,” Hoffman said.

Menus can be changed daily to take advantage of seasonal pricing on fruit, vegetables, meat and fish.

Allen, 48, of Fenton also

uses produce he grows on his six-acre gentleman’s farm. Last year, he harvested 3,000 pounds of heirloom tomatoes. He also uses turkeys he raises for Thanksgiving.

Both Rachwitz and Allen are award-winning chefs.

Rachwitz is a member of the American Culinary Federation, and has won such events as the American Seafood Competition, Best of Michigan Meal, Taste of Plymouth, Taste of Northville, and is a four-time winner of the Novi Chili Competition.

Allen has won many American Culinary Federation gold and silver medals during his years of competition.

Their staffs stay with them a long time. Rocky’s general manager and bartender have been there 17 and 18 years respectively; the chef, 13 years. Each of them has developed a following, which keeps a steady flow of regular customers coming into the restaurant.

“I walk out here (into the dining room) on a Friday night, and I know most everyone,” Rachwitz said.

Hire locally

Many of the staff they hire are from Schoolcraft and Oakland community colleges, their alma maters.

Both chefs graduated from OCC. Allen transferred there after starting at Schoolcraft.

“They’re local, and I know most of the instructors there,” Rachwitz said. “One of my favorite lines is, ‘Does your instructor know you do it that way?’”

Rachwitz, 57, of Brighton Township got his start in the restaurant business at age 13 working for a Southfield deli. He made \$1.25 an hour, working and saving enough to buy a brand-new Ford Maverick at age 16.

He liked washing pots because that meant he could help work the broiler. One Saturday night the broiler cook called in sick, and Rachwitz

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Sandwiches and salads are about \$7 each; a family can get dinner for \$16.99. Chicken is the top seller.

told the owner he’d do both jobs. “Sunday, guess who was the next broiler cook?”

Rachwitz started working for Muer in the same building he now owns. He went all over the country working for Muer during his 17-year career with him.

Allen was in high school when he started working in the restaurant business. “I just needed a job,” he said. He hired in at Nanny’s Soup Kettle at the Oakland Mall in Troy, but that restaurant didn’t survive the recession of the early 1980s.

A friend who was a valet at the Golden Mushroom told him about the apprenticeship program they had there. “I didn’t even know what an apprentice was,” said Allen, who was 18 at the time. He applied, and was hired a few months later to work in the cold meat station.

Cihelka had just become the first Certified Executive Chef in the United States, and Allen became “enraptured” with the food preparation, especially for food shows. “I didn’t know it was a true art and a profession,” he said.

He told Cihelka he wanted to be an apprentice and started working full-time at the restaurant and attending school one day a week. After 10 years under Cihelka, Allen succeeded Cihelka as executive chef when Cihelka retired. He held that position for five years until forming the partnership with Rachwitz.

The restaurant business continues to be a labor of love for both chefs.

“I still enjoy what I do,” Allen said.

So does Rachwitz. “It’s something different all the time,” he said.

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Diners enjoy a meal at Rocky’s on Seven Mile Road recently.

Retiring can be scary, but financial pro has sound advice

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Knowing how much to save for retirement is no easy task. The average life expectancy is 78. If you're 65, however, it's 83 and at 75 it rises to 87. Even at 100, it's 102.

"We're living longer, but the bad news is we're living longer," said financial pro Mark Robinson during the "Your Retirement: Boom or Bust?" session at the Northville District Library on Jan. 11.

Northville resident Robinson is developer/presenter of "Investor Education in Your Community," taken since 2006 to some 15,000 Michiganders. He works through the Michigan Office of Financial and Insurance Regulation in the program with sponsorship of the Investor Protection Trust. It's also affiliated with Michigan State University Extension (mimoneyhealth.org offers a survey on financial health).

"We have so much information and opinion from so-called experts," said Robinson of retirement planning before an audience of around 40 people.

How much?

He explained future retirees can only approximate the number they'll need. They need to save enough now: "You need to get it right, as does the financial services industry," he said. Robinson gave several

examples, including someone born in 1920 whose peak investing years would be in the bear market of the 1960s and 1970s. Someone born in 1940 would have hit peak investment time in the 1980s and 1990s, a bull market. Those born in 1960 or so are struggling with what he called the "lost decade" of 2000-10.

"You can't control which cycle you retire into," Robinson said.

His example of two retirees who left the work force in 1996 and 1999 with identical investments and withdrawals showed that dramatic difference. "It's already getting a bit scary, isn't it?" he said.

He said the market is all "seat of the pants," and to beware of averages.

Robinson explained the need to allocate and diversify in terms of long-term,

intermediate-term and short-term investments. Asset classes include stocks, bonds, real estate, cash and hard assets.

He stressed the importance of allocation and diversification, adding bond funds are driven by the interest rate cycle.

Investors try to "beat time," he said, but need to manage volatility, especially downward.

"It starts me to start viewing my portfolio as a whole," said Robinson, adding investing takes time, effort and thought.

"Yes, it is work. Your life could be ultimately based on decisions you choose to make or avoid. We have to take more control."

An annuity?

The state-sponsored program doesn't recommend specific investments, but

Robinson said annuities work for some people. He noted the 60 percent/40 percent stock/bond combination many financial professionals favor has a track record, but is only one consideration.

"Do I need liquidity? Do I need income?" he said.

You know your circumstances, retirement date and income from guaranteed sources. Unknowns include expenses, including health care, future circumstances and date of death. Debt and spending patterns can be changed for the better.

Robinson recommends a written Investment Policy Statement to include your goals and investment strategy. You need to know what you own, he said, and why you own it.

Many websites can help investors with bench-

marks for investing, he said. You need to be careful with retirement calculators, which can give a false sense of comfort or scare you unduly.

"Longevity risk might be greater than market risk," Robinson said. He urged his audience to keep up with the news, reading a variety of sources to stay an informed investor.

Those attending liked what Robinson said.

"I thought it was very good," said Denise Myers of Northville Township, a General Motors retiree. She liked the nonbiased information: "I was just very impressed," Myers said.

She added many retirement seminars assume you'll withdraw money immediately upon retirement, but that's not the case for Myers and others. She liked Robinson's intelligent

approach, not spoon-feeding information, and will attend future library programs.

The library will host another session, "How To Select or Evaluate Your Financial Services Provider," 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 1, at 212 W. Cady. To register for the free program, call (248) 349-3020.

Jeannine Davidson, head of adult services at the library, was busy that Wednesday passing out information, including library business resource lists. She was glad to host Robinson.

"They are not selling a product," Davidson said. "They are selling information. It's educating you so you will be the best consumer, the best investor. They are not being used in any way. They are just being informed."

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into account the various groups within the community. Bryan is a partner in an accounting firm and previously served on a school board while living in Indiana.

“These are two fine candidates,” Roth said prior to the vote.

Board President Dottie Garrity thanked all of the candidates and urged them to continue pursuing opportunities in the community and public service.

Before the vote was taken a number of residents voiced their support

for Jankowski and Bryan. Ann Schmidt described Jankowski as the perfect candidate, referencing her as a collaborative person while being active in their neighborhood homeowners association.

Jankowski has also been a volunteer at Silver Springs Elementary School, where her 11-year-old son attends. She and her husband, Ray, moved to Northville eight years ago from California.

It will be a quick term for her, and she understands the challenges ahead. She said it will be “a hurry up and get going” learning process.

She will be sworn in before the next meeting, so she can officially take her seat and move on with the tasks at hand.

100 acts



Northville Girl Scout Troops 40010 and 40844 are participating in “100 Acts of Community Service” as part of the celebration of the 100th anniversary of Girl Scouting. (Juliette Gordon Low founded Girl Scouts of the USA on March 12, 1912 in Savannah, Ga.) Each month the Northville Girl Scouts complete a different community service project. In January, they spent the night at Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan Camp Wacousta near Lansing and made Valentine cards for all the residents of the Northville nursing homes. The girls also toured Michigan State University, their seventh trip to a college campus. They have been visiting Michigan colleges and universities since June 2011. Pictured are girls from Northville Girl Scout Troops 40010 and 40844: (first row) Connie Carswell, Maggie O'Meara, Jennifer Kowalczyk and Hannah Graff; (second row) Olivia Collins, Valyn Schleicher, Beatrice Nyah and Sarah Ptashnik; (third row) Claire O'Meara, Kaity Graham and Brittany Nyah; and (fourth row) Karrigan Niemi, Maggie Ritchie, Shannon Stapp, Rileigh Freeman, Olivia McCutcheon, Brianna Nyah, Shannon Hayes and Katherin Stanley.

STUDENT

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lucky to be there.” She'll go on to middle school with her friends.

“She's really smart,” mom Cheryl said. “She's doing great, she's doing great.”

Kennedy wears orthotics for walking and goes to physical therapy twice a week. She was born at home in the bathroom at gestation of 26 weeks, and her parents weren't sure she'd live, “let alone be as well off as she is. Very proud of her,” Cheryl said.

Kennedy recently portrayed Anne Therese McDonald at a “wax museum” program at Ridge Wood. McDonald also had cerebral palsy as a result of birth trauma.

“I chose her because I wanted someone to relate to me,” Kennedy said of McDonald. “They thought it was very interesting,” she said of classmates' reaction to her project. It took a great deal of research online.

Kennedy read about McDonald being institutionalized at a young age and being unable to communicate. McDonald went on to earn a college degree and

become independent.

Kennedy listed in a poster for her school project some qualities she admired in McDonald: “Inspiring, Courageous, Intelligent, Big-Hearted, and Generous.”

McDonald, born in Australia, lived from 1961 to 2010 and in later life became an advocate for the disabled. Kennedy was pleased to portray her, with her mom noting other students in some cases chose Hollywood personalities.

“She did a great job,” Cheryl Jagnow said of Kennedy. “She choose someone totally out of the ordinary.”

Kennedy, whose career goal is to be a veterinarian, has become more interested in research for a cure for cerebral palsy.

Cheryl's pleased with the staff at Ridge Wood, noting they've helped with awareness among the students as well.

She agreed other first-time parents can find having a disabled child overwhelming at first. “Oh, completely. She's our miracle.”

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NORTHVILLE COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Community Events

MOVIES AT THE MARQUIS

Location: Marquis Theater, 135 E. Main Street, Northville
Time/Date: doors open at 6:45 p.m.; movies begin at 7:30 p.m.; through Feb. 25
Details: The Northville Downtown Development Authority invites you to this classic movie series, sponsored by Tom Holzer Ford. Each of the individual movies will be sponsored by the Downtown Northville merchant listed below. Tickets are \$3 in advance at the ticket sponsor location, or \$5 at the Marquis the night of the show.
Feb. 4: “Goldfinger”; sponsored by Preservation Dental
Feb 11: “Anatomy of a Murder”; Simply Wine

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More: For a complete listing of local and regional events, see the Northville Calendar online at www.hometownlife.com.

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Feb. 25: “Bye Bye Birdie”; Keller Williams Realty Northville

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Congratulations to the following winners in this year's Northville High School PTA Reflections art competition who reflected "Diversity Means..." in a variety of mediums. Literature: Sonia Prabhu, A Hallmark of Nature, first place; Erin Dunne, Behind the Laughter, second; Arati Gangadharan, The Leaves of Autumn, third; Erin Dunne, Masking Diversity, fourth; Andrew Schanne, The Light of the World, and Julia Kassem, Anthem of the Renegade, both honorable mention. Visual Arts: Sonia Prabhu, The Stories That Connect Us, first; Jason Lerner, Mind and Body, second; Perry Jiang, Leaves, third; Maria Benjamin, Not Normal, fourth; Aliya Khan, Workplace of a Thinker, and Molly DeDonna, Some Hues of Blue, both honorable mention. Photography: Sam McCutcheon, Goven, first; Jessica Ferdinand, Don't Look for my Differences—See my Uniqueness, second; Grace DeRidder, Accept Me, third; Katie Butler, Behind the Sun, fourth; Brittney Fournier, Diversity of the Candy, and Danielle Winiarski, Black and White, both honorable mention. Vide Production: Chandler Candela, Zombiestein, first. Music Composition: Charlie May, Life, first. Special thanks to members of the Northville Art House, Denver Laabs and Joan Bahl's book group for volunteering to help judge this year's entries.

SCHOOLCRAFT HAPPENINGS

New culinary classes served up

Have you always dreamed of taking cooking lessons at an internationally renowned culinary school? Well, now is the time. This winter, Schoolcraft College is offering dozens of culinary classes, all held in the college's famous state-of-the-art kitchens, taught by the college's award-winning Executive and Master Chef-certified faculty. Many of the classes are brand new and

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In the Mastering the Gourmet Pizza class students will learn the use of a variety of dough, sauces and fresh toppings using both grill and pizza stone cooking techniques. The two-day Practical Preparation of Mushrooms class will immerse students in

wild and cultivated mushrooms and how to create enticing yet simple dishes from appetizers to a delicious main course. Regional American Food will explore the Pacific Coast, the Midwest, New England and Southern cooking.

To entice the bakers, the Bar & Sheet Cookies class will offer up some secret tricks on how to make sure they come out perfect every time. Student cooks will be able to take samples home to share with friends and family. Passion for Chocolate Desserts will give students a taste of the 'food of the gods.' Techniques for melting choco-

late while discovering its use in tortes and warm as well as cold plated desserts will be shared.

Other new classes offered by our culinary instructors include: Cookie Decorating with Royal Icing, Greek Coffee, Cookies & Tales, Modern Cuisine Techniques: Break through the Boundaries, and International Buffet for Young Chefs.

To see all of Schoolcraft's recreational culinary classes, visit www.schoolcraft.edu/cepd. Registration is underway and classes are scheduled in February, March and April. Class sizes are limited.

Reduce Stress in the New Year

Schoolcraft College will be offering mediation classes this winter semester to help individuals who are looking for help and guidance in achieving a sense of calm and control. Present Moment Meditation will give students a lighthearted, practical approach that makes meditation inviting and beneficial for everyone. There are two four-week long sessions being offered. The first session began Jan. 30 (CES0966/ Sec. 917001) and the second class section starts Mon-

day, March 19 (CES0966/ Sec. 917002). Class sessions will be held from 6-7:30 p.m. on the college's main campus in Livonia, Haggerty Road between 6 and 7 Mile roads.

Each meeting includes two meditations, a short presentation on topics relating to meditation and stress reduction, discussion and question-and-answer time. Registration is currently underway.

For more information on the mediation classes or Schoolcraft's Continuing Education and Professional Development program, visit www.schoolcraft.edu/cepd or call 734-462-4448.

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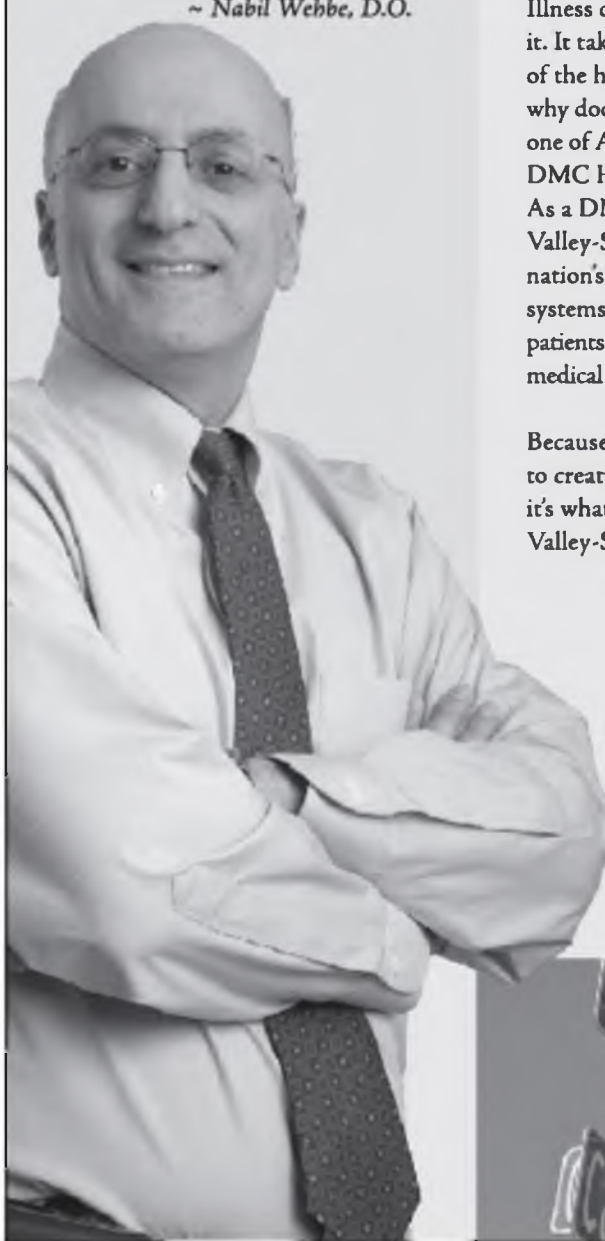
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NORTHVILLE POLICE BRIEFS

Property destruction

There were two reported incidents of malicious destruction of property in Northville Township after two vehicles were found by their owners to be damaged, one having its windows smashed. The first incident occurred on Jan. 22 at the parking lot of the Kohl's store on Haggerty Road. A 54-year-old Livonia man told police that after he came out of the store he found two long scratches on his Ford Taurus. The report stated it appeared they were made by two keys. The other happened at The Learning Center, which is located on Ridge Road. The center's bus had its windshield and a door window smashed in, and a side mirror damaged. There is no external video surveillance, so the suspects are unknown at this time.

Scrappers hit the Seven Mile Road property

A group of men were found by police on the Northville Township-owned property with a truck full of scrap metal that they were attempting to take from the closed-down hospital building. On Jan. 22, Northville Township police were conducting a routine patrol when the group was discovered with their truck backed up to the main building's loading dock. The truck had in it copper tubing and three large trash cans full of metal debris and steel. Three of the men were from Westland and the other is a Redford resident. A further check of the men revealed three had outstanding warrants for arrest, so they were detained while the fourth was cited for trespassing and released.

Suspicious Package?

On Jan. 21, Northville city police and fire departments responded to a report of a smoking package at the post office that smelled like sulfur. Upon arrival a post office employee pointed the package out, which police stated did smell like sulfur, but was not smoking at the time. It was sent from a Maryland address and was being sent to a Northville man. The employee said it began smoking when he was sorting through the mail. The police checked with the man who was supposed to receive it. The man said he did purchase a collection of match books through ebay from the Maryland address. The Michigan State Police Bomb Squad was brought in to secure and check the package. It turned out to be the match book collection. A loose match had ignited and started a fire that burned shortly before going out.

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A Plymouth was arrested for drunken driving after Northville city police observed him doing "donuts" in the parking lot of Hamlet's liquor store. The 29-year-old man told police he was just having fun. However, police did not agree and pulled him over at the Tree-top Apartments after he squealed his tires and "fishtailed" as he left the lot. Police reported smelling intoxicants on the man upon speaking with him. After having trouble with some of the field sobriety tests, he was given a preliminary breathalyzer test. He blew a .18 percent, which is well above the legal limit.

Compiled by correspondent Lonnie Huhman

Northville's Werth to lead police chiefs organization

By Lonnie Huhman
Correspondent

Northville Township Public Safety Director John Werth is honored to take on an even bigger public safety role after being named president of the largest organization of police chiefs in Michigan.

Werth was recently elected to head the association of Southeastern Michigan Chiefs of Police. This group is made up of the public safety departments from Wayne, Oakland, Macomb and Washtenaw counties, and represents over 100 agencies and 285 members.

"It's an honor any time you are elected by a group of peers," he said. "This is a great organization, and I'm proud to be a part of it." He first joined the organization in 2001 when he was named chief of police in Northville Township and has consistently been a member in good standing. The association is a part of the larger Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police (MACP), which acts as a representative for police agencies around the state. The association's core goals are to enhance cooperation between public safety departments, support profession-



John Werth

al growth and training, and inform legislators. Testifying on behalf of area chiefs in Lansing will be one part of Werth's role as president. He said it's important that state representatives understand "what we do" and pass good legislation to ensure public safety. The association's influence and work greatly impacts the community. For Northville Township Manager Chip Snider, this is a natural extension of Werth's leadership, and it's one he had hoped would come to fruition. After Werth's promotion, Snider asked him to complete his formal education and achieve a master's degree, and to devote his career to continuous improvement of the delivery of public safety service. He has done both, and now he has achieved a third request of Snider. "Lastly, I suggested he extend his leadership capabilities beyond the township's borders and in doing so improve our reputation for municipal sector leadership," Snider said. "John's election to president represents the culmination of my vision for his tenure. S.E. Chiefs serve Wayne, Oakland, Macomb and Washtenaw counties as the largest organization of their kind. Their input is heavily regarded by lawmakers and criminal justice professionals across the state." In September, Werth was also named as Wayne County representative for the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police.

Local man dies in snowmobile crash near Grayling

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

A Northville Township man was dead at the scene of a morning snowmobile accident in Crawford County in Michigan's northern Lower Peninsula on Jan. 22. Gregory Ronald Nagy, 45, had been traveling west at high speed on a road in Beaver Creek

Township, near Grayling, when he rounded a corner and the snowmobile collided with an oncoming pickup truck, according to a press release from Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield. The accident occurred just before noon. The driver of the pickup was not injured. The crash is being blamed on excessive

speed on the part of the snowmobiler. Alcohol is not believed to have played a role. Crawford County deputies, medical personnel, the Beaver Creek Fire Department and Department of Natural Resources officers responded to the crash.

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KERR, JOHN "JACK"

A longtime resident of the Huron Valley area, died at his home in Highland on Saturday, January 28 after a long struggle with depression and a broken heart. He was 60 years old. Born in Detroit on May 20, 1951, he was the son of Bill and Sue (Fillips) Kerr who preceded him in death. He graduated with the 1969 Class at Walled Lake High School and enrolled at Oakland Community College where he met Deborah VanLeuven in a class on student government and three years later, the couple was married on August 22, 1975 in the Milford Presbyterian Church. Jack received his degree from Walsh College and went to work with World Computer before joining the Quality Assurance department at Ford Motor where he worked for nearly twenty years. He was widowed last year when Debbie died of scleroderma. They were the proud parents of their daughter, Jennifer. Jack was a good husband and father, and before his physical disability and chronic pain enjoyed the life that he and Debbie and Jennifer shared. He coached little league and enjoyed the local YMCA and serving at the Milford Senior Center. In addition to his beloved daughter, Jennifer, he is survived by the older brother he always looked up to, Gerald J. (Jackie) Kerr; mother-in-law, Alice Ann (Vernon) VanLeuven Bilyeu brothers-in-law, James (Carol) VanLeuven, Paul (Portia) VanLeuven; nieces, Shella Kerr and Alicia (Robert) Starbowski; great-nephews, Ryan and Andrew and a host of extended family and friends who mourn his death and give thanks to God for his life among them. Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, January 31st at 2PM at Milford Presbyterian Church, 238 N. Main St., Milford, with The Reverend Anne Schaefer officiating. Burial services will take place privately at Milford Memorial Cemetery following the service. Friends may visit at the church, from noon until the time of service on Tuesday. In lieu of flowers, memorials are encouraged to the YMCA-Kids Club in memory of Jack. For further information please visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com or phone Lynch & Sons Funeral Directors in Milford at 248-684-6645

KING, MARILYN K.

Age 73, of Northville, passed away January 28, 2012. She was born on February 21, 1938 in Detroit, Michigan to Carl and Catherine (Kallungi) Holmes. She was united in marriage to Richard L. King on May 19, 1956. Marilyn, a graduate of Livonia Bentley High School, competed in the Grinnells Piano Competitions during her high school years. She was an outstanding homemaker. She enjoyed cooking family dinners, was an avid reader, and loved spending time with her grandchildren. Marilyn was a great friend; over the years she and Lee graciously welcomed many people into the family. Marilyn is survived by her beloved husband Richard "Lee", her loving children, Steven (Roberta) King and Jennifer (Daniel) Orr; her dear brother Michael (Patricia) Holmes; and her cherished grandchildren, Jacob Orr, Nicholas King, and Catherine Orr. She was preceded in death by her parents and her baby brother. Visitation will be held Sunday, February 12, 2012 from Noon until 2 p.m. with a memorial service at 2 p.m. at Casterline Funeral Home, 122 W. Dunlap, Northville. Memorial contributions would be appreciated to the American Cancer Society, 20450 civic Center Dr., Southfield, MI 48076.

MCREE, EDWARD B.

51 of Broken Bow, Ok, formerly of Milford, MI, passed suddenly Januray 25, 2012. Beloved husband of Donna Jean, dear father of Lee Edward, Patrick Lawrence and Sarah Jean. Preceded in death by his parents, Lawrence and Susanna McFee; brother Ted McFee, and sister Lorretta Hagar. He will be truly missed.

STANEK, JOSEPH

Age 80, passed away Jan. 28, 2012. A memorial service will be held Wednesday, Feb. 8 at 11a.m. at Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon. www.phillipsfuneral.com

THARALDSON, MAXINE

Age 87, of White Lake, passed away Jan. 29, 2012. A private family service was held. Arrangements by Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

WURSTER, STEPHEN D.

Age 54, passed Jan. 23, 2012. Memorial service will be held at a later date. PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

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Age 94, passed away Jan. 21 2012. Private family service was held. PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

DIXON, DAVID HENRY

Age 65, October 20, 1946-January 28, 2012. Online condolences: obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

HAAS, LAWRENCE J.

Age 93, passed away January 26, 2012 at his home, surrounded by his loving family. He was a proud WWII veteran; serving with the Army Air Corp. Lawrence was a Wing Commander and flew paratroopers into combat on the beaches of Normandy on D-Day. On August 2, 1942, while on leave from the Army Air Corp, Lawrence married Julia (Andreica) Haas. On August 2, they would have celebrated their 70th anniversary. He will always be remembered for his love of the outdoors. He is survived by his beloved wife Julia; his children: Daniel (Cindy), Carolyn Kay Haas, Michael (Debbie), and Thomas (Jackie). He is also survived by 12 grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren; his brothers: Ralph, James and Fredrick Haas and his sister Marilyn DeHaan. He was preceded in death by his sisters: Dorothy Cupples and Edith Kenyon. A Funeral mass was celebrated on Tuesday, January 31, at 11:00 a.m. at Old St. Patrick Catholic Church, 5671 Whitmore Lake Rd., Ann Arbor. The family received friends Tuesday at church at 10:00 a.m. Memorial contributions may be made to Old St. Patrick Catholic Church. Online Guestbook at: www.phillipsfuneral.com

HOGG, JOYCE EVELYN

Age 88, of Salem Township, Michigan, died January 25, 2012 Born Januray 29, 1923 in Friedenstahl, St. Croix, Virgin Islands to the Reverend William Allen and Joyce Oehler Allen. She was preceded in death by her parents, her sister Marie Lancaster and brothers Theodore Allen and Reginald Allen. She is survived by her husband of 69 years, William Finaly Hogg Sr. and her four children, Joyce Diane (James) Grace, William Finlay (Nancy) Hogg Jr. John Earle Hogg and David Richard (Judy) Hogg. She is also survived by her nine grandchildren and four great-granddaughters. Evelyn was a devoted wife and mother who loved antiquing, reading, gardening and her many pets. She will be remembered for her years as a Sunday school teacher of four year olds at Calvary Baptist Church of Canton, MI, where she also enjoyed her fellowship with her Jet Set senior group. Services were held Monday at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth.

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Face of Jesus presentation

A representative from the Detroit Institute of Arts is coming to downtown Northville to give a presentation on the exhibit Rembrandt and the Face of Jesus, currently at the DIA. The event, at noon on Friday, Feb. 3, at the First Presbyterian Church, is open to the general public and includes a gourmet lunch for attendees; cost is \$15.

Sponsored by the First Presbyterian Church Fine Arts Series, experience a preview of the exhibition of 64 works that reveal how Rembrandt broke from traditional 17th century representations of Jesus.

Child care will be provided by reservation when tickets are purchased. Attendees are encouraged to visit the DIA independently to see the complete Rembrandt exhibit until Feb. 12. Visit the DIA website, dia.org, for complete tour information.

For more information, contact Darlene Kuperus at (248) 349-

0911, Ext. 206 or darlenekuperus@fpcnorthville.org.

Heise invites residents to February office hours

State Rep. Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth, invites residents to meet with him locally during 20th District office hours on Monday, Feb. 13, in Northville, Wayne and Plymouth at the following times and locations:

- 10-11 a.m., Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady Street, Northville;
- 1-2 p.m., Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe Road, Wayne; and
- 3-4 p.m., Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main Street, Plymouth.

Heise is also available to meet with constituents by appointment either in the district or at his Lansing office. Residents are invited to call toll free 1-855-REP-KURT or e-mail kurtheise@house.mi.gov to schedule an appointment.

Songs of the Gypsy

Resounding Art in a Sacred Space, the concert series of St. John's Episcopal Church (574 S. Sheldon Road in Plymouth) invites the public to attend Songs of the Gypsy, featuring mezzo-soprano Elizabeth Mitchell and pianist Lydia Qiu at 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 5. Songs of the Gypsy will take the audience into the heart of a gypsy camp by way of some of the world's best composers. The program includes stunning gypsy music by Brahms, Verdi, Bizet, and Dvorak. An admission donation of \$10 for individuals and \$25 for families is suggested for this concert. For more information on this program, the concert series, or the parish, please telephone (734) 453-0190, ext. 16, or visit the church website at www.stjohnsplymouth.org.

Ontario Research

The Northville Genealogical Society presents a comprehensive overview of significant

resources and useful strategies for successful Ontario research at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 12 at the Northville District Library (212 W. Cady Street).

Learn where to look and how to conduct your genealogical investigation in Ontario. Ask questions and get helpful answers from this month's presenter, experienced family researcher Kathleen Ann LaBudie-Szakall.

At 1:15, preceding Kathleen's presentation, there is an informative roundtable discussion. This month's topic explores the wealth of information available at the internet site FindAGrave. The public is welcome to attend both sessions, free of charge.

Individual help on genealogy is offered by society members in the Local History Room at the library from 1-3 p.m. Mondays and also by appointment. For more information, call Suzanne Monaghan at (734) 243-7866 or visit www.rootsweb.com/~mings.

How to Have a Healthy Heart

St. Mary Mercy Hospital, is hosting a presentation for Ladies' Night Out entitled, How to Have a Healthy Heart on Wednesday, Feb. 22 in the St. Mary Mercy Hospital Auditorium. Bone density screening, blood pressure screening and massage will be offered from 5:30-7 p.m., and the lecture will be from 7-8:30 p.m. The speaker is Endovascular Services Medical Director and Interventional Cardiologist Delair Gardi, MD, St. Mary Mercy Hospital.

Registration for this event is required. There is no charge, but a \$5 goodwill donation is requested to benefit Marian Women's Center Programs. Please contact the Marian Women's Center at (734) 655-1182 to register, or register online at stmarymercy.org and click on "classes and events".

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OUR VIEWS

Twenty 21 Township looks grandly to the future

It was a grand vision laid out before a standing-room-only crowd last Thursday at township hall — one that has the potential to convert the former psychiatric hospital eyesore into Northville’s “crown jewel,” according to Supervisor Mark Abbo.

At a price tag of \$82 million, he couldn’t have chosen more appropriate words.

In this current economy, it could also be called a “dream” — but we commend the township leaders for having a vision for the future of Northville.

Dubbed “Twenty 21,” the master park plan for the 332 acres on the southwest corner of Seven Mile and Haggerty roads is the culmination of nearly a year of surveys and input from the community, planning by a 30-member Green Ribbon Committee, and consulting by the Ann Arbor-based firm Stantec.

The plan is remarkable, dividing the property into six areas — The Front Forty, The Community Center, Hundred Acre Wood, The Great Lawn, Mountain Bike Park, and Energy Park — that feature a swimming pool, walking paths, a bandshell, a wind turbine, a sledding hill, tennis courts, sculptures and even a waterfall.

Right now, it’s a dream. Whether or not it becomes a reality depends solely on one thing: money.

To its credit, Stantec didn’t just put the park details on paper. The township’s engineering and landscaping architect consultant also brought funding ideas to the table. And how aggressively the township now pursues those will determine how much of Twenty 21 actually gets accomplished.

It’s highly unlikely right now, but money could come from federal, state, county or local government, although Abbo assured that there is “no way the township will raise taxes and make the community to expensive to live in” to fund the park.

A variety of private opportunities offer more realistic funding sources — foundations, corporations, naming rights, individual donations and user fees.

Thankfully, it doesn’t appear anybody involved here is naive enough to think this is going to happen soon, not even in the next five years.

The adoption of this plan last week was just one of many steps involving this property the township purchased from developer REIS a few years ago. Another step was dodging an annexation attempt by the city of Livonia.

But, now that the plan is in place, there are crucial steps that follow:

- Establishing an organization to oversee the plan
- Recruiting a leadership panel
- Confirming the mission, goals and objectives
- Preparing a funding map
- Identifying funding opportunities
- Applying for the funding

For many years, everyone has been wondering when the former hospital structures will be torn down. The \$10-\$12 million demolition costs will come from taxes captured from new development (like the U-M Health facility recently announced) on REIS’s prime acreage. (Kudos to Stantec for noting that the rubble (minus hazardous materials) can be covered with lawn to create the sledding hill. That’s the type of ideas this plan is going to need to be successful.) Once residents are over the sticker shock of \$82 million, they should look at Twenty 21 as a menu of options, and keep in mind that “could” doesn’t necessarily mean “will.”

There will be numerous concerns from residents that must be addressed. Will there be a drive-through from Winchester Road to the park? Will there be commercial development on Seven Mile? What effect will a wind generator have on property values?

Throughout this whole process, our township leadership must continue to listen to the community — the ones who bought this land in the first place.

COMMUNITY VOICE

Where’s your favorite gathering place in Northville?



“I come to the Early Bird, Joseph’s. I enjoy Genitti’s when I go there. They’re good to us when we go there. There’s a lot of good places in Northville.”

Marv Gans
Northville Township



“Usually on Wednesdays (at The Next Chapter). They have entertainment from noon to 2 and they have the best cookies.”

Susan Guleff
Northville Township



“Lately, we’ve been going to Beck’s (Rebecca’s).”

Terry Wild
Northville Township



“Right here (the Next Chapter Bookstore and Bistro); that’s where we usually gather.”

Colleen Williams
Northville Township

LETTERS

Newt’s a perfect Republican

With Newt Gingrich shaking things up in the Republican campaign it is obvious he should be their nominee. He is a perfect example of the double standard and hypocrisy that is present in the current Republican Party. Newt’s outrage that the moderator would dare to ask at a presidential debate that he respond to statements made by a jilted former wife is another example of that hypocrisy.

A Democrat presidential candidate with a background like Gingrich would be totally unacceptable. On the Right you can claim overwork or patriotism, or, in Gingrich’s case blame the media. Newt was applauded for his hostility of the media and went on to win the primary in South Carolina with most saying they made their choice based on electability.

I must say Gingrich is a very inspirational politician though. After Republicans won a majority in the 94 elections and Newt became Speaker of the House and proclaimed President Clinton irrelevant and that Republicans were now in charge I was convinced to never vote Republican again. Newt was not elected in a nationwide vote but was claiming to be our country’s leader through a legislative move. His actions as speaker and hostility of our duly-elected Democrat president helped me to see that Republicans do not believe in democracy. And, like most leaders of radical takeovers, a few years later he was thrown out by his own party.

I do agree with him that the negative attacks by some of the media make it very hard to govern in this country. This could easily be seen by the attacks on President Obama with one cable network in particular, Fox (owned by a man also of questionable ethics). The attacks began even before Obama took office and continue everyday. No matter the lack of proof, this network and its highly paid political commentators put out false and misleading information attacking our democratically-elected president on a daily basis.

Yes, Newt is the right candidate for a party that claims family values but is run by finger-pointing hypocrites that practice “do as I say not as I do” — just like him.

But I believe in democracy; that is why I am a Democrat and will always vote for Democrats. Most that vote for Democrats understand that we are in this together, and working together we all will succeed.

Chuck Tindall
Novi

District responds to speaker

On Jan. 10, Meads Mill Middle School and Northville High School each hosted an assembly for students presented by a motivational speaker Mr. Joel Penton. The assembly was sponsored by each school’s PTA at the request of the school administration in connection with their school improvement goals focused on positive behavior support. The promotional materials provided by the speaker in advance of the event indicated that the content of the assembly “was safe for public schools” and “contains no profanity, religious content, etc.” The feedback from the school day assembly was positive.

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At Northville High School, an after-school free concert was also conducted, which was understood by the school administration to be a continuation of the school-day assembly. Students were invited to attend the after-school concert during the daytime performance, and there were several posters hung in the hallways. Students were not required to attend the after-school concert. Approximately 37 students attended the after-school activity. Unlike the content of the school-day program, the content of the after-school program contained religious material that was not included in the school-day presentation.

A number of steps are being taken as a result of this incident. 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.

We appreciate the students and parents who brought their concerns forward to school administration, as well as the families who used this event as an opportunity for thoughtful conversation and consideration of various perspectives.

tives.

Mary Kay Gallagher
Northville superintendent

Religious speaker duped district

In the Jan. 19 edition of the Northville Record, a letter was published from a Northville High School student, Erin Dunn. The letter was well written, and I applaud the student for bringing this issue to the public’s attention. If everything in this letter is true, then it is obvious that the high school administration, the teachers, and the students simply got duped!

This whole incident is totally against the separation of church and state, and for the high school to allow a speaker to espouse his specific religious beliefs upon the student body is appalling, to say the least. Compounding that by the fact that he denounces other religious beliefs makes this entire episode incredulous. Northville High School is a public high school where students of all faiths attend, and to criticize someone’s faith in this environment is just wrong.

Granted, the majority of the student body is probably Christian, but this fact does not permit the high school to allow someone to “preach” it. The precedent is now established: Any motivational speaker espousing any religion can now speak at Northville High School. I don’t believe that is what this community wants.

Instead, to prohibit this from occurring in the future, I would recommend the following:

- 1) The high school apologizes to the student body.
- 2) Any future presentations before the student body should be thoroughly reviewed and evaluated.
- 3) The superintendent and the board, through their respective state organizations (Michigan Association of School Administrators and the Michigan Association of School Boards), inform their peers of the perils of these types of presentations.

James M. Koster
Northville

Wrong method

I applaud Erin Dunn for highlighting the inappropriateness of Northville High School sponsoring a strongly Christian-biased presentation. Some of the comments in Mr. Penton’s book are an affront to Christians and non-Christians alike, showing not only a poor understanding of the basic tenets of other religions but also extreme disrespect for their differences.

It can be easy for the majority religion (Christianity in the Northville area) to disregard the beliefs, feelings and rights of other religions, so we must work especially hard to overcome that and build bridges. Mr. Penton and Mr. Holliday erect walls when they arrogantly asserting that only Christians are truly alive. Their message does not belong in our public schools and it does not belong in our culture.

Cheryl Deep
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WEDDING

Loewe-Dunn

Melanie Dunn and Sean Loewe were married Nov. 11, 2011 in the Dominican Republic.

The bride, daughter of Jim Dunn and Polly Sinclair of Northville, graduated in 2001 from Canton High School and in 2005 from Michigan State University. She is a purchasing agent for Brasco International.

The groom, son of Robyn and David Loewe of Plymouth, graduated in 2001 from Salem High School and in 2005 from Western Michigan University. He is a regional sales manager for Brasco International.

Aysia Dunn was the maid of honor. Sara Bulea, the bride's sister-in-law, Amanda Dziak and Diane Smith were bridesmaids.

Scott Loewe was the best man. The groom's attendants were Nick Tochman, Ian Riley and James Dunn.

A reception was held in Punta Cana. A second reception was held in Wixom,



following the destination wedding. The couple spent their honeymoon in Punta Cana. They've made their home in Wolverine Lake.

ENGAGEMENT



Melissa Allen and Michael Kelly

Kelly & Allen

John and Michele Kelly of Northville announce the engagement of their son Michael Brendan Kelly to Melissa Marie Allen, of New Hudson, Mich.

The groom-elect is a 2004 graduate of Catholic Central High School, a 2008 graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor of arts degree, and a 2011 graduate of University of Detroit Mercy School of Law with a juris doctorate. He works at the law firm of Kelly & Kelly, P.C. in downtown Northville.

The bride-to-be is a 2000 graduate of South Lyon High School, a 2004 graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a bachelor of arts degree, and a 2009 graduate of Nova Southeastern University with a master of arts degree. She is a fourth grade teacher in the Wayne-Westland School District.

Anna Pearl Pack



Jonathan and Victoria (Stephens) Pack, of Traverse City, Mich., announce the birth of their baby daughter, Anna 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.

ENGAGEMENT



Stimpson-Davis

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Stimpson of Lock Haven are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Colleen Stimpson, to Jeff Davis, son of James and Denise Davis of South Lyon. Colleen is a 2005 graduate of Pennsylvania State University with a bachelor's degree in elementary education, and a 2008 graduate of Temple University with a master's degree in sport and recreation administration. She is employed as the athletics compliance coordinator for the Pennsylvania State University Athletics Department in University Park, Pennsylvania. Her fiancé, Jeff Davis, is a 2006 graduate of Lehigh University with a bachelor's degree in accounting and a 2007 graduate of the University of Michigan with a master's degree in finance. He is employed as a CPA, in corporate audit, for Pulte Homes in Bloomfield Hills.

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Rhythm of Belfast fundraiser



Ten dancers from the O'Hare School of Irish Dance In Plymouth have qualified to compete in the World Irish Dancing Championships in Belfast, Northern Ireland in early April. The dancers have each qualified as soloists through placements at the Mid-American Oireachtas (regional championships) and/or at the North American Irish Dance Championships. The O'Hare world qualifying dancers are Alicia Wang (Northville), Margaret Muise (Superior Township), Hannah Newell (Dearborn), Ashling Magolan (Brighton), Therese Muise (Superior Township), Breandan Oatman (West Bloomfield), Eileen Doyle (Sharon Township), Eilizabeth Muise (Superior Township), Alena Woelcke (Northville), and Tara Kristock (Novi). These dancers will hold a fundraiser performance on at 7 p.m. Feb. 3 at Genitti's Italian restaurant in Northville to help raise money to travel to Belfast for the competition. The evening will begin with a family-style Italian dinner and will be immediately followed by the Rhythm of Belfast show performed by the O'Hare dancers in Genitti's theater. To purchase tickets to the Rhythm of Belfast show, send \$40 per person (cash bar) to Jenny Newell at 830 Claremont Street, Dearborn, MI 48124. Please include address and phone number for delivery. For more information, please contact Maureen Oatman at (248) 214-8647 or mcoatman@earthlink.net) or Jenny Newell at (313) 268-1121 or snewell1@sbglobal.net. Tickets are limited.

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MEETINGS

**Northville Public Schools
BOARD OF EDUCATION**
Date: Second and fourth Tuesday of the month
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Location: Old Village School

**City of Northville
CITY COUNCIL**
Date: First and third Monday of the month
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Location: City Hall, 215 W. Main St.
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEETING
Date: Third Tuesday of each month
Time: 8 a.m.

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THE MASTER PLAN

Based on site inventory and analysis findings and public input, the overall plan was divided into areas uniquely suited for development. Each of these areas had a set of environmental conditions that made them suitable for the specific program elements identified in the planning and design process, public meetings, questionnaires, visual preference surveys and staff input. The following describes each of the areas of the site.

Phase 1:

AREA C HUNDRED ACRE WOOD

By installing a fence to separate this area from the existing buildings of the Central Core, Phase 1 could be safely open to the public. Access is provided from Haggerty Road utilizing an existing drive. A gate should be installed to restrict the public from driving into the restricted area while maintaining access for authorized vehicles.

Phase 1A:

Aesthetic enhancements to the park's frontage, such as fencing, landscaping, signage, as well as the ponds, could be installed to convey an image of the park and create anticipation of its ultimate grand opening. The proposed multi-use trail along the south side of 7 Mile Road could also be installed during this phase, creating the potential to connect Phase 2 with a trail across the front of the adjacent commercial property when they develop.

Phase 2:

AREA E MOUNTAIN BIKE PARK

By installing a fence to separate this area from the existing buildings of the Central Core, Phase 2 can be safely opened to the public. Access to this area is predicated on the sequence of building demolition. It is likely the buildings at the south end will be some of the first to be raised. If so, constructing of the pedestrian trail, mostly along the former rail bed, could be constructed to connect to Phase 1. Vehicle access to Phase 2 may also be possible through the same corridor if these buildings are removed; other options include utilizing the existing drives off 7 Mile Road or constructing the proposed main entrances. Connecting to Winchester Drive would not be permitted as a primary means to access Phase 2.

Phase 3:

CENTRAL CORE

The development of the Central Core should not begin until all the existing buildings have been removed and any environmental hazards have been mitigated. A variety of park features are included in this park area and their sequence of construction should be based on available funding and priorities of the township. Constructing the Great Lawn, completing the paved pathways and natural restoration efforts first would be consistent with the public outreach results that heavily favored passive recreation.



AREA "A" THE FRONT FORTY

This area of the site is parallel to 7 Mile Road and is essentially the gateway to the park. Adjacent to the road is a paved pathway with exercise stations that meanders through a mounded botanical garden. Portions of this area are also slated for wildflower and prairie grass demonstrations. The path would be suitable for walkers, runners and some cross country skiing in the winter. The entrance gateway would be a tree lined road that crosses a bridge flanked by two naturalistic ponds, suitable for ice skating when weather permits and an aeration feature during the summer months. The entrance road will be on axis with a roundabout and an obelisk – monument.



AREA "D" THE GREAT LAWN

The Great Lawn is expected to be one of the most heavily used areas of the park. This multi-purpose lawn is perfect for open recreational play, staging areas for events and races, band concerts or simply flying a kite. The Great Lawn is bounded by an alley of trees on one side and an existing wooded area on the other. The conservatory building flows into the Great Lawn and could possibly be a venue for outdoor dining or a beer garden in the summer months. The Great Lawn could also be a venue for large pieces of commissioned environmental sculpture. For larger events, an area across the road from the Great Lawn is designated for grassed overflow parking. Walking, biking, cross-country skiing and running trails connect to the Great Lawn as well as to the rest of the park.



AREA "B" THE COMMUNITY CENTER

This is a combination of indoor and outdoor spaces and activities, including: indoor recreational and exercise pools, outdoor pool, a splash park and lazy river. The building includes: lockers, restrooms and multi-purpose rooms. Outdoor court sports include: two tennis courts and a basketball/multi-purpose court. Other activities include: a skate park, barbeque areas, walking, and running and hiking paths along and crossing a babbling brook. In front of the building is a drop-off area and associated parking. While trees will not have to be cleared to construct the community center, forest restoration is desired in adjacent woodlands and along the brook.



AREA "E" MOUNTAIN BIKE PARK

This area's woodlands are in need of restoration due to some recent tree clearing and other impacts and the presence of non-native invasive species. Alternatively, this area would be suitable for a mountain bike course that could be developed in concert with the reforestation effort. There are some differences in terrain; however it would most likely be considered intermediate terrain with introduction of some challenging features. In addition to the mountain bike trails, the area should include a building containing restrooms, bike rentals, and storage for maintenance equipment as well as adequate parking. Some of the trails could be designated for multiple uses, particularly those that connect with adjacent neighborhoods.



AREA "C" THE HUNDRED ACRE WOOD

Named for the Hundred Acre Wood in Winnie the Pooh, this wooded area is undisturbed and managed through a forest management plan. Proposed uses include low impact hiking, walking and running trails on the existing and expanded trail network. Trails parallel the babbling brook with pedestrian bridge connections to other parts of the park. On the knoll is a rustic woodland shelter that could be used for informal picnicking, an outdoor classroom or simply a place to rest or get out of indement weather. The trail network also extends to the waterfall, naturalistic pond and wetland area. Parking and access to the site is from Haggerty Road and will likely be one of the first areas of the park to be developed.



AREA "F" ENERGY PARK

While a bit unconventional, this area could be one of the most exciting educational components of the park. The idea is not to generate a substantial amount of energy but to provide a platform for interpreting how we generate energy. The facility could include class rooms that are connected to a wind turbine, a solar field, and a geothermal system, as well as the existing oil and gas facility. Interpretive displays should be in and around the facility explaining how things work to give visitors a self-guided educational experience. Perhaps a monitoring station could be installed that would show visitors in real time how much power is being generated. Parking areas should be designed to accommodate school buses. Note the existing well is likely to be in operation for many years and access to the facility must be maintained.



COSTS Construction

* Mobilization & General Conditions (5% of construction cost); Bonds and Insurance (2% of construction cost); Contingencies (15%)

AREA "A"

Naturalistic Pond	\$100,000
Sledding/Tubing Hill	\$350,000
Skate/Tube Rental, Restrooms	\$1,440,000
Picnic Areas	\$100,000
Hiking/Running/Ski Trails	\$550,000
Seasonal Botanical Gardens	\$150,000
Entrance Gateway	\$150,000
Reforestation	\$100,000
Rustic Bridge	\$0
Roundabout Vertical Monument	\$350,000
Play/Sculpture/Exercise Station	\$250,000
Landscaping	\$250,000
*	\$833,800
Total	\$4,624,000

AREA "B"

Indoor & Outdoor Pools	\$14,500,000
Splash Pads & Lazy River	\$150,000
Tennis Courts	\$150,000
Basketball Ccourt	\$150,000
Skate Park	\$150,000
General Purpose Rooms	\$100,000
Locker & Restrooms	\$100,000
Forest Management Zone	\$150,000
Outdoor Barbecue Area	\$100,000
Hiking/RunningXC Ski Trails	\$550,000
Miscellaneous Amenities	\$150,000
Landscaping	\$250,000
*	\$3,630,000
Total	\$20,130,000

AREA "C"

Naturalistic Pond	\$150,000
Babbling Brook	\$250,000
Waterfall	\$150,000
Rustic Woodland Shelter	\$1,050,000
Interpretive Signage	\$50,000
Forest Management Area	\$150,000
Bridges	\$1,200,000
Hiking/Running/XC Ski Trails	\$550,000
Wetland Boardwalk	\$150,000
Picnic Areas	\$100,000
Trail Head/Interpretive Center	\$720,000
Miscellaneous Amenities	\$150,000
Landscaping	\$250,000
*	\$1,082,400
Total	\$6,003,000

AREA "D"

Multi-Purpose Lawn	\$250,000
Conservatory/Winter Garden	\$5,000,000
Picnic Areas	\$100,000
Hiking/Running/XC Ski Trails	\$550,000
Bandshell – Amphitheater	\$3,500,000
Kite Lawn	\$150,000
Grass Overflow Parking	\$200,000
Tree-Lined Drive	\$150,000
Sculpture	\$150,000
Forest Management Area	\$150,000
Landscaping	\$250,000
Miscellaneous Amenities	\$100,000
*	\$2,321,000
Total	\$12,871,000

AREA "E"

Mountain Bike Course	\$250,000
Bike Rentals	\$100,000
Restroom & Refreshment Building	\$900,000
Hiking/Running/XC Ski Trails	\$550,000
Forest Restoration Project	\$150,000
Maintenance Shed	\$720,000
Paved Walking Path	\$250,000
Paved Parking Area	\$150,000
Neighborhood Connection	\$150,000
Miscellaneous Amenities	\$100,000
Landscaping	\$250,000
*	\$785,400
Total	\$4,356,000

AREA "F"

Energy Monitoring Station	\$500,000
Indoor/Outdoor Classroom	\$1,800,000
Interpretive Signs & Displays	\$100,000
Enhance Existing Oil & Gas Facility	\$250,000
Wind Turbine	\$500,000
Solar Field	\$500,000
Bus Parking	\$250,000
Hiking/Running/XC Ski Trails	\$550,000
Forest Restoration Project	\$150,000
Miscellaneous Amenities	\$150,000
Landscaping	\$250,000
*	\$1,100,000
Total	\$6,100,000

Construction Total	\$54,084,000
Design Costs (12%)	\$6,673,080
Additional Contingencies (10%)	\$5,408,400
Total	\$66,165,480

Infrastructure

Construction	\$13,445,000
Design Costs (12%)	\$1,613,400
Additional Contingencies (10%)	\$1,344,500
Total	\$16,402,900

Total

	\$82,568,380
(Stantec rounded figures up for a total of \$82,571,000.)	



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This project is an example of what can happen when a community's leaders and citizens have the courage, vision and foresight to launch a plan that will benefit future generations. It is Northville Township's legacy of government and its citizenry working at their best to realize a single vision. Based on the call for action, more than one thousand citizens spent a year participating in crafting the grand plan. The master plan that follows is a roadmap for a 30 to 50 year journey.

The journey could be as modest as constructing trails for a walk in the woods or as complex as constructing recreational, educational and environmental facilities. The plan does not prescribe an exact process that must be followed in moving ahead; instead it provides placeholders for facilities when the desire and resources become available. While the recreational needs of people have not fundamentally changed over the past 50 years, given the rate of recent technological and social change it is difficult to predict what may happen in the next 50 years. Setting aside the land and developing the master plan are the first steps in securing the Township's open space and recreational future.

BACKGROUND

In December of 2009, Northville Township sold bonds to purchase 332 acres of property formerly known as the State of Michigan Regional Psychiatric Hospital, for the purpose of preserving open space and creating future recreation amenities. The site currently contains a number of vacant structures, environmental contamination, an abandoned rail line, mature trees, rolling topography and access to the Rouge River.

During the winter 2010 semester, a group of graduate students from the University of Michigan's Urban and Regional Planning Program undertook this project for their studio project. The class gathered and reviewed data pertaining to the site, organized a well-attended public workshop and developed a conceptual master plan based on public input.

In October of 2010, Northville Township invited professional design consultants to submit their qualifications to be considered for developing a comprehensive recreational master plan for the development of the former State Regional Psychiatric Hospital site.

After a competitive selection and interview process the Township selected Stantec Consulting Services of Ann Arbor, Michigan in association with G2 Consulting and AKT Peerless Environmental and Energy Services to prepare a recreational master plan for the site based on "Stantec's work on similar projects; particularly, (their) comprehensive approach to engaging the public." In addition, Stantec's ability to demonstrate a strong connection between site planning, engineering, development of accurate cost estimates and a track record of implementation were very important to the Township.

SCOPE OF WORK

The scope of work called for a dynamic vision for the site to serve as a template for short and long term development and outlined the following tasks to be completed during the course of developing the project:

- Engage Township staff and officials to gain further understanding of the scope and objectives for the project.
- Review the data contained in the various environmental reports, the language for the bond sale, the consent agreement pertaining to the adjacent commercial property, the University of Michigan's class project and public input received to date to gain a clear understanding of the conditions occurring on the site.
- Analyze existing site conditions to determine impacts for future development recommendations for phasing.
- Develop a creative and interactive process for engaging residents in the design process.
- Prepare 2-3 schematic design alternatives based on the analysis, public input and professional expertise.
- After a preferred alternative is selected, create a conceptual design plan which includes renderings and other details necessary to convey the

design, identify phasing/priority recommendations and develop preliminary cost estimates for initial phases.

- Identify potential funding sources to implement portions of the plan.
- Evaluate and advance the use of sustainable planning, building, site and design practices.
- Present the conceptual plan to the public at a meeting hosted by the Township Board.

WORK PLAN

Stantec Consulting Services (SCS) embarked on a 12 month planning, design and public engagement process to develop a dynamic vision for the park. The multi-faceted approach included the following:

- Preparation of a mission, brand statement and logo to clearly identify the planning, design and public engagement effort in print, broadcast and social media.
- Organization of a project steering committee (Green Ribbon Committee) to review the work of SCS and interface with the Township staff and Trustees.
- Establishment of a project website, hosted on the Township's website.
- Consolidation of previously prepared studies, inventories and analysis.
- Joint meeting of the Township Board and the Green Ribbon Committee (GRC) to further discuss the goals and objectives of the planning, design and public engagement effort and review the preliminary site inventory and analysis findings.
- SCS working with Township staff developed a series of questionnaires to determine what the residents would like to see in the park.
- SCS working with Township staff hosted a two-day planning charrette to develop three schematic plans.
- After review and refinement by the GRC of the three schematic plans, a fourth was prepared to offer an alternate vision that incorporated revenue generating components.
- The four schematic plans were presented to the Township Board and posted on the project website for review and comments for 30 days.

- Based on public input, the four plans were consolidated into a preferred plan accompanied by a phasing plan and cost estimates.
- Funding sources were identified to develop portions of the site in the short and long term.

PHASING OF THE PLAN

Phasing of the development, to a large part, is dependent on remediating the site contamination which could take 5 to 10 years or possibly more. For purposes of phasing of the master plan, we have assumed that the central portion of the site where the buildings and site improvements are located could be segregated from the rest of the site and that lands to the east and west of the central portion could be gradually developed with some limitations.

COSTS AND FUNDING

As stated in the introduction, when dealing with such a long time frame for full implementation it is difficult, if not impossible, to predict final costs. Final cost will largely depend on what the community desires to do first and what sources of funds are available. Other factors include: volunteer labor, corporate, foundation and individual donations, and how aggressively and successfully the Township pursues various avenues of funding. Estimates of cost for park features have been included within this report mainly for purposes of planning and setting priorities.

FINAL THOUGHT

Frederick Law Olmsted, designer of Central Park in New York City, said: "The Park throughout is a single work of art, and as such subject to the primary law of every work of art, namely, that it shall be framed upon a single, noble motive, to which the design of all of its parts, in some more or less subtle way shall be confluent and helpful."

It is our hope that this plan articulates your vision, embraces your enthusiasm, and gives you the tools necessary to bring your dream one step closer to reality.

Thank you.

The Stantec Design Team

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for the possibilities.

Funding, along with community needs and wants, will dictate any final development decisions, Abbo said.

Planning facilitators from Stantec gave the final presentation on their findings and recommendations after 10 months of community input. They set out a plan that divides the land into six areas: The Front Forty, The Community Center, The Great Lawn, The Hundred Acre Wood, Mountain Bike Park, and Energy Park.

Stantec's spokesman Stephen Plunkard said this is just a plan, but has great potential to be unique.

A sledding hill made of rubble from some of the demolished buildings, an aquatic center with a pool as well as bike and walking paths throughout, these are just a few of the things that could happen in the future.

Other ideas could involve placing wind turbines and solar equipment within the Energy Park, having a pedestrian connection at Winchester Road or some sort of revenue generating facility on the property.

Concerns for these potentials were raised by some residents, including Frank Carlson, and township trustee Chris Roosen. A motion was made by Roosen to have the turbines eliminated from



The Green Ribbon Committee at their kick-off meeting April 19, 2011: Steve McGuirk, Stephen Plunkard, Ken Roth, Jamie Grabowski, Ronna McDaniel, Larry Lax, Joe Lobby, Bill Sivy, Carol Poenisch, Mike Wick, Nello Stante, Michael Savant, Kris Brownfield, Mark Suokas, Don Weaver, Fred Shadko, Alan Somershoe, Dick Brown, Jennifer Frey, Lynn Betker, Samantha Heath, David Johns, Gary Sixt and Dan Ventimiglia.

the plan, but it was not supported. He said they could take away from neighboring homes property values.

"There is a lot to like here, but in my opinion Stantec went over the top on costs at over \$82 million," Roosen said.

"Many items they included ranked low on the community surveys, such as the Energy Park and interpretive centers. Other items can be done much cheaper than they propose; including the \$1.05 million rustic wood-

land shelter and \$3.5 million bandshell."

Carlson says the plan is very encouraging, but said any placement of businesses or retail on the site goes against the original reasons to why the community agreed

on its purchase. He said any such proposal should have the community's interests in mind.

"We are looking at it as a community property," he said. "That's why we bought it in the first place," he said.



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Gina McNamara, Erin Zimmer, Nicole Mosteller and Rachel Coleman pose after a recent indoor track and field race. The girls qualified for the indoor track and field finals in the 4x800 relay.

Northville girls qualify for indoor track state finals

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

Several top girl athletes from Northville have been competing in the Michigan Indoor Track Season this winter, which is held weekly at the University of Michigan indoor track and field facility. In a recent race, the 4x800 team of Northville students Gina McNamara, Erin Zimmer, Nicole Mosteller and Rachel Coleman, running as the “Kittles” team, turned in a time of 10:18 to qualify easily for the indoor state championships. The finals will be held Feb. 25.

Zimmer and Coleman have also qualified for the state finals in the one-mile event while McNamara has qualified in the 800-meter run and the one-mile.

Travis Compo earns Observerland championship

In what is widely considered to be on of the toughest tournaments in the area, Northville wrestler Travis Compo walked away with a coveted prize — the 135-pound tournament championship title.

Compo is now 29-4 on the season, earning a win over a 2011 state qualifier in the Observerland finals as he collected a 6-5 win over Plymouth's Alec Brekenridge.

Also placing in the tournament were Trevor Maresh (third at 171 pounds), Alex Coe (fifth, 152) and Sean Wagner (sixth, 130).

Grapplers win Central Division

The Northville Mustangs wrestling team took on Salem and South Lyon East last week in the final two KLAA Central Division



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Mustang Trevor Maresh wrestles a Salem opponent on Jan. 25 at South Lyon East.



Mustang David Borthwick, right, wrestles on Jan. 25.

Hoop seniors are longtime teammates

Mustangs overflowing with experience, leadership

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

If you ask any coach what is the most important factor to success for a high school basketball team and they're probably going to tell you it's a combination of leadership and experience.

Thankfully for the Northville Mustangs boys basketball team, they are flooded with both thanks to a class of seven seniors. Jeff Gertley, Brett MacDonald, Jeff Hewlett, Andrew Poterala, Andrew Wright, Mitch Alamadine and Ryan O'Callahan step onto the court each and every game knowing that they are playing one of the final

games in their Mustangs career. This group, said coach Todd Sander, is unlike any he's had before or will ever have again.

“This will always be a special group to me, and one that I remember forever,” he said. “They were freshmen when I became the varsity coach so we all ‘grew up,’ so to speak, together these past four years.”

And they play like it's their last game, too — the seniors come onto the court looking for a win each and every night. It's one of the reasons they have been in the running for the KLAA Central Division crown

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Mustangs slide into tie for first place

Squad beats Rocks to force tie between three teams

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

Todd Sander has told his basketball team time and time again that the key to being competitive in the KLAA Central Division is not letting your opponents control the game — the Mustangs have to play their own tempo and their own style — that's how they compete with the best.

And Sander, as would be expected, was right. In fact, the Mustangs proved that last week with a trip to Salem that ended with a 47-37 final in Northville's favor. The victory puts the Mustangs in a three-way tie for first place in the KLAA Central Division along with Salem and Novi.

Northville had lost to Salem January 6, 68-51, so Sander knew there had to be some adjustments to the team game plan.

“We felt we had to do three things better than on January 6 to give us a chance,” he said, noting his team needed to have better rebounding, speed getting back on defense and get a defender on their top shooters before they could launch three-point field goals from beyond the arc.

The tactic, obviously, worked, as Northville pawed and scratched their way to a tough 27-20 halftime lead. When they came out in the second half, they weren't even bothering to look back as they sped forward.

“They came out ready to play and we just didn't show up at all,” Salem coach Bob Brodie said. “There was a definite lack of intensity, hustle and determi-

ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs boys basketball team is slated to be back on the court when they visit Novi at 7 p.m. tomorrow before visiting South Lyon Tuesday with a 7 p.m. start.

nation on our part and Northville without doubt deserved the win.

“They beat us in all phases of the game and even out-rebounded us with our size advantage.”

Salem hit just 12-of-50 from the floor, including 3-for-20 from three-point range. Northville out-rebounded Salem, 34-31.

Northville followed the lead of Gertley, who poured in 18 on the night to lead all scorers. Gertley's first game back from an injury had been against Salem in the first game. Andrew Meacham added 16 points in the victory and pulled down 10 rebounds.

“Gertley was fantastic tonight,” said Sander. “He did a terrific job attacking and running the show.”

“Meacham has been coming on, and I thought he took a few steps forward tonight. He grew up and was a force around the rim.”

Brett MacDonald had seven points, three rebounds and three assists and Andrew Poterala had six rebounds on the night.

Salem was led by Tyler Stewart, who had 12 points.

Northville, Novi and Salem are all now 4-2 in the division, meaning there are some key match-ups coming tomorrow when Novi and Northville square off.

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since the first day of the season.

What's more is that these guys have been playing together in so many sports for so long, it's more like they are extensions of each other rather than just another player on the court. Take O'Callaghan, for example. He played basketball against and with many of these seniors in middle school, and played football alongside them since his freshman year. Poterala, Hewlett, MacDonald and Gertley have been on the same baseball teams since they were in third grade. Add in Wright and Mitch and they have all been members of the same basketball teams since fifth grade.

No matter what the situation is, be it winning or losing or anything that comes along, they are always supporting one another. That comes from being far more than just teammates — it comes from being friends, too.

"We are always doing things together — going to eat, playing video games, going up north. Our parents are even friends," said MacDonald.

In short, they all know one another's strengths and weaknesses. They know how to motivate one another. And, yes, there's no doubt they know how to get under each other's skin, too.

But when you watch them play on the court, you understand the value of having been teammates for so long. There's a fluidity that is hard to find in teams at this level — a true grace to the way they can communicate and react to one another. And even when they aren't on the court, the support from the seniors on the side-

lines helps keep the team on their hunt for the division title.

"With only five guys on the court at once it's hard for some kids who do not get as much playing time, and, usually, most of the time those kids would be upset," said Gertley, who spent a large part of this season on the bench with a broken finger before returning last month. "However, our teammates know they will get the chance eventually and, until then, it is their job to cheer on their teammates who are playing and working hard. Each player is supportive of each other and our team's chemistry is just amazing."

The realization that the end of their run together after all of these years is starting to set in for these seniors, which is why they hope to extend their season with a strong run into the playoffs.

"I didn't think about it too much until our football season ended, but it made me appreciate basketball and my teammates even more," MacDonald said. "We have to make the best of each day — at practice and the games — because it will all be over very soon."

But the ball, as they say, is rolling in the right direction. The Mustangs are in a tie for first place in their division and have the potential to be a very dangerous team in the KLAA championship hunt and in the post-season.

"This is a group that's been pretty successful in sports growing up and in high school," said Sander. "We knew we could be a pretty good team this year, but it's maybe taken a little longer than they thought for us to get firing on all cylinders. We are excited and feel the best is yet to come."



Mustang Alex Coe goes up against Salem's Danny Kemp on Jan. 25 at South Lyon East. Coe won this match on points.

ROUNDUP

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matches of the year.

The bad news is that Northville had three starters out of the lineup with injuries and, in turn, lost to Salem, 38-31. The good news is that they soundly defeated the South Lyon East Cougars, 60-21, giving them the Central Division championship.

Both Northville and Novi finished the Central Division standings with four points each, but Northville had won the head-to-head match between the two teams to earn the tie breaker.

Winning two matches on the night for the Mustangs were Ijji Raza at 119 pounds, Wagner at 130 pounds, Compo at 135 pounds, Max Mudar at 145 pounds, Coe at 152 pounds and Maresh at 171 pounds.



Mustang Nick Mencotti wrestles a Salem High opponent on Jan. 25 at South Lyon East.

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The Northville Prep Hockey Team finished the regular season winning four of its last five games. Christopher Tripi is shown breaking through Lakeland's defenders during a 7-2 win over the Green Conference Division 2 champions.

Northville prep hockey focusing on playoffs

With the regular season completed, the focus now turns to the state and league playoffs for the Northville Prep Hockey Team.

The Broncos (15-6-1 overall) ended the regular portion of their schedule with a 9-6-1 mark in the Great Lakes Prep Hockey League. Northville — which finished in third-place — came up short in its bid for at least a share of the crown as Brighton JV ran away with the division, finishing with a 12-1-3 record.

Ironically, the Broncos and Bulldogs played each other close in their two January match-ups, with Brighton winning both games late in the third period. It is possible the two teams could meet in the later rounds of the GLPHL playoffs.

Howell 6, Northville 4

The inability to hold on to a lead proved costly on Jan. 4 as Northville fell 6-4 to Howell JV Prep. After falling behind 2-0, the Broncos reeled off four straight goals to take a 4-2 lead. Kellan Flayer started the scoring with an unassisted goal at 11:04 of the second period. Taylor Turner and Dominic DiComo then set up Ryan Bloom with the equalizer just over four minutes later. Flayer put Northville ahead 1:40 into the third period when he converted passes from Cameron Layne and Kyle Wright. Bloom then added his second goal with an assist to Dicomio to give the Broncos a two-goal cushion. The Highlanders, however, came back with four straight tallies, including one on the power play and another while short-handed. Northville pulled its goalie in the final 50 seconds but How-

ell picked up an empty-netter with 6 seconds left to ice the win.

Salem 4, Northville 2

The Broncos' struggles against the Salem Prep Team continued on Jan. 8 as the Rocks beat Northville 4-2. Salem held a 1-0 cushion through the first period. Bloom tied it at 1-1 at 8:58 of the second period with assists from Dicomio and Nick Strom. Salem responded with two more goals in the period and one in the third to go up 4-1. Bloom pulled Northville within 4-2 with 8:46 left in the game with assists to Sean O'Malley and Nick Stegmeyer. The Broncos had several great chances to come back in the final minutes including an end-to-end rush by defenseman Henry Chang that ended with the puck banging off the right post.

Northville 4, Howell 2

After starting strong and then struggling late in its previous two games, Northville started out slow and came on late to grab a 4-2 win over Howell on Jan. 13. Howell picked up the first two goals of the contest but the Broncos rallied with four unanswered tallies. Flayer started off the spurt six minutes into the second period. Bloom, Dicomio and Flayer then netted goals in the third period to give Jeremy Onofrio the victory in goal.

Northville 8, Southgate 2

The Broncos earned their second straight road win on Jan. 15 with an 8-2 non-league triumph over Southgate. Seven different Broncos registered

goals. Flayer tied the game in the first period. Turner scored twice, and Eis, Troy Youmans and Tyler Marcotte each added solo goals in the second 15 minutes. Bloom and Christopher Tripi closed the scoring in the third period as goalie Nick Zalewski secured the victory.

Brighton 2, Northville 1

The Brighton JV Bulldogs showed why they were the top team in the league on Jan. 16 as they beat Northville 2-1. Brighton took a 1-0 lead in the second period. The Broncos evened it at 1-1 with 6:52 left in the game when Bloom scored during four-on-four play. The Bulldogs notched the game-winner with 70 seconds left. Brighton outshot Northville 40-12.

Northville 7, Lakeland 2

In a non-league showdown with this year's Green Division champion, Northville shocked Lakeland Prep 7-2 on Jan. 18. Eis gave the Broncos the lead midway through the first period. The Eagles, who won their division with a 15-1 record, tied it just over a minute later. Bloom gave Northville the lead for good when he tipped in a pass from KC Chaudoin 31 seconds into the second period. Eis and Tripi followed with goals 21 seconds apart and Bloom netted his second of the game to give the Broncos a four-goal cushion. Eis made his hat trick official at 6:18 of the third period and Flayer closed out the scoring with assists to Stegmeyer and Ridener.

Onofrio earned the win in goal.

Northville 6, Clarkston 4

Dicomio had a goal and four assists to help Northville hold off Clarkston 6-4 in the final regular season game on Jan. 22. The Broncos started off the game with a first-period goal by Marcotte and second-period scores by Layne and Tripi. Clarkston gathered two quick goals in the third period to pull within 3-2, but Turner, Bloom and Dicomio came back with tallies to seal the win. Zalewski was the winning goalie.

— Submitted by Bob Tripi

Mustangs second in Central Division

Cheer team takes ninth in Northville Invitational

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

Northville's competitive cheerleading team was faced with more than its fair share of adversity last week during the Northville Invitational tournament.

The squad, coached by Mindy Gentz, not only headed into the meet with just a couple of seniors to lead a very young squad against some of the state's best cheer teams, but they suddenly found themselves without senior captain Rachel Polanski just 10 minutes before the tournament started when she was taken to the hospital due to a medical emergency.

"We lost Rachel Polanski, one of our senior captains and three-round starter, just before the meet began," said Gentz, who noted Polanski was released from the hospital after observation. "We had to compete in round one without anyone in her position. The team had to go out and compete while worried about their team leader."

Having Polanski out and no one in her place in the first round of competition brought lower scoring from the judges to begin the day. But the squad, noted Gentz, rebounded nicely with junior assistant captain Sarah Raymond truly showing her leadership abilities by volunteering to try to fill Polanski's round two and round three roles.

"She showed initiative, courage and leadership when we needed it most," said Gentz. "Sarah was unbelievable. She has been battling her own injuries but pushed

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The Northville Mustangs will be back in action Saturday when they compete in the Kensington Conference Championship and KLAA championship at Novi. The tournament has a 9 a.m. start time.

through for us. She had to learn to back spot, a role she had never done before Saturday, and had to have it perfected in an hour."

The Mustangs finished the day with a score of 694, finishing ninth overall in their division.

"Although we had expected a much different outcome, the team did a tremendous job, pulling together to make it work," Gentz said. "The girls did a great job staying as focused as they could, given the situation."

Some of the athletes that stepped up for the Mustangs, noted Gentz, were sophomore assistant captain Suzie Gutowski, junior Val Trupiano and sophomores Alyssa Kowalski and Miho Moriooka and freshmen Alysia Corn, Ryan Jeannotte and Ashley Williams — all who had to make changes and unexpected adjustments throughout the day in order to give Northville their best chance at competing in the tournament.

In addition to the Northville Invitational, the Mustangs finished second in the KLAA Central Division with a win over South Lyon East, 770-630. The victory places the team in the gold pool for the KLAA and Kensington Conference championships.

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Mustangs get three finalists for coveted award

Poterala, McNamara and Latta in running for MHSAA Scholar-Athlete

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

The Northville Mustangs athletic department has always been proud of the fact that not only outstanding athletes are produced at the high school, but also amazing students.

That fact hasn't been more prevalent than it was last week when the Michigan High School Athletic Association announced its list of 120 finalists for the coveted Scholar-Athlete awards.

When all is said and done, the list will be whittled down to just 32 recipients, who will be given a \$1,000 scholarship. Since the beginning of the program in 1989-90, there have been 544 scholarships handed out to deserving student athletes.

This years finalists truly showcase the focus put on academics at many

of the MHSAA member schools — and Northville was right at the top of the pack as only one of three schools that had three finalists. The other two schools with a trio of representatives were Marlette and Rochester. Impressively, 20 other schools have two athletes who have made the short list for the award.

The three athletes from Northville who have made the final list are Andrew Poterala, Alec Latta and Gina McNamara.

"It is a great honor to not only have one student-athlete selected as a finalist for the MHSAA Scholar-Athlete award, but three is incredible," said Northville athletic director Bryan Masi. "Gina, Alec and Andrew all exemplify the student-athlete. They are not only getting it done on the field of play but also in the classroom. At North-

ville High School we take great pride in our athletes' academic accomplishments. It is no mistake that our athletic teams rank at the very top of academic achievement year in and year out in their respective sports."

This year, 386 schools submitted applicants and 51 submitted the maximum allowed, equaling 1,636 applications in total. The applications were judged by a 62-member committee of school coaches, counselors, faculty members, administrators and board members from MHSAA member schools. Selection of the 32 scholarship recipients will take place in early February. Class A schools, of which Northville is included, will have their recipients announced Feb. 21.

To be eligible for the award, students must have a cumulative grade

point average of 3.50 (on a 4.0 scale), and previously have won a varsity letter in at least one sport in which the MHSAA sponsors a postseason tournament. Students also were asked to respond to a series of short essay questions, submit two letters of recommendation and submit a 500-word essay on the importance of sportsmanship in educational athletics.

The Kensington Lakes Activities Association actually did well in the finalist department. Lakeland had two finalists, Brandon Clover and Garret Zuk, while Plymouth, Livonia Stevenson, Livonia Franklin and Hartland each had one in Joshua Heinze, Jeremy Kozler, Gabriel Martinez and Jaymie Dyer, respectively.

Northville's other applicants included Jeff Gertley, Jeff Hewlett, Shannon Lohman and Connor Smith.

Mustangs roll Rocks

Girls hoops squad starts hot, doesn't slow down

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

The Northville Mustangs doubled up the Salem Rocks' scoring effort in the first quarter and didn't bother to look back last week as they dribbled their way to a KLAA Central Division victory.

The squad, coached by Todd Gudith, was fired up when they hit the hardwood last week, scoring 14 points to Salem's seven in the first quarter before blowing past their foes, 45-27, for the win.

"We're playing well right now as a team," said Gudith. "Defensively, we've been pretty good all year. Offensively, I think we are starting to turn a corner making better decisions and getting more balance. This upcoming week is big when you have to play the top two teams both on the road. It'll definitely show what we're made of."

One player who showcased her offensive abilities was junior Brittany Berehulka, who scored 14 points in the win while seniors Alex Moynes and Aly Bates chipped in eight points each. Those three players had more than all of Salem's team combined.

Northville's game began with Bates hitting a lay-up off the opening tip before the Rocks would take an early 5-2 lead following a quick three-pointer by Bri Berberet and another bucket. But the Mustangs instantly buckled down on defense and controlled the play and tempo from that point forward.

ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs girls basketball team is slated to play at 7 p.m. tomorrow at Novi before hosting South Lyon next Tuesday with a 7 p.m. start. Northville is now 8-4 overall and 4-2 in the division and played first-place Stevenson Tuesday (after deadline).

In the second quarter, Salem missed several opportunities, eventually settling for just a three-point field goal the entire stanza, while the Mustangs added in 10 more points to go up, 24-10, at the half.

Salem came out in the third and hit their first two baskets to make it a 10-point game, but Berehulka poured in a triple to keep the Rocks from closing the gap and the Mustangs' defense adjusted to Salem's new strategy and prevented any chance at a comeback.

With time expiring in the game, the Mustangs added a cherry on top of the well-played game off a bucket by Diane Myers that helped seal the contest.

The game was more than just a KLAA rivalry, however. It was the annual Northville event, Coaches vs Cancer, which is a nation-wide event that involves high school and collegiate teams. Profits from a 50/50 raffle, concession stand sales and Wall of Hope cards were donated with their game day apparel and the game was played with a pink-colored basketball.

Shamrocks fall to No. 2 team in country

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks intense January schedule was so chock full of amazing talent that it was hard to believe they would escape barely scathed.

But, as the month came to an end, their biggest opponent so far, the No. 2-ranked team in the country in St. Ed's, managed to get the best of

them.

The Shamrocks traveled to Cleveland to take on St. Ed's as well as St. Vincent St. Mary's.

Detroit Catholic Central took a dual meet loss, 41-12, though it isn't without the knowledge that pundits across the country consider this to be one of the best, if not the absolute best, teams St. Ed's has fielded.

"This was a great experience for our guys," said coach Mitch Hancock.

"Our schedule was grueling and it challenged our guys. That's what we do at CC — put our guys in challenging situations, so that when it comes time for the state tournament our guys are comfortable and have been through the fire."

Hancock pointed out that there is nothing to be ashamed of in a loss to a team like St. Ed's.

"In regards to the loss to Ed's, it's humbling yet rewarding, in knowing that we are now able to schedule one of the best teams in the country," he said. "Our guys, without a doubt, have wrestled

the toughest schedule in the state, and I have confidence that it will pay off in late February."

The Shamrocks weren't without their winners against the powerhouse. Picking up wins were Bob Coe, Nick Mason and Kevin Beazley.

In the following match-up, Catholic Central ended their trip to Cleveland with a convincing 59-13 victory over St. Vincent St. Mary's.

The Shamrocks also sent their B-team, the "white team," to the annual Observerland wrestling tournament where they took third by placing 12 individuals.

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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.-12:30 p.m. Feb. 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.

Youth lacrosse

Northville Parks and Recreation offers spring youth lacrosse teams for boys and girls. Play begins in March. Registration is now open for all players, beginner to advanced. Boys teams offered third-eighth grade; girls teams offered fifth-eighth grade.

Visit www.northvilleparksandrec.org for more information.

Coaches are needed for all teams. Please contact Kathy Koupal at kkoupal@ci.northville.mi.us.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - PUBLIC HEARING

The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) has scheduled a public hearing for Wednesday, February 15, 2012 at the Northville Township Municipal Office Building, located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168. The ZBA will consider a variance request to **Chapter 145, Sign Ordinance, for a Veterinary Clinic at 16795 Northville Road**. Written comments regarding this request will be received by the ZBA at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168. The meeting will begin at 7:30 P.M.

Paul Slatin
Zoning Board of Appeals

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Tankers make short work of Salem

Squad dominates Rocks, looks for tough match against Stevenson

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

The Northville Mustangs boys swimming and diving team is going to have to bring its 'A' game if it wants to earn a win tonight against Livonia Stevenson.

Coach Rich Bennetts, who has been at the helm of the team for more than a decade, said his team needs to be "10 times better" than they were against Salem last week in order to beat the Spartans. Against

ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs swimming and diving team will be in action today at 6:30 p.m. when they taken on the Stevenson Spartans in Livonia. The squad will then host South Lyon East at 6:30 p.m. next Thursday.

Salem, Northville won easily, 110-76.

"I was hoping for a lot more tonight in terms of guys swim-

ming fast," Bennetts said. "That did not happen, so we will get back to work and see if we can improve next time. We have Stevenson next week and they just beat Novi, so they will be ready for us — no doubt. We have not shown much the last two weeks so hopefully we are saving it up for them."

Bennetts said the Spartans are very well coached, and winning in Stevenson is no easy chore, no matter how well a team is swimming.

"They are a very good team to begin with and the fact that they are at home will give them a big advantage," Bennetts said. "It will be up to us to handle the atmosphere and find a way to win. That is what good teams do — win on the road. We will find out Thursday if we are any good or not."

Against Salem, Bennetts noted that Danny Teng stepped up for the team and is an example for the rest of the tankers to follow. Teng turned in one of his best times of the season in

both the 500 freestyle and the 200 freestyle, taking second in both with times of 5:10.27 and 1:57.19, respectively.

Earning firsts on the night were Chris Kim (200 free), Spencer Miller (50 free), Andrew Westphal (100 free), Denny Kim (500 free), the 200 free relay team and the 400 free relay team.

Taking second places against Salem were the 200 medley relay team, Scott Wang (200 individual medley) and Sam Boyea (50 free).

Northville grapplers bring home eight medals from Saline

Thornton Creek first-grader Mason Stewart has the Michigan Youth Wrestling Association turning to watch when he takes the mat after earning gold medals at his first two competitions.

"Being part of the Northville youth wrestling team has been a great experience for our son Mason," said Kimberly Stewart, Mason's mom. "He has learned so much from these tournaments and from the coaching staff. His skill level is only improving. We are so proud of him."

The Mustang Youth Takedown Club rode to Saline High School last Sunday. Nine athletes brought home eight medals. In addition to Mason, Hillside eighth-grader Brendan Boyd

won a coveted first place medal. His brother Andy is a senior on this year's high school Mustang team.

The Mustang Youth program has three sets of siblings competing this year. Silver Springs students took home lots of hardware on Sunday, as fifth-grader Parker Dietrich earned a hard fought third place while his first-grade brother, Boden, won an epic overtime match in the seventh period in a bracket of 18 kids, taking fourth.

Fifth-grader Alex Jones and his on-the-mat-brother, first-grader Nathan Jones, both took fourth place, and Mason Jennings scored an impressive 18-second pin.

Amerman third-grad-

er Adam Harp won three consecutive matches at his first tournament. Adam injured his knee and was unable to wrestle his final match and went home satisfied with bronze. Additionally, Trevor Morgan, an eighth-grader at Hillside won third place, competing against athletes in a higher weight bracket, as much as 15 pounds heavier.

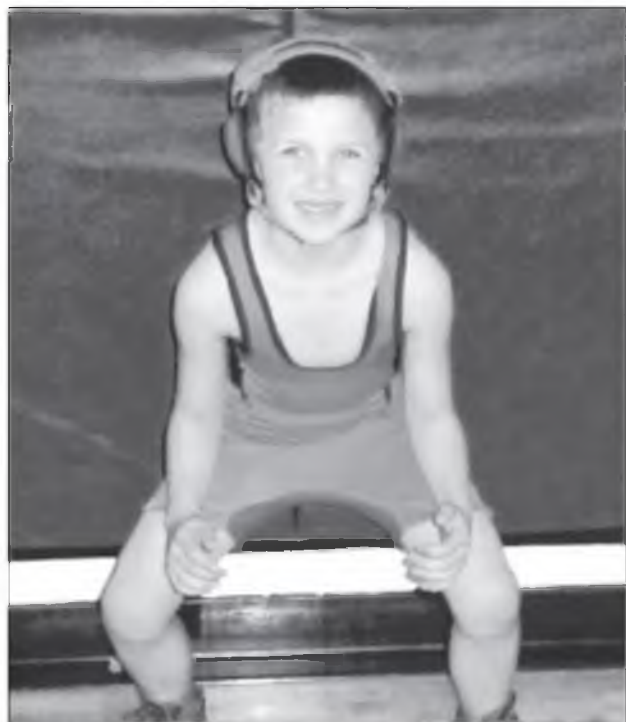
In a field of 528 competitors, the youngest Mustangs were extremely competitive this week in Saline. February marks the height of competition for youth wrestlers.

"These athletes were praised by other coaches for their competitiveness, team spirit and good sportsmanship on the mat — throughout this

tournament," said head coach Kevin Eichholtz. "Wrestling is a very challenging sport, physically and emotionally. The kids work very hard at practice and it pays off at competition. Everyone involved in the youth wrestling program is dedicated."

Eichholtz said he's proud of the staff he's collected, with help from several dads who wrestled competitively in high school and a few dads who were even award-winning collegiate wrestlers. This week's team will head to Ferndale on Sunday. For more information on the Mustang Youth Takedown Club, please e-mail nhsyouthwrestling@gmail.com.

— Submitted by Deb Eichholtz



Mason Stewart went undefeated on the day and earned two pins in Saline.



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- Best place for desserts
- Best Italian restaurant
- Best place for seafood
- Best oriental restaurant
- Best Tex-Mex restaurant
- Best place for pizza
- Best place for steak
- Best place for barbeque ribs
- Best wine selection (restaurant)
- Best beer selection (restaurant)
- Best place for romantic dinner
- Best after work meeting place
- Best sports bar
- Best Mediterranean food

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- Best place to bank
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- Best real estate agent
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- Best insurance (agency)
- Best veterinary service
- Best travel agency
- Best childcare service
- Best house painter
- Best landscaping company
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By Darrell Clem

Staff Writer



Derrick Martinez applies dye to the edge of the sole.

After Plymouth entrepreneur John Early started a mobile shoe shine company polishing and buffing shoes across southeast Michigan, he quickly realized his customers needed a cobbler shop for repairs — so he opened one in Canton.

Lawyers, bankers, accountants and other customers from Detroit to Midland have been putting their best foot forward ever since.

After retiring from his financial sector career, Early, 52, embarked last March on his idea to start The Shoe Shine Guys. He bought a shuttle bus and a sprinter van so that he, son-in-law Mike Kompoltowicz and sidekick Bob Keller could take their skills to Detroit landmarks such as Chase Tower, the Dime Building, One Kennedy Square and One Detroit Center, then roll on to office centers in places such as Troy, Ann Arbor, Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Southfield, Saginaw and Midland.

"We can shine 75 to 100 pairs of shoes in one day using both trucks," Early,

company president, said.

They walk in, collect shoes their customers want shined, work their magic inside their vehicles for \$6 a pair and return the finished product.

"The vehicles are totally rigged out with shoe shine equipment," Robin Oesterwind, the company's marketing manager, said.

Customers who refuse to throw out a pair of \$300 Cole Haan shoes with worn-out soles needn't worry, either. They can send them with The Shoe Shine Guys back to Early's subsidiary, an old-fashioned cobbler shop known as The Great American Shoe Company, in Canton's Golden Gate shopping center on Lilley south of Joy. Early bought the business in August.

There, workers such as 61-year-old master cobbler Ace Shukeireh can repair a half-sole and heel, a woman's high-heel tips or fix whatever ails a shoe.

"I like to work with my hands, and I love being a cobbler," said Shukeireh,

who has repaired shoes since his early teenage years in his birthplace of Jerusalem. "When people really like their shoes and they're comfortable on their feet, they like to get them fixed and keep them as long as they can."

Given a rough economy, he said, it's cheaper for a professional to pay \$48 for a half-sole and heel repair than to spend several hundred dollars on new shoes.

As the number of cobbler shops continues to dwindle, Shukeireh said he believes the Canton shop has "the best reputation in the state of Michigan." He's a confident cobbler, with good reason.

"Ace can pretty much fix anything that's leather," said John Early's son, John Early II, the shop's vice president. "I've seen Ace fix canes, hockey gear, snowboard boots. As long as it has leather on it, there's a strong possibility he can find a way to fix it."

Once he's done, The Shoe Shine Guys simply return the repaired shoes on their next outing.



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Ace Shukeireh fits new heels to a customer's shoes.



John Early II pressing an old shoe brought in for repairs.

Shukeireh, a Northville resident, has repaired purses, tents, car seats, boat covers and other items. It's clear he knows his work — especially shoes. Inside the cobbler shop, he picks up a pair that looks beyond repair.

Yet, fix them he can. "The name is worn off of these, but they are Italian shoes," Shukeireh said,

holding a pair of old but repairable shoes. "I can tell by the feel of the leather that they are Italian."

Early bought the cobbler shop in August, five months after starting The Shoe Shine Guys. It's clear by the nostalgic decor — shoes from the early 1900s, an old shoe stitcher and nailer —

that he respects the cobbler's profession.

"It has become somewhat of a dying art," he said.

Early estimated that 80 percent of the shoes his company shines are men's, though women account for 70 percent of shoe repairs. Much of his business comes from Detroit and other cities with large office towers, but locals also bring in their shoes.

His neighbors have welcomed his business. Just ask Sharon Dillenbeck, who owns D&M Art Studio, just two doors down.

"We're really glad he moved in," she said.

For more on the company, go to www.theshoeshineguys.com or call (734) 645-2286.

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TAKIN' CARE OF BUSINESS

The cost of training

By Rick Radners Jr.

Guest Columnist

I recently conducted a training class where I was able to interact with various professionals from a multitude of backgrounds. For the most part, I enjoy finding out where people are from and what makes them think, more so what makes them tick. As the class concluded, most if not all the participants approached me and thanked me for leading the class. They were more thankful for the opportunity to attend training as it had been some time since their last. I had to ask myself why that was or better yet, ask some of the attendees why that was. To summarize the responses, many if not all responded with, "When times are tough, training is usually the first to go."

I had to scratch my head for a minute and ask why. Why is it that many companies are so quick to pull training programs during tough financial times? This subject triggered me to look at the relationship between the lack of training and tough financial periods. What I found is that many successful business leaders prefer to do the opposite. In times when companies begin to tighten the belt, effective leaders maintain or strengthen their training and development budgets, and here's why.

Dr. Edward Deming brought the concept of training into his principles of management. He is noted for commenting that training is for everyone in the company, from the top down and from the bottom up. Employees must be trained on new and improved processes continuously while management or leadership must train themselves on what blocks employees from effectively doing the best job possible; day in and day out.

Jack Welch is noted as speaking towards a "relentless focus" on training and development while he was working through a restructure of GE. He noted that training is a motivator, and in many ways can be accomplished by "in-house" executives during good times and by outside agencies when times are

tough. Either way, it is never dismissed.

Finally, even the ancient proverbs allude to training as an essential part of day to day life. Confucianism believes that giving a person a fish will feed him or her for a day but training them how to fish will feed them for a lifetime. The concept of training is vital to the growth and well-being of any company and here are a couple of reasons why.

First, training someone during a difficult period will allow that person to perform during profitable times. When a company turns the corner and finds themselves in a financial upswing, trained employees will be able to optimize processes, which in turn will optimize profits. A company that reaches profitability with an unskilled workforce creates a profit performance that mimics a good roller coaster ride.

Next training, as mentioned by the leaders above motivates people to new levels. The employee who is armed with new skills or a new skill set usually has a desire to apply that skill set. With the proper guidance and application, the combination of motivation and skill is a powerful team. A company who doesn't capitalize on that arrangement puts profit and customers at risk.

Training is essential to any company that hopes or plans to operate profitably. The last thing that any company wants to do is turn its back on training and development during difficult financial times.

More so, a company should make the most of training opportunities and continue to develop employees and the governing leadership. I guess if I were headed into a financial battle with a group of employees, I would want the most skilled and proficient team I could get my hands on. I would want the same team during the good times as well!

Rick Radners Jr., EdD, has worked for Ford Motor Company for 13 years and has taught quantitative methods at Walsh college for a over six years. He has degrees in marketing and sales, business management, an MBA, and a doctorate in education. He has research interest in educating people in statistics both on-line and in the classroom, and concepts around group testing in post secondary education institutions. Radners can be reached at rradners@walshcollege.edu.



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Industry pro sadder but wiser on sump pump policy

By **Marlene Klimecki**
Guest Columnist

So, you like myself, had the same insurance agent with a large, well-known insurance company for years; you go through some life-changing events as I did with the passing of a spouse, your daughter moving out of Michigan, and not knowing if your deceased husband told the agent that you finished your basement.

All of these things happened to me in 2010. I contacted the agent, told her all three changes, and that since my husband handled all of our insurances with her for years that I didn't know what we needed to change, but I was relying on her for her professionalism and guidance. She asked me a battery of questions that I answered and we closed the conversation by her saying she would "handle it."

Here is the trap, according to the law, it is YOUR responsibility to follow up with the agent to make sure they made the changes. We NEVER discussed sump pump failure insurance as any option and now in checking with most people, very few are aware of it. Sump pump failure insurance is a minimal premium (under \$50 a year). We waited to finish our lower level to make sure there were no cracks in the walls and that the basement did not have any issues with water. My husband passed in May 2010 and I notified the insurance company of the three issues in June.

My homeowners policy came up for renewal in November along with the million dollar pamphlet that outlines upgrades which are your responsibility to read and check with your agent to see if you have these coverages. I am quite sure I can't tell you if the



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pamphlet was or was not in the renewal notice, I just quickly wrote a check and put it in the mail so it would not get overlooked. You guessed it, I had sump pump failure (a six-year-old sump pump) the following May.

I called the 800 number to see what I should do at 9:30 p.m. and was told I was not insured. I was positive this was a mistake and the basement cleanup crew said often times the 800 number does not have a complete outline of coverage so not to worry and to call my agent in the morning. It was a holiday weekend so when she returned I called again; at first she denied ever hearing from me at all, then bits and pieces of her memory came back, but still insisting I never told her my daughter moved to L.A. when she in fact handled her claim for an auto accident the first month she moved there.

I tried three supervisors at this company offering outline after outline of events only to

have my claim rejected based on the fact that I did not have my basement insured in 2006 which is when we built and moved in the site condo. No one would listen when I said I would not have insured my basement then since it was not finished at that time. After writing checks out of my personal account totaling \$17,000 to restore my two-year-old basement, I contacted my attorney as I felt the agent's negligence would be covered under her errors and omissions insurance she is required to carry.

The bottom line is since they claim the pamphlet was in the renewal notice and I paid it, it was my responsibility to call the agent and follow up with her to make sure she made the changes we discussed. In talking to several contractors that worked on the basement, they said it is common for insurance agents NOT to cover it with you because it is one of the lowest cost upgrades and one of the largest claims paid out. So, in

closing, DO NOT rely on your agent to protect your best interests of your insurances, read through the material yourself and hope for the best.

I now have a new sump pump and a water backup system incase of power failure. There seriously is no loyalty for long-term client/insurance relationships when it comes time to paying out claims. How many of you knew about sump pump failure insurance coverage? Hopefully none of you will never have to go through what I experienced with an agent and insurance company I trusted. Oh, yes, I have changed all my insurance on the car and the condo and I met with the agent three times to make sure I understood everything before signing and writing the check.

I wish you all a dry basement but, if not make sure you have sump pump failure insurance!

Realtor **Marlene C. Klimecki** is an associate broker for Remerica United Realty in Novi.

Lawyer can help with board roles

Q: Our board is expending money on items which we do not believe are within the responsibility of the association.

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A: Assuming you have not gotten a legal opinion from the association's attorney regarding the propriety of the action to be taken by the board, you should at least put on the record your opposition to what the board has taken and a request for a legal opinion. If the majority of the board is not inclined to do, or they have already gotten a legal opinion, you may wish



Robert Meisner

to seek a second legal opinion and, hopefully, get reimbursed for the costs involved in doing so, although

there is no guarantee of same. Sometimes Directors do not understand their responsibilities to make repairs, and other times go beyond their responsibility on behalf of the Association to make repairs on items which are the individual co-owners responsibility. It is often a thin line to determine the difference, but obviously it is an important issue that should be resolved with the benefit of good and experienced legal counsel within the attorney/client privilege.

Q: Our developer has abandoned the project, not paid the assessments or the taxes on his lots and he cannot be reached. The co-owners think that our chances of getting any recovery are futile and do not want to spend the money on getting any advice. How do I get them to realize that this is not smart?

A: Hopefully, they will read this column and understand that they may well have rights against the developer or the successor to that developer whoever that ends up being. Moreover, there may be other factors and considerations involved including the prospect that the property which has not been developed depending upon the manner in which it is described in the master deed, may revert to the condominium project as a common element and/or otherwise may be available to the condominium association to develop on its own having picked its own contractor or builder. It is imperative, therefore, that the Association understand its legal rights and that the co-owners are well advised to get experienced legal counsel in condominium development matters to answer their questions and to provide them with the various options and/or alternatives available to them.

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HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS - WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Oct. 17-21, 2011, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON	
48465 Antique Rd	\$387,000
1958 Briarfield St	\$78,000
2481 Cleveland Way	\$176,000
6416 Connaught Ct	\$300,000
236 Constitution St	\$147,000
46896 Creeks Bnd	\$170,000
1251 E Crystal Cir	\$195,000
7540 Embassy Dr	\$160,000
51211 Gold Ridge Ln	\$248,000
50121 Grant St	\$228,000
50169 Grant St	\$238,000
7546 Green Meadow Ln	\$122,000
5793 Hathaway Rd	\$205,000
1685 Heron Cir	\$173,000
39784 Hillary Dr	\$105,000
2233 Knollwood Dr	\$77,000
48392 Manhattan Cir	\$370,000
49311 Northampton Ct	\$410,000
46214 Polo Dr	\$220,000

49578 Potomac Rd	\$160,000
49830 Potomac Rd	\$160,000
8145 Sandpiper St	\$130,000
41953 Saratoga Cir	\$165,000
42088 Saratoga Cir	\$80,000
3565 Shepherd Ln	\$145,000

GARDEN CITY	
29438 Balmoral St	\$16,000
30150 Beechwood St	\$60,000
1012 Cardwell St	\$55,000
6315 Merriman Rd	\$25,000

LIVONIA	
18834 Amber Ct	\$167,000
33492 Bobrich St	\$207,000
8933 Crown St	\$100,000
9131 Deering St	\$55,000
36269 Dover St	\$85,000
19947 Edgewood Ave	\$297,000
14838 Ellen Dr	\$140,000
34081 Fonville Dr	\$193,000
20314 Fremont St	\$37,000
14942 Gary Ln	\$95,000
35103 Grove Dr	\$140,000
31155 Hathaway St	\$109,000
19471 Ingram St	\$95,000
36800 Joy Rd	\$66,000
38114 N Vista Dr	\$195,000
19540 Pollyanna Ct	\$190,000
16473 Ronnie Ln	\$145,000

9905 Roseland St	\$35,000
14368 Stonehouse Ave	\$85,000
18419 University Park Dr	\$39,000
27830 W Chicago St	\$45,000
18454 Westbrook Dr	\$120,000

NORTHVILLE	
16971 Algonquin Dr	\$330,000
16896 Country Knoll Dr	\$245,000
48899 Freestone Dr	\$380,000
17254 Lake View Cir	\$270,000

16959 Lochmoor Cir W	\$225,000
20248 Longwood Ct	\$89,000
19690 Marilyn St	\$199,000
310 Saint Lawrence Blvd	\$200,000
39657 Springwater Dr	\$124,000

PLYMOUTH	
11875 Beacon Hill Dr	\$290,000
46965 Burning Tree Ln	\$289,000
46263 Litchfield Dr	\$265,000
49525 Pointe Xing	\$105,000
49926 Pointe Xing	\$120,000
1453 Ross St	\$210,000
9350 Saddlebrook Ct	\$343,000
1250 Sheridan St	\$195,000
599 Virginia St	\$154,000
45800 W Ann Arbor Trl	\$419,000

REDFORD	
17677 Denby	\$23,000

25909 Elba	\$70,000
24633 Elmira	\$43,000
9093 Fenton	\$54,000
9571 Salem	\$61,000
12835 Salem	\$40,000
11416 San Jose	\$82,000
14078 San Jose	\$23,000
9563 Tecumseh	\$60,000
12891 Tecumseh	\$80,000
15876 Wakenden	\$32,000
15552 Woodworth	\$10,000

WESTLAND	
37258 Amhurst Dr	\$76,000
34709 Blackfoot St	\$58,000
378 Brookfield Dr	\$74,000
35802 Castlewood Ct	\$52,000
37559 Lang Ct	\$91,000
37594 Laramie St	\$120,000
34860 Melton St	\$51,000
467 N Linville St	\$85,000
157 N Sybald St	\$65,000
8158 Pickering Pl	\$185,000
1302 S Dowling St	\$78,000
35441 Schley St	\$70,000
1666 Shoemaker Dr	\$32,000
38375 Warner Farms Dr	\$51,000
2350 Wilshire St	\$81,000

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTION - OAKLAND

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Oct. 10-14, 2011, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS	
31410 Evergreen Rd	\$155,000
BINGHAM FARMS	
30825 River Crossing St	\$220,000
Birmingham	
1796 Graefield Rd	\$75,000
770 Humphrey Ave	\$425,000
1851 Mansfield Rd	\$180,000
2685 Pembroke Rd	\$120,000
1011 Pierce St	\$315,000
1186 Stanley Blvd	\$285,000
1137 Suffield Ave	\$350,000
361 Townsend St	\$1,100,000
1521 Villa Rd	\$735,000
2850 Windemere Rd	\$130,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	
2857 Rambling Way	\$228,000
3760 Thornbrier Way	\$330,000
748 Briar Hill Ln	\$295,000
2786 Hunters Way	\$440,000
1835 Stonycroft Ln	\$210,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	
3665 Bradford Ct	\$174,000
1387 Club Dr	\$610,000

712 E Valley Chase Rd	\$363,000
2471 Mulberry Sq	\$55,000
1119 Park Place Ct	\$350,000
3657 Quail Hollow Dr	\$295,000
750 Trailwood Pk	\$66,000
1780 Woodgrove Ln	\$380,000

COMMERCE TOWNSHIP	
1606 Commerce Shrs	\$215,000
33835 Edgewood Park Dr	\$700,000
391 Longspur Ln	\$445,000
3610 Moberly Rd	\$490,000
2334 Palmetto	\$150,000
5007 Parkgate Dr	\$50,000
4350 Ravinewood Dr	\$215,000
5281 Sandlewood Dr	\$307,000
6080 Turnberry Dr	\$360,000
1441 Woodview Ln	\$313,000
2407 Yasmin Dr	\$290,000
FARMINGTON	
33640 Alta Loma Dr	\$130,000
22695 Power Rd	\$118,000
22833 Violet St	\$60,000
FARMINGTON HILLS	
28701 Aranel St	\$135,000
25835 Branchaster Rd	\$179,000
37541 Burton Dr	\$245,000
21709 Collingham Ave	\$40,000
28865 E King William Dr	\$225,000
21147 Flanders St	\$82,000
39236 Horton Dr	\$265,000
25447 Hunt Club Blvd	\$217,000
27241 Hystone Dr	\$144,000
31086 Oak Valley Dr	\$220,000

33414 Old Timber Rd	\$220,000
31996 Olde Franklin Dr	\$220,000
30190 Pipers Lane Ct	\$148,000
29380 Regents Pointe	\$113,000
28253 Westerleigh Rd	\$180,000

LATHRUP VILLAGE	
18830 San Diego Blvd	\$126,000

MILFORD	
1515 Kurtz Dr	\$290,000
450 Lawrence Dr	\$350,000
406 Lone Tree\$	238,000
731 Mill Pointe Dr	\$220,000

NOVI	
45125 Bartlett Dr	\$90,000
24757 Bashian Dr	\$68,000
50641 Billenca Dr	\$588,000
50697 Calvert Isle Dr	\$655,000
50866 Calvert Isle Dr	\$511,000
50749 Chesapeake Dr	\$700,000
25032 Hadlock Dr	\$639,000
45511 Irvine Dr	\$377,000
25968 Laramie Dr	\$350,000
27929 Middleton Dr	\$148,000
41025 Mooringside	\$144,000
41613 Sleepy Hollow Dr	\$149,000
30213 Viewcrest Ct	\$227,000
23637 W Le Best	\$118,000
41778 Webster Ct	\$117,000
42605 Wimbeldon Way	\$236,000
24152 Windridge Ln	\$345,000
28225 Wolcott Dr	\$84,000

SOUTH LYON	
58697 Castle Ct	\$40,000
25345 Collingwood Dr	\$40,000
160 Harvard Ave	\$104,000
61121 Ladbrooke Dr	\$292,000
24819 Martindale Rd	\$196,000
61211 Saddlecreek Dr	\$233,000
25316 Stanley Ln	\$40,000
397 University Ave	\$115,000
572 Willow Dr	\$135,000

SOUTHFIELD	
27675 Berkshire Dr	\$74,000
22875 Coventry Woods Ln	\$140,000
29322 E Chanticleer Dr	\$120,000
19310 Eldridge Ln	\$95,000
30100 Everett St	\$44,000
21988 Evergreen Rd	\$80,000
23351 Grayson Dr	\$38,000
19960 Hickory Leaf St	\$75,000
19073 Middlesex Ave	\$75,000
30105 Northgate Dr	\$138,000
24033 Pierce St	\$76,000
21927 Rose Hollow Dr	\$70,000
20365 S Greenway St	\$135,000
28073 Sutherland St	\$35,000
28410 Tavistock Trl	\$130,000

WHITE LAKE	
2497 Blair St	\$60,000
33 Danforth St	\$133,000
9210 Half Acre Dr	\$68,000
9858 Mandon St	\$201,000
408 Rosario Ln	\$230,000
382 Rustic Cir	\$166,000

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