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Historic commission

The Northville Township Historic District Commission has elected the following officers for 2012: Joseph Oldenberg, chair; Northville Township Trustee Marjorie Banner, vice chair; and Fred Shadko, secretary.

Rep. Heise's district hours

State Rep. Kurt Heise (R-Plymouth) is sponsoring coffee hours to give residents a convenient opportunity to meet with him locally. Heise will talk with residents from 7:30-9 a.m. on Friday, March 16 at Panera Bread, 400 S. Main Street, Plymouth. No appointment is necessary.

Also, on Monday, March 12 in Northville, Wayne and Plymouth at the following times and locations:

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

2 school resolutions sent to governor

Northville beginning 2012-13 budget process

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Correspondent

The number-crunchers within the Northville Public Schools district will once again be challenged as they try to put together the 2012-13 budget amidst

growing cuts and retirement costs.

According to Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher, Gov. Rick Snyder's latest proposal for education funding has Northville potentially receiving fewer dollars this year. The pro-

posed budget, which still needs to be passed by the state Legislature, maintains the \$470 per student cut made last year to the district's Student Foundational Allowance.

Northville's per pupil allowance is around \$8,000.

To address this challenge, the Board of Education has passed two school funding resolutions that have been sent to Snyder and the legislators.

The first resolution asks the

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Edward's Wedding Photography staffers Rita Roaden, left, and Karen Kulman take a look at some examples at their Northville Square office on Feb. 23. The business, specializing in portraits and wedding photography, is located in the lower level of Northville Square and has been open since last November locally, in business since the early 1900s.

Wedding photos their specialty; business has long, proud history

By **Julle Brown**
Staff Writer

General manager Rita Roaden is quick to share the history of Edward's Wedding Photography, which recently relocated to Northville.

The business was founded in 1902 by a Russian immigrant with "a \$93 and a camera. He started doing pictures when people got married," said Roaden, a Novi resident. "It grew from there."

Photographs were especially treasured

then, she said, as people lived great distances apart.

Edward's Wedding Photography has been in Michigan over 30 years, and was on Telegraph in Southfield for some 20 until they moved to Northville Square's Suite 110, 133 W. Main, in November.

The business is known as Edward Fox in Milwaukee and Chicago, Roaden said, with the name changed here due to a competitor. "We've had the name forever

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Opportunity to appeal assessments begins today

City, township boards of review looking at Oct. 1, 2010-Sept. 30, 2011

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Correspondent

The boards of review for Northville Township and City of Northville will begin to give residents the opportunity to appeal their 2012 assessments.

Township appeal hearings begin Monday at the municipal building on Six Mile Road. The time period of the sales study for assessment review is Oct. 1, 2010 to Sept. 30, 2011.

According to Northville Township, the following is a brief description of the four common values examined by Michigan Assessors:

Assessed Value (AV): 50 percent of true cash value (i.e. the usual selling price between a buyer and seller and synonymous with market value).

State Equalized Value (SEV): The assessed value resulting after county and state equalization processes.

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Thelma Kubitskey, the township's finance director, said the Board of Review so far has fewer appointments and has been quieter compared to last year. She attributes that to

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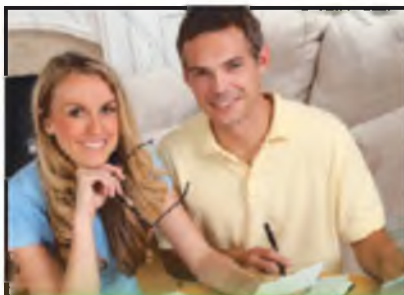
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Brownfield cleanup process begins for The Garage

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Correspondent

The City of Northville has set out its purchasing procedures for the brownfield cleanup at The Garage and officially brought on the Yeoman Group to help as the project consultant. Work has already started at the new restaurant, located at 202 W. Main Street. With the brownfield grant funding now in place, the city needed to set out a project management plan. According to Patrick Sullivan, city manager, the Yeoman Group of Northville is the best choice to help with this job.

Sullivan said owners of The Garage retained Yeoman Group this past year to perform investigations and plan remediation efforts for the property. Yeoman was also the party who identified the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality MDEQ Brownfield Redevelopment Grant Program as the funding source for the cleanup. In November, city council directed Sullivan to pursue the application for the MDEQ funding. With help from the Yeoman Group the grant application was prepared. Last month, the MDEQ awarded a

grant in the amount of \$249,600 for the project. At the Feb. 21 meeting, council then approved the grant contract with the MDEQ and a development agreement with the property owners. Sullivan told the council the city is now ready to proceed with the project and is in need of consulting and project management services. The council approved the agreement with Yeoman by a 5-0 vote. Because the grant contract lays out the purchasing requirements, which must be met in order to qual-



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A small bulldozer and other equipment is used on Feb. 29 to clean out the exterior of The Garage as renovations continue on the restaurant slated to open later this year.

ify for reimbursement under the grant, the council also went ahead and approved waiving the typical city bidding requirements for this project. Council then authorized Sullivan to procure the necessary services to complete the project subject to

the grant agreement. Sullivan said all subcontractors must be approved by the MDEQ. All contracts over \$20,000, except professional services, require three bids and MDEQ approval. He added since the city, as the grantee,

will be following a procedure mandated by the state, and all costs for approved work will be reimbursed by the grant, there is no practical benefit to also follow the city's bid procedure and require separate approvals by the council.

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Heated floor added to walk-through project

By **Lonnle Huhman**
Correspondent

An in-floor radiant heating system has been added to the Comerica Community Connection project, despite some accounts that a similar system doesn't work as well at the Town Square.

By a 5-0, the Northville City Council approved a change order in the amount of \$11,000 to have an in-floor heating system installed at the walk-through on Main Street with the intention of melting snow and evaporating water off of the slab floor during the colder months.

Councilwoman Nancy Darga expressed some concerns on how well it will work after considering the issues with the system at Town Square, which she views as a "black hole."

"I support the project and I think it will do a lot to make parking accessible to our actual core commercial area," but she questioned the heating system's reliability.

She also referenced Northville Square getting rid of a similar system because it wasn't working well. However, Darga added she can support this now that she fully understands the set-up at the walkway, which will be a smaller, semi-enclosed area compared



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Work continues on March 6 on passage to Northville's Main Street from the north downtown parking lot along Dunlap.

to the other bigger areas referenced.

Downtown Development Authority Director Lori Ward said the walkway system will work by transporting heat through tubes underneath the floor. The energy comes from heating water in a boiler, which will be in the location's basement.

Ward said the Town Square system has had some issues and has been tweaked throughout the years. Recently, it had a boiler problem that was fixed with new parts. She also said the brick surface at the square makes it more difficult to heat, which will not be the case at the walkway. In addition, the Town Square area is probably

10 times the size of the walkway space.

Expenses for the Town Square system run around \$4,792 a year, according to Ward. The walkway's costs are estimated to be \$500. Water cost for the Square is around \$4,240, which includes other things besides the heating. For the connection it will be much

OTHER COUNCIL ACTION

Northville City Council also approved a proposed Summer Concert Production agreement with JAG Entertainment of Wixom in the amount of \$16,500 to coordinate the 11 concerts scheduled for this year's Friday Night Summer Concert series.

cheaper at \$400-500 a year.

The lowest bidder for this was project contractor Bernco Inc. The overall contract costs have been adjusted to \$708,000 in order to reflect this addition, which will be paid for out of the \$100,000 contingency fund. The real cost of the system is \$30,000, but with some agreed upon reductions it was lowered to \$11,000.

Ward said the connection will not have any other climate control systems, including air conditioning and heat.

The southern end of the walkway at Main Street will be an open archway while the other end has doors, so one end could see more moisture issues. And where needed, Ward said, shovels and salt will be used to remove any snow from the entrances.

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“Freedom Bound”



JENNIE BROWN

A cast of fourth- and fifth-graders at Hickory Woods Elementary is presenting “Freedom Bound” as the school’s annual musical. Shows will be 7:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday and 2 p.m. Saturday. This musical traces the determination and struggle of an immigrant family who sacrifices all to pursue the American Dream.

NORTHVILLE ON CAMPUS

Queens University of Charlotte

Liz Formica is spending her spring break in Guatemala as part of an annual service mission by Queens University of Charlotte. Liz is the daughter of MaryAnn and James Formica of Northville. She is a psychology major.

She will be in Guatemala from

March 3-11, and will live with the local community, work with children, and be involved in a specific project that will be revealed upon arrival.

For more than a decade, the Rev. Dr. Diane Mowrey, Queens’ chaplain and professor of religion, has taken groups of students to Guatemala during spring break. The goal of the Guatemala outreach is to build relationships and to deepen one’s exploration of faith.

Challenge Day helps Hillsiders improve everyday school life

By Lonnie Huhman
Correspondent

Challenge Day gives students the opportunity to take back some control of their environment, and that has made a big impression on seventh-graders at Hillside Middle School.

For one day, students experience workshops and discussion with each other to help improve their everyday school life. It grew out of the school’s improvement plan to make caring fashionable.

Principal Jim Cracraft said when Hillside became a full middle school in 2000-2001 the discipline referrals went up initially after the two groups of students were brought together in a new environment. The school’s improvement team at the time looked at Challenge Day as a way to help with addressing these issues.

Challenge Day has been around since the 1980s as a national initiative and became part of the Hillside improvement plan in 2004. Since then, those discipline referrals have gone down significantly.

“It’s a great way to come together and talk about the school environment,” Cracraft said. “It’s not about the adults, but the kids. Challenge Day gives them a chance to take back some control of their school environment.”

One of the most important things about the day is the fact that it’s confi-

dential, so students do not have to worry about any outside judgment as they break into three groups to talk about the good things they are seeing in the school while also exploring any negativity they are witnessing or feeling. Two facilitators as well as school staff and volunteers help throughout the three days of one day sessions.

Cracraft said it can be intense at times, especially when students begin talking about how they treat each other. Many apologies are issued, and taking responsibility for one’s actions becomes a theme.

The day begins with team building and ice breaking activities as the students play games like volleyball and tag. After that the conversations get started as a question is posed to see who has been impacted by a particular situation. One question posed was asking students if they had been victims of bullying.

“Many times the students will see they are not alone and that they have support right here in our hallways,” Cracraft said.

Another big reason for its success is the support it has received from the PTSA and Northville Youth Assistance through funding and day-to-day help. Cracraft said if this help was not there it would be difficult to provide such a great opportunity to the students.

It looks like Challenge Day will have an important impact on Hillside for years to come.

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Nominate a Difference Maker

In celebration of its 50th Anniversary, Schoolcraft College is paying homage to those who have helped make the college and the community what it is today. Nominations are currently being accepted to recognize the 50 most influential Difference Makers from Schoolcraft College.

There are two primary categories we are seeking nominees from — those who have made an impact on Schoolcraft College; and those by virtue of their relationship to Schoolcraft College have had a significant impact on their community, professionally or personally. Nominees can be current students, alumni or former students, instructors, staff members, donors, volunteers, board members, friends, community leaders, etc.

Nominators are asked to provide contact information on themselves and the nominee; basic information about the nominee and their relationship to the college, including the era in which they were influenced or had influence on the college; and a brief description on their impact on Schoolcraft College or how Schoolcraft College had an impact on their lives and therefore their contribu-

tion to society.

“The Difference Makers campaign is a great opportunity for us to honor the college’s 50-year legacy of serving this community by recognizing the people who have created that legacy,” said Dr. Conway A. Jeffress, president of the college. “With thousands of faculty and staff, and hundreds of volunteers, donors and friends of the college helping to build the college through the years, and more than 300,000 alumni who have gone out into the world spreading their influence, it is going to be very difficult to narrow it down to only 50 Difference Makers.”

The Difference Makers will be celebrated in a special pull-out feature section in the *Observer & Eccentric* Newspapers and Hometown Weekly Newspapers in April. Their stories will also be shared on Schoolcraft’s website and they will be honored at a reception later this spring.

Nominations will be accepted until March 31. Nomination forms are available on the college’s website at www.schoolcraft.edu/50. Questions can be directed to (734) 462-4412.

“We have had an interesting mix of nominations so far,” said Michelle Gaynier, communications coordinator.

Flapjack Fundraiser



Girl Scout Cadettes Madeline Stowe, Riley Reed and Rachel Graham are working to earn their Silver Award and help our neighboring community. Join them from 9-11 a.m. Saturday, March 10 for a Flapjack Fundraiser at Apple-bee's — Northville. Tickets are \$7 and sold at the door. Bring your family and friends to the neighborhood grill at 6 Mile and Haggerty roads and help them earn the funds they need to complete their project. They'll be helping women and children in Detroit in a big way. Come to breakfast and learn the details.

NORTHVILLE COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Community Events

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Time/Date: 7-10:30 p.m. Thursday, March 8

Location: Northville Sports Den

Details: A benefit for "The Leader In Me" program at Silver Springs Elemen-

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Contact: Dana DeMink (248) 347-6047

NORTHVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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Northville man wins big on 'Jeopardy'

Patrick Morrison of Northville, a student of Slavic studies, recently won over \$80,000 on the television game show "Jeopardy." He and his siblings plan to send their parents to Ireland to celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary, and the winnings will help with that.

Morrison appeared one night in late January and returned Wednesday, Feb. 29, after tournament play. "He's had to wait four weeks to come back and defend," said host Alex Trebek of Morrison, who began with one-day winnings of \$29,601.

That Wednesday, Morrison came on strong in college towns and also excelled at abolition history, although he missed "Quaker."

For the Daily Double, he knew "Father of the Bride" among wedding movies.

He ended that Wednesday with \$19,000, well over the other two contestants. Final Jeopardy was on the history of Christianity, with Morrison wagering \$2,5000 and winning.

"He'll be back tomorrow," Trebek said. "Will you? We hope so."

Thursday, March 1, Morrison had \$51,101 two-day winnings. "As you can see, he's performed well," Trebek said.

Morrison came on strong in Oscar-winning co-stars, and also named a couple canals.

"All three of you got off to a good, fast start. We like that," Trebek said.

Morrison easily named South Park, Sponge Bob Squarepants, Family Guy and more in "Getting Animated" and also did well "In the Bookstore."

He had \$19,600 for Final Jeopardy that day and named an Academy of Sciences in a capital city, correctly choosing Berlin and boosting his total to \$80,701.

Friday, March 2, Morrison had some trouble with "The 'Post' Man's Here," not knowing Huffington Post. The Final Jeopardy was villain Hannibal Lecter, which Morrison knew, but he fell behind another man that day and was defeated.

Feb. 29, Morrison chatted on air of losing his wallet in Chicago. "It had been used at 14 gas stations the night before," he said of its recovery. "Looks like I treated."

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Jaxon Pecora, 11, begins the tournament on Feb. 8.

Check it out, mate:

Thornton hosts chess tournament



As she waits for a sibling to complete a match, Victoria Brown, 7, takes on her dad Andy in a game.



A player prepares to move their rook.



Megan Lemke watches her opponent's eyes during the Feb. 8 chess tournament.



About 50 elementary school chess players took part in the Feb. 8 tournament at Thornton Creek.



Jaxon Pecora, 11, right, plays a warm-up game of chess against his brother Justin, 9, during a Feb. 8 tournament at Northville's Thornton Creek Elementary. The tournament was open to all elementary school kids in the Northville School District.

Stair climb



Members of the Northville Township Fire Department participated in the American Lung Association's (ALA) Fight for Air Stair Climb at the Renaissance Center of Detroit on March 4. The event challenged participants to scale 70 flights of stairs, or 1,035 steps, to the top of Detroit's tallest building. The Stair Climb is a unique fundraiser to benefit the ALA's effort to "provide life saving education, research and advocacy so (we) can beat lung disease and soon find a cure," and is a popular event among Fire Fighters and Paramedics from across Southeastern Michigan. Seven of Northville Township Fire Department's Fire Fighters/Paramedics participated and all completed the 70 flight climb with times varying between 08:44-13:00. The members would like to thank those that contributed to help them raise over \$1,100 to benefit the American Lung Association.

Township getting three new police vehicles

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Correspondent

Northville Township will be using over \$100,000 in budgeted funds to add several new vehicles to its roster of police and public service vehicles.

The Board of Trustees approved using nearly \$81,000 on purchasing two Ford Police Interceptors and a Ford Explorer, as well as another \$24,000 on a Ford Transit Connect Cargo Van. These purchases either fit into or are under the budgeted amounts set aside for such needs, according to the Northville Township department reports.

In 2012, the police department is scheduled to replace three units. These were used for road patrol and are the oldest in the fleet. After follow-

ing the set bidding process, a bid was accepted from Signature Ford of Perry, Mich.

The 2013 Police Interceptors come in at a total price of \$54,592 and the 2013 Explorer at \$26,000.

According to Northville Township's Public Services Director Tom Casari, there was \$32,000 budgeted for the purchase of a cargo van to be primarily used by the customer service field crew for water meter service appointments and work. However, the 2012 Ford Cargo van comes in much lower price even after considering adding on storage compartment accessories. The winning bid came in from Signature Ford of Owosso, Mich.

This public service crew has been using 2006 Ford F-350 utility vehicle with 70,000 miles. But,

according to the recommendation report, the new van will be better suited by design to handle the types of service work normally performed by this crew. It's both less expensive and more economical than the more heavy duty truck.

The F-350 will be re-assigned to a crew that does more water and sewer field service work, such as main repairs, fire hydrants and general maintenance.

NORTHVILLE POLICE BRIEFS

B&E

1 An open garage door led to a Northville Township resident having his cell phone stolen from his car while parked at his home on Knightsford Road.

The 64-year-old man told police he parked his car inside the garage on Feb. 21 and forgot to close it prior to going to bed. The next day he found it opened and then discovered his car, specifically the glove box, had been rifled through. He believes the only thing taken was the phone.

Noise disturbance

2 A 19-year-old Northville man was issued a citation for noise after a neighbor called police because his party-goers were too loud at his apartment in the 18500 block of InnsBrook Drive.

On Feb. 24, the complainant, a 24-year-old woman, said this was the fourth time in as many months that she has had to call the police regarding the loud music and partying coming from man's apartment. The man said they would be quiet after police made contact and told him of the complaint.

The complainant said in addition to the party noise, a woman from the party was outside the apartment yelling on her phone after midnight for at least 15 minutes.

Another complaint was issued later on that night as police went back to the apartment to cite the man for a noise disturbance. The police told him of the second complaint, which said the noise became louder as the party was being broken up. Police issued the citation due to this incident and those in the past.



Misplaced vehicle

3 A 35-year-old Northville man reported to Northville city police that his vehicle was stolen on Feb. 25. However, it was found later on at the Wagon Wheel Bar with the keys in it and no damage.

The man said he parked the vehicle, a Ford Edge, on Lake Street because he was helping his friend move furniture at a home on N. Center Street. After the moving and watching a basketball game, the man went to downtown Northville and visited several bars.

After finding the vehicle missing later on, he called several towing companies because he thought it might have been towed due to unpaid parking tickets. The police asked the man why there was a seven-hour lag time in when he discovered it missing and the report. The man said he was very intoxicated.

After police found it the man said one of his friends may have relocated it to the bar without him knowing.

Vehicle theft

4 A Mobil Gas Station employee had his car stolen while he was working inside the station on * Mile Road.

On Feb. 24, the man went to the police to report that his white 1990 Oldsmobile Cutlass wagon was stolen. Surveillance video showed a suspect had taken the vehicle from the lot, but there was no good description of the individual. The victim said he leaves the keys inside, but locks the doors with another key that he keeps on himself, but he was unsure if he had locked it or not.

The vehicle was later recovered in Southfield at the Northland Mall by Southfield Police. That department had watched the vehicle for sometime before seeing and arresting three juveniles for attempting to drive off in it. The car had a broken window.

The three Detroit youths were charged with receiving and concealing stolen property.

Compiled by correspondent
Lonnie Huhman

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state government to take action to stop forcing public school districts to borrow money (without borrowing costs) to maintain cash flow at the beginning of every fiscal year, which is necessitated by the fact that school begins in September and state aid payments to districts do not begin until a month later.

The second resolution requests the state to restore funding and rededicate funds in the School Aid Act to K-12 schools/districts. It was noted in this request that public school funding in Michigan is at a five-year low after \$930 million in cuts were implemented in the current 2011-2012 budget and use of K-12 school aid money went to fund community colleges and universities.

In addition to the state funding cuts, the Northville district has decided to offer full- and half-day kindergarten options. The state has changed its policy and will now give the entire per pupil allowance to programs with full-day options while giving only 50 per-

cent of it for the students participating in the half-day option. This means a budget loss of at least \$1.5 million.

Another issue is the ever increasing retirement costs. Northville expects to see a 3-percent increase in its mandatory district contribution, which will raise it from 24.47 percent to over 27 percent. This is expected to go even higher in the upcoming years. This will lead to a projected loss of \$170 in per pupil funding. The state will again offer an offset to this increase, but this only compensates the loss by \$15.

The state will be offering up an additional \$100 in per pupil funding to districts meeting academic progress or growth targets. This has not been fully defined, but Gallagher said it is anticipated only one-third of districts will qualify. Another incentive could be the additional \$75 per pupil for districts meeting five out of the six best practices determined by Snyder's office.

The budget process has begun and the Board of Education will look further into it during its committee meeting on March 20 at Old Village School at 6:30 p.m. A budget study session and budget workshop is also planned for March 28.

Murphy exhibit



The Plymouth Community Arts Council presents Eclectic Endeavors Revisited, artwork by Northville's Barbara Eko Murphy, a 35-piece collection of clothed life drawings, plus a variety of watercolors. The exhibit, at 774 N. Sheldon Road (south of M14) runs through March 28. Gallery hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Thursday.

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FOOTE, ELISABETH TRAVIS "BETSY"

Age 78 of the Tellico Village Community, Loudon, TN passed away Saturday March 3, 2012. She was an active member of the Community Church at Tellico Village. Betsy and her husband owned and operated a tractor dealership in Michigan for 22 years. She was a dispatcher for the Franklin Volunteer Fire Department in Franklin, MI for 8 years. Betsy was an avid bridge player, bowler and golfer, and she enjoyed water aerobics. She was a past president of the Women's 9 hole Golf League, a member of the Golf Committee and the Garden Club. Betsy was preceded in death by her parents, Harold and Betty Travis; sister Barbara Clifton; and brother Robert Travis. She is survived by her husband of 62 years, Charlie Foote; daughters Linda Keller and husband Ralph Kidder of Reston, VA, Lisa Magnuson and husband David of Kansas City, MO; grandchildren Ian Kidder, Elisabeth Kidder and her husband Dan Spurlock, Sarah Kidder-Nguyen and husband Anh Nguyen, Christy Raines and husband Mike of Omaha, NE; great grandchildren Molly and Keegan Raines. A Celebration of Life will be held on Tuesday at 2:00 at the Community Church at Tellico Village. The family will receive friends immediately following the service. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Community Church at Tellico Village or the Tellico Village Volunteer Fire Department. Click Funeral Home & Cremations - Tellico Village Chapel is serving the family of Betsy Foote.
www.clickfuneralhome.com

GABEL, CLARENCE M
of Brighton, formerly Farmington Hills, died Feb. 29, 2012 at home in the care of his family. www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com



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comfort
in Family and
Friends

LANG JR., HARRY O.

Age 90, of Northville, formerly of Farmington Hills and Traverse City, passed away 02/29/2012. Service to be held at later date. www.casterlinefuneralhome.com

MONTPETIT, GABRIEL



84, passed away on February 28, 2012. A memorial service will be held on Sunday at Michels & Lundquist Funeral Home in New Port Richey. He was born on June 2, 1927 in Michigan to Ralph and Blanche Montpetit. He served in the US Navy during WWII as a radar operator. After being discharged, he worked for the US Government as a Project Manager on M88A1 tank recovery vehicles. He was responsible for developing an automated computerized system for ordering repair parts for all tanks. This system proved so successful it was adopted by the Rock Island Arsenal in Illinois. He retired in 1982 and has been a New Port Richey resident since 1983. He was a brilliant painter. Some of his other favorite hobbies were golfing, fishing, playing cards, and hunting. He met his lovely bride, Beatrice, June 1949. It was love at first sight. They were married on November 11, 1950. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Beatrice; sister, Anita Wildey; son, Donn Montpetit; daughters and their spouses, Gaye and John Burton, and Suzanne and Phillip Kruse; grandsons, Jason and Sean Burton; granddaughter Krystle Burton; granddaughters and their spouses, Kelli and Derek Gibbs, Aimee and Bobby Burns, Brandee and Jason Bianco, and Jennifer and Greg Cadigan; great-grandchildren, Roman Burton, and Connor and Isabelle Burns. He was preceded in death by his son, Russ Montpetit.

NEPHEW, LUELLA

Age 97 formerly of South Lyon died March 2, 2012. Beloved wife of 60 + years to the late Harry (d. 2004). Loving mother of Linda Hawes and Cheryl Tapp. She has 4 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. Luella was a long time resident of South Lyon and was the librarian for South Lyon Schools for 30 years. Private family services to be held at a future date. Arrangements entrusted to Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, Walled Lake. Condolences at LynchFamilyFuneralDirectors.com

PEARSON, ALLAN E.

Age 72, of Vonore, Tennessee, formerly of South Lyon, Michigan, (resident for 28 years) passed away 11:05 A.M. Thursday, March 1, 2012 at Blount Memorial Hospital. Member of St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church, Madisonville, TN and a former member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, South Lyon, Michigan. Member of the Knights of Columbus and the Plymouth Elks. A biology & chemistry teacher at Fordson High School & Ford Community College for many years. Avid at golfing, bowling, fishing and boating. A loving husband, father & grandfather. Survivors, wife, Gayle Pearson, Daughters & sons-in-law, Sharon & Craig Goins, Waterford, Michigan, Christine & Christopher Hall, Portland, Oregon, Son & daughter-in-law, Michael & Pamela Pearson, Smyrna, TN, Grandchildren, Adam, Andrew, Elizabeth, Emily, Nicole, Denali, Jessica & Nolan, Sister, Elaine Pearson, Fowlerville, Michigan, Mother-in-law, Dolores Hurst, Vonore, TN. Several other relatives. Preceded in death by parents, Edward & Gertrude Pearson. Funeral Mass 11 A.M. Monday, St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church, Father P.J. McGinnity officiating. Interment Sunset Cemetery. Rosary service 5:30 P.M. Sunday. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Good Shepherd Center, 5150 Hwy. 411, Madisonville, TN 37354. Family will receive friends 3-5:30 P.M. Sunday at Biereley-Hale Funeral Home, Madisonville, Tennessee.



RAJKOVICH, SYDNEY GENEVIEVE

Age 78, passed away peacefully in her home on February 24, 2012 after a long and courageous fight against cancer. She was a thirty year resident of South Lyon, Michigan prior to relocating to Ann Arbor twenty-five years ago with her beloved husband, Andrew. She was born on January 16, 1934 in Montreal, Wisconsin to Clarence and Genevieve (Stanlake) Johnson and grew up in Bessemer, Michigan. She met Andrew in Chicago and was united in marriage in 1953. They resided in Ironwood, Traverse City, and East Lansing before settling down in South Lyon. Sydney worked at an Insurance Agency for over 25 years, before retiring in 1992. She loved gardening, cooking, local sports teams, travel, and her pets; she gave loving homes to many stray animals. She is survived by her husband of 58 years, Andrew and her loving children Daniel (Anita) Rajkovich and Kathleen Towler, grandchildren, Chad Clements, Jason and Marissa Houston and Kaitlyn Towler, great-grandson, Talan Birnbaum, and her brother, Rodney (Joy) Johnson. Visitation will be held Friday, March 9 at 10 AM followed by a funeral mass at 11 AM at St. Francis of Assisi Church, 2250 East Stadium Boulevard, Ann Arbor. Following the memorial service, a luncheon will be held at Weber's Inn, 3050 Jackson Avenue, Ann Arbor. Memorial contributions would be appreciated to the Humane Society of Huron Valley and Michigan Great Lakes Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association.

VOAKES, ELIZABETH

Age 88, of Brighton, passed away February 27, 2012. A memorial service was held Thurs., March 1. www.casterlinefuneralhome.com

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an improving and stabilizing market in Northville.

Kubitskey said there were 307 residential appeals last year, which included vacant lots.

Her tip to residents wanting to appeal include: try to use sales within your neighborhood and make adjustments for differences between the properties and see what value is arrived at. The best way to prepare for an appeal would be using market data and comparable properties which sold within the one year sales study period.

Residents protesting their assessment must complete the petition form L-4035, which can be obtained at Northville Township Hall or at www.michigan.gov/treasury.

All appeals are by appointment and can be made by calling (248) 348-5810. Any letters of appeal must be received by Saturday, March 17.

City of Northville

For city residents, appeal hearings begin today and end on March 15. The hearings take place in City Hall, 215 W. Main Street.

According to city officials, the "traditional" assessed value is still required by law to be established at 50 percent of true cash value. The Michigan Constitution still requires the assessed value to be uniform with the assessments of other similar properties.

According to the Michigan Supreme Court, a Board of Review may not make wholesale or across the board adjustments to assessments. A board of review must consider each parcel and act upon it individually. However, it does not now have the authority to make changes to alter, evade or defeat an equalization factor assigned by the county or the state.

City residents interested in making an appeal can contact assessor Karolynn Pargo at (248) 449-9945 ext 1973 for more information. Letters of appeal must be sent to city hall by March 15.

BOARD OF REVIEW SCHEDULES

- Northviie Township appointment hours and dates:**
- 9 a.m.-noon, 1-4 p.m., 6-9 p.m. on Monday, March 12, Tuesday, March 13 and Thursday, March 15
 - 1-4 p.m. and 6-9 p.m. on Wednesday, March 14
 - 9 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m. on Friday, March 16
 - 9 a.m.-noon on Saturday, March 17
- City of Northviie:**
- public hearing 1-5 p.m. and 6-9 p.m. on Thursday, March 8, Tuesday, March 13 and Thursday, March 15
 - deliberations 6-9 p.m. on Wednesday, March 14
 - deliberations 3-5 p.m. on Friday, March 16

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here," she said.

They work with about eight photographers, with Roaden and Karen Kulman of customer service handling administrative duties.

"We actually work all over the metropolitan area," Roaden said. They've shot weddings Up North and in the Toledo area: "We're really not limited by location," she said.

They wanted a more modern and upscale location, and looked all over before settling on Northville.

'Love Northville'

"We frankly just love Northville," said Roaden, who praised landlord Bob Buckhave. "We love everything about it. Everyone was just so welcoming and so nice. It just felt like home."

It's also a good central location for clients, they've found. The women encourage clients to make an afternoon of a visit, going out to eat and visiting Mill Race Village.

"It's quite common" for couples to do just that, said Kulman, a Farmington Hills resident.

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"With social networking now people like to put things on the computer," Roaden said.

"We also create a website for them," Kulman added.

Edward's Wedding Photography has its own website, www.edwardsweddingphotography.com, and can be reached by phone at (248) 773-7385. Hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

Roaden's been with the company some 18 years.

"I've seen a lot of trends come and go," she said. "The bottom line is they want to capture the moment. It's not about looking at the camera and saying cheese anymore."

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New strategy aims to attract tenants to Northville Plaza

By Sandra Armbruster
and Julie Brown
Staff Writers

Amy Kraus would be glad to have some company at the Alpine Dry Cleaners she manages in Northville Plaza on the south side of Seven Mile (east of Northville Road, in Northville Township).

Business is solid at the cleaners that her husband owns and she manages, but the plaza that houses their business is more than half empty.

Gone are a Farmer Jack that anchored the western end, and a Chinese restaurant that occupied a small space at the eastern end.

"It's not good for business," said Kraus of the vacancies. "It'd be nice to have some businesses in here with us."

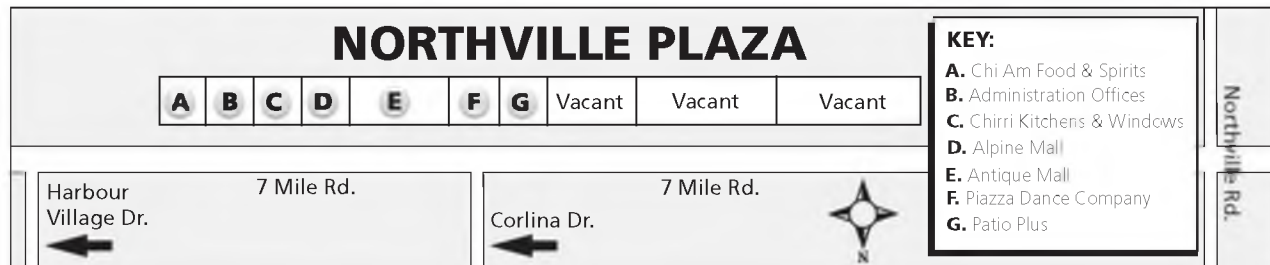
Husband Henry Kraus said that an anchor tenant, or more tenants, are needed. Other plaza businesses are Patio Plus Outdoor Furniture, Piazza Dance Co., and Chirri Kitchens & Windows.

"We're hanging in there," he said of their business. He added that a tenant with regular foot traffic, like a supermarket or coffee shop, would help.

"Years ago, that was a mall," he said of the plaza. "It was pretty busy back then."

Tenants aren't the only ones hoping that a grocer will settle into a vacant site at the Northville Plaza.

Owners of the plaza in



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

About half of the Northville Plaza development has been unoccupied for more than 10 years, leaving residents to wonder why.

December hired Friedman Brokerage Company, part of Friedman Integrated Real Estate Solutions, to actively begin marketing the plaza, according to Ryan Snoek, a broker with the company.

Snoek could not confirm the claim by some tenants that Farmer Jack held onto its lease after leaving the plaza, preventing another grocer from filing that space at the western end of the plaza. But he did acknowledge that there were "previously restraints on the property that it could not have a grocer."

New strategy

Now that has changed, and apparently so has marketing strategy of the Hahn family, which owns the plaza and other retail and office property in the Pontiac area, Snoek said.

"The owner, who is out of Pontiac, made the decision however long ago, because of a strip mall down the road, that (he) could either put money into it right away, or hold up on (improvements) and charge lower rent," Snoek said.

"(The owner) has the money to update (the plaza). Ideally, we would like to get a grocer in,"

Snoek said. A grocery store, as opposed to a furniture store, would bring in "every day (foot) traffic," he said.

Snoek said that he also hopes to bring in a hardware or an auto parts store, something he said is lacking in the area.

The broker, who also has worked in the Novi area, said that he is trying to steer people interested in locating in Novi to the Northville area.

Snoek said that the family has owned the plaza for more than 20 years, and they are prepared to "redo the parking lot" and to make exterior improvements, possibly adding roof awnings.

Inside the plaza, "the space is pretty clean," Snoek said, adding that the owner is willing to help with "build out" expenses.

There is a 30,000-square-foot block of space on the end, suitable for a grocery store, and on the east end, there are spaces of 7,500, 3,000 and 9,000 square feet.

Snoek welcomed news of plans for the old Northville hospital site, and for a park development, both on Seven

Mile Road. He said that the plaza owner is "willing to make deals" now before those projects are completed and drive up rents.

Currently, the plaza has a State Equalized Value of more than \$3.2 million. The SEV is half the market value of the property. A combined summer and winter tax of nearly \$160,000 is paid by the property owner, according to the township.

Improvements to the property wouldn't necessarily result in increased taxes, according to township Assessor Holly Adams. She explained that shopping centers already are assessed for their parking lots, for example, and that resurfacing the lot would not increase taxes.

Nor would new tenants cause an increase in property taxes. However, Adams gave another example of a beauty salon. If the owner came in and installed equipment, that would fall under the category of personal property, which would be reported to the township, she said.

A happy tenant

Next door to Alpine

Cleaners is the Knightsbridge Antiques Mall, at the site for 16½ years and owned by Linda McKenzie.

"I do know the landlord's trying very hard" to fill spaces, McKenzie said. "I'd be happy with whatever the landlord could acquire," said McKenzie, who recalls when Farmer Jack anchored the plaza.

Krause, and McKenzie and her staff, found the grocery store handy if they forgot lunch. Now, "during the day, when we're thirsty, we have to bring our own," said Krause.

McKenzie said she's "not picky" about the choice of future tenants, and there are advantages to the location.

"I would just be happy to see more tenants," she said. "We like being close to Northville, and we like being close to the expressway. It works out well for us."

"You couldn't ask for a better landlord," added Amy Krause, saying repairs she'd needed were quickly done.

An outdoor shopping area to the west, closer to Northville Road, has more tenants, but, McKenzie said, "They've gone through their share of turnover, too."

Krause says business is up a bit in Northville Township from last year.

"So far, it's doing pretty good," she said. But, "We still need other businesses to help us out."

NORTHVILLE BUSINESS BRIEFS

Brookside Travel honored

Brookside Travel has been recognized for their outstanding achievement by Sandals Resorts at the Tenth Annual Travel Agency Recognition S.T.A.R Awards held recently at the stunning new Sandals Grande Riviera Beach & Villa Golf Resort in Ocho Rios, Jamaica.

The prestigious event honored travel agents from across the U.S., Canada and the U.K. Top agents were recognized for their outstanding expertise and performance in selling the world's best Luxury Included® resorts.

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Community Financial CU marks record year

Community Financial Credit Union announced today that 2011 was a record year for growth in member satisfaction ratings and number of members.

The credit union, with branches in Plymouth, Canton, Northville, Novi, Gaylor, Hillman and

Lewiston, saw a record near 10-percent increase in membership in 2011. It also saw its highest all-time member satisfaction rating. Among the credit union members surveyed by Raddon Financial Group, Community Financial ranked in the 97th percentile for members who said they were "very satisfied." Overall, over 96-percent of Community Financial members indicated they are either satisfied or very satisfied, the highest ranking available on the survey.

"We are constantly striving to better serve our members and better serve the communities in which we operate," said Community Financial Chief Financial Officer Meg Pankow. "We are thrilled so many of our members view Community Financial as a great place to bank."

Across the country, more consumers rank credit unions higher than banks in customer satisfaction. According to the

2011 American Customer Satisfaction Index (ACSI), released by the University of Michigan, credit unions set an all-time record of 87 (out of 100), the highest score ever achieved by the 47 industries ranked. Credit Unions also increased their lead over banks, which had a score of 75.

Community Financial is a cooperative credit union offering a full range of financial services to members, specializing in auto and home loans and small business support. It is also a loyal member of the community, supporting non-profit organizations throughout the year and financial education through several student-run credit union programs at local schools.

"Our members and our communities are our backbone," Pankow said. "We will continue to work each and every day to support them."

Solid expectations for 2012 sales

Coming off a positive 2011 and good holiday season, Michigan retailers are looking for an even stronger 2012. Ninety percent expect to increase annual sales, with most

projecting increases of 5 percent or more, according to the latest Michigan Retail Index, a joint project of Michigan Retailers Association and the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago.

"Michigan retailers are optimistic," said MRA President and CEO James P. Hallan. "They are looking at improvements in the economy and seeing that translate into better consumer spending and retail sales – a quarter of them believe their own sales will rise by double-digit percentages."

The industry's overall sales performance increased in January, setting a course for what retailers hope will be continued improvement throughout the year.

The Michigan Retail Index for January found that 48 percent of retailers increased sales over the same month last year, while 32 percent recorded declines and 20 percent saw no change. The results create a seasonally adjusted performance index of 63.8, up from 59.1 in December and 63.2 in November. It was best showing since November 2010.

The Index gauges the performance of the state's overall retail industry, based on monthly surveys conducted by MRA and the Federal Reserve. Index values above 50 generally indicate positive activity; the higher the number, the stronger the activity.

Looking forward, 57 percent of retailers expect sales during February–April to increase over the same period last year, while 9 percent project a decrease and 34 percent no change.

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OUR VIEWS

Rallying for a cure Local cancer events begin March 24-25

Anyone who has been through cancer — either being diagnosed themselves or loving someone else who has — knows it is a difficult journey. It can destroy lives. It can rip apart families without regard to wealth or social status. Everyone is susceptible. Nobody is immune.

According to the American Cancer Society, more than a half million people died due to cancer last year — that's a total of more than 1,500 per day. Another million and a half people were diagnosed with some form of cancer in 2011.

The many thousands of people who annually get involved with the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life event certainly know how destructive cancer can be. Most of them have been personally impacted by cancer in one way or another. That's why they have been fighting back since 1986, the first year of Relay for Life.

The event has grown tremendously since the mid-1980s. This year communities around the nation and the globe will organize their own Relay events, including Novi and Northville.

This year's first local event is the Relay for Life of Novi Northville Students on March 24-25 at Hillside Middle School in Northville. Currently, 355 participants on 32 teams have raised more than \$16,000 to find a cure for cancer and for programs to help people who are suffering from it.

Two more events are scheduled for June 2-3: the Relay for Life of Novi will be held at Fuerst Park and the Relay for Life of Northville will be at Ford Field.

Those who have been a part of a Relay for Life can tell you what an emotional event it can be. Even though every event is different, there are traditions that take place during the 24 hours of every Relay.

Celebrate - The Survivors Lap: The Survivors Lap is an inspirational time when survivors are invited to circle the track together and help everyone celebrate the victories They've achieved over cancer. The Survivors Lap is an emotional example of how Relay participants are creating a world with more birthdays like those of each individual on the track.

Remember - The Luminaria Ceremony: A time to honor people who have been touched by cancer and remember loved ones lost to the disease. Candles are lit inside bags filled with sand, each one bearing the name of a person touched by cancer, and participants often walk a lap in silence.

Fight Back - The Fight Back Ceremony: There is a Fight Back Ceremony where one makes a personal commitment to save lives by taking up the fight against cancer.

The American Cancer Society says in recent years real progress has been made with cancer research. The survival rate is up dramatically from what it was just a couple decades ago. They attribute a lot of that success to the overall awareness of cancer, and the fact so many people are getting on board with the fight. Perhaps this is the year you will join in. Visit <http://www.relayforlife.org/> to find out how.



COMMUNITY VOICE

Do you plan on traveling out of town this spring?



"Yes. We're going to visit our daughter in Old Lyme, Connecticut and then our other daughter in Raleigh. We've got a new granddaughter to meet."

Glenn Frayne
Northville



"No, I'm not because I have three kids and I'm trapped here."

Amy Drummond
Northville



"Nope. Boring. Dull. Just staying around and doing yard work."

Jason Nezych
Westland



"I'll be heading to Chicago. It's not very far, but hopefully it'll be sunnier there."

Lindsay Portrey
Northville

LETTERS

Pick up after your pooch

I walked down to the new park at Seven Mile and Sheldon, I brought my dog for a walk. I am shocked to see how many people who walk their dogs don't pick up after their pets. I always bring bags with me and from there brought it back home to throw it out. I think a dog poop dispenser and trash can would help to keep the area cleaner.

I also have a beef in town that pet owners aren't responsible. The other day I walked in my sub and a dog had pooped on the sidewalk and no one picked it up. I feel bad for all the people who don't own pets and still have to clean up after them. Why can't the citizens of Northville be responsible and pick up after their pets? If not, there should be a fine.

Our town is beautiful and I am tired of stepping in dog crap because of inconsiderate people.

Susan Weber
Northville

Hospital property boondoggle

Squander of taxpayer resources to cover bad judgments is indigestible. This happened with the purchase of the derelict state hospital property in Northville Township from REIS. Taxpayers were bamboozled, buying land with problems, never, ever, needed in the first place. Abundant, undeveloped, publicly-owned acreage spreads over our township, most of it gifted free.

This deal-maker had needs. The property was zoned residential, and most profitable possibilities were the Seven Mile/Haggerty corner. Residual property and derelict hospital buildings were his burden. Suddenly, annexation threat orchestrated, township leaders bought exaggerated, thinking of loss of tax base to a suitor, Livonia. Their eager minds lusted at glossy dreams of awesome, commercial taxation. Livonia voted, wisely dumping annexation outside existing city boundaries, perhaps viewing difficulties of utility expansion or serving isolated properties.

Our township initiated odd mid-summer voting for their bond issue for property excess of REIS' retained corner. We're stuck with it. Bond issues in millions never reveal lingering costs. Our board reasoned needs for parkland despite huge abundance. Next, a red herring, a threatened lawsuit, typical for land use disagreements but disposed of through established land use plans. Our relaxed township recruited studies for grand plans. Bonded indebtedness is better applied to public safety or school support or serious needs. The township was misguided, through fear or bad counselor.

Without an oil gusher, this property is a horrible investment. I served many years on the Township Board and was chairman of the Planning Commission. This deal, outcomes, and especially costs to taxpayers, is absurd! Many share my view, but are helpless, dutiful taxpayers. Dreams of high tax income from commercial uses at Seven Mile/Haggerty vanish. Insult would be tax abatements for development crowning piles of millions. One more bite into taxpayers.

A good leader desires to defend our community from threats to its

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Jim Nowka
Northville

Obama spins the truth

February 2012 marks the three-year anniversary of the passing of President Obama's stimulus package. The rate of unemployment has remained above 8 percent since February 2009, making the last three years the longest stretch of high unemployment since the Great Depression. Nearly four million people have dropped out of the labor force and long-term unemployment is at Depression-era levels.

The Congressional Budget Office now projects that the unemployment rate will remain above 8 percent until 2014. The official unemployment rate excludes those individuals who would like to work, but have not searched for a job in the last four weeks as well as those who are working part time but would prefer full-time work. If those people were counted among the unemployed, the unemployment rate in January 2012 would have been about 15 percent. Also, the share of unemployed people looking for work for more than six months (long-term unemployed) exceeded 40 percent in December 2009 for the first time since 1948 when such data began to be collected, and it has remained above that level ever since.

You can find these facts by logging in to the Congressional Budget Office website provided below, or listen to President Obama and his stunningly inexperienced (less than 10 percent of his administration has any real-

world business experience) and inept administration spin the truth and claim that the economy is improving and unemployment is dropping. So much for hope and change.

Who will you vote for in November?

TC Howerly
Salem Township

How is capitalism unfair?

Our president, of the moment, has once again played the class warfare card in, of all places, his whiny, complaining nonbudget budget address. Invoking a typical community organizer rant, he pictured the poor and middle class as not being given a "fair shot."

His threadbare, but constant drumbeat indictment is that capitalism in general and the "rich" in particular have not the poor and middle classes to reach their potential. The question is how does he think this crime against fairness was perpetrated?

Has capitalism not provided the highest standard of living and greatest freedom of choice and expression for its work forces of any nation in the world?

How many workers on production lines outside the United States have vacation homes, travel trailers, not one but two cars and weeks of vacation in which to enjoy them?

As for the rich, that our president constantly denigrates and would like to see "soaked."

Have they not been the engine of production within capitalism that provided the above jobs for the majority of Americans in the private sector?

Have you, or anyone you know, ever gotten a long term, well-paying job from a poor man?

Have the rich not significantly endowed schools and colleges, or provided scholarships to them?

Have the rich not significantly created and donated public parks and playgrounds?

Have the rich not significantly funded hospitals and humanitarian enterprises?

How then, have they robbed the poor and middle classes of what was theirs by "right"?

Our Constitution guarantees only three major rights: life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Everything else comes from motivation, self-denial and hard work, not from some newly discovered vote-getter called "entitlements."

Have the Obama-denigrated rich not risked their personal fortunes in creating wealth for others, as well as themselves? Are they not entitled to a significant reward for this risk?

Why then, would we think it only fair, to ask the rich 1 percent, who already pay more than 28 percent (almost one-third) of all federal taxes collected, to be taxed even more as a reward for their achievements?

If Obama can determine how, and how much, capitalism and the rich have disenfranchised the poor and middle classes, we can then legitimately demand that the lost wealth be "redistributed." But, if such oppression is only touted for political gain ... then who is not being fair to whom?

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Tipping Point continues fifth-year celebration

Steven Dietz's "Fiction" opens March 15

On the heels of the popular comedy, "The Love List", Tipping Point theatre changes directions with an intriguing play about facts, fiction, trust and betrayal as Steven Dietz's "Fiction" opens March 15.

Linda and Michael are successful, married writers with a feisty partnership high in intellectual banter and friendly competition that works well until Linda receives an unexpected diagnosis and is given only three weeks to live. Each keeps a prolific, private diary and Linda tells Michael he may read hers after she is gone, but she wants to read his now. He reluctantly gives in and as Linda reads his journals, the play travels back in time and she learns of her husband's infatuation for many years with Abby, a young woman he met at a writers' retreat. But are the diary entries truth or fiction? And is Linda hiding her own secrets?

"This warm and wonderful play is filled with innate theatricality and beauty. Steven Dietz has a true gift for dialogue in that you discover something that appears deceptively simple is, in fact,

emotionally layered", said director James R. Kuhl. "Fiction's twists and turns keeps things lively as you unravel the truth from the lies. It is exciting, it is touching and it will leave you thinking about it for days."

Tipping Point Theatre opens the fourth show in its 2011-12 birthday season with this fast paced and witty production of "Fiction" (with adult content) which runs from through April 15. The curtain rises at 8 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays, with matinees at 3 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday at the theatre located at 361 E. Cady St. in Northville. Tickets are \$28 to \$30 for adults and \$26 to \$28 for students and senior citizens, and are available now by calling the box office at (248) 347-0003.

This production is supported, in part, by an award from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, and the National Endowment for the Arts.

Tipping Point Theatre's last show in the fifth birthday season is "The Cemetery Club" by Ivan Menchell from May 10-June 17.

Wish You Were Here



Northville resident of 39 years Fran Firek is shown with the Record in Australia before she went on to New Zealand.

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Crawford & Perez
Pastor and Mrs. Norvel Crawford II, of Northville Township, and Mr. and Mrs. Leon Harris, of Atlanta, Ga., announce the engagement of their children, Norvel Crawford III to Trista Perez, currently of Kansas City, Kan.
The bride-to-be was born in Portsmouth, Va. and received her B.S. in psychology from the University of Florida, and both an M.A. in medical/clinical psychology and Ph.D. from the University of Alabama at Birmingham. Trista is completing her doctoral fellowship at the Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City.
The groom-to-be was born in Ft. Bragg, N.C., graduated from Renais-



Trista Perez and Norvel Crawford III

sance High School in Detroit and was trained in business and physical education at Alabama A&M in Huntsville, Ala., completing his B.A. in business administration from the University of Alabama. He is the device technical specialist manager at Sprint Headquarters in Lenexa, Kan.
The couples' April 2012 wedding is planned in suburban Atlanta, Ga.

ENGAGEMENT

Deneau & Osantoski
Christopher and Brenda Deneau, of Northville, announce the engagement of their daughter, Elizabeth Amber Deneau, to Nicholas Thomas Osantoski, of Westland, Mich., son of Randy and Melinda Osantoski, of Bad Axe, Mich.
The bride-to-be is a 2006 graduate of Northville High School and earned a bachelor's degree in business administration in 2011 from Wayne State University. She is employed by Independent Bank.
The groom-elect is a 2007 graduate of Bad Axe high School and earned a degree in culinary arts in 2011 from Schoolcraft College. He is employed as a sous chef with AVI food systems at Wayne State University.
The couple plan to wed June 16, 2012, in Bad Axe.



Nicholas Osantoski and Elizabeth Deneau

ENGAGEMENT

Mnich & Shirley
Mike and Jan Mnich, of Northville, announce the engagement of their son, Jeffrey M. Mnich, to Jennifer L. Shirley, daughter of Deborah and Jack Shirley, of Beverly, Mass.
The groom-elect is a 2002 graduate of Northville High School and earned his bachelor's degree in political science and international affairs from George Washington University in 2006. He recently came back from a tour overseas flying a KC 135 Refueler for the United States Air Force and currently holds a first lieutenant ranking. He is newly employed with Booz, Allen, & Hamilton International Consultant Firm.
The bride-to-be is also a graduate of George Washington University and recently graduated from Suffolk Law School in Boston, Mass. She is now pursuing family law in the Washington, D.C./Virginia area.
The couple set their engagement in September 2011 and is excited to celebrate their wedding this coming October in Boston. They currently reside in Washington, D.C. and are now proud parents of a three-month old Lab/Dash-hound puppy named Sadie.



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3 Scouts to celebrate Eagle rank

Steven Spielberg. Sam Walton. J. W. Marriott, Jr. Neil Armstrong. All are Eagle Scouts. Add Forrest Ickes, Scott Matthews and Andrew Slatin to the elite list of those who've achieved the highest rank awarded by the Boy Scouts of America (BSA), a goal reached by less than two percent of BSA's total membership, putting these three Northville High School seniors in impressive company. Additionally, all three were voted into The Order of the Arrow. In this BSA national honor society, scouts are selected by their peers for living the ideals of Scouting.

Their journeys will be celebrated at a Court of Honor, hosted by Northville's BSA Troop 755, at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 18 at the First Presbyterian Church. Family, friends, mentors and fellow scouts will reflect on the paths taken by each young man to reach the pinnacle of scouting. Eagle Scouts must, among other requirements, earn a minimum of 21 merit badges, hold a position of responsibility within the troop, and develop, coordinate and provide leadership on a service project.

Forrest Ickes

Ickes worked through the Novi Parks and Recreation Department for his service project. Novi Township's Lakeshore Park, on the south end of Walled Lake, was the benefactor. He presented a plan, which was approved, to Novi Parks and Rec to build and install bluebird houses. A member of the Michigan Bluebird Society taught Ickes how to fabricate the components. Ickes cut all of the wooden birdhouse components, drilled, sanded and assembled the first bird house under the guidance



Andrew Slatin, Scott Matthews and Forrest Ickes, all Eagle Scouts with Troop 755, will celebrate their achievements at their March 18 Court of Honor.

of a Bluebird Society veteran. Then Ickes co-taught the woodworking merit badge to younger scouts at two troop meetings in May, which included instruction on the safe handling and proper use of tools. The younger scouts were enthusiastic to learn how to construct the birdhouses by attaching them to installation posts protected with PVC pipe to ward off predators.

On an eventually sunny June 11, Ickes supervised 24 younger scouts and adults as they installed nine birdhouses on the common grounds near the park's back pavilion. After clearing overgrowth from trails in a wooded section of the park, Ickes and his volunteers discovered three unused benches, shrouded by plant overgrowth. Utilizing their woodworking skills, these volunteers sanded and stained the benches located along those trails.

Scott Matthews

Matthews joined forces with NHS Baseball's 2011 Armed Forces Day celebration to bring America's troops a taste of home. Throughout the week prior to the May 21 event, Northville schools collected toiletries, snacks, books,

DVDs and games. Matthews, a middle infielder, played in the varsity double-header where donations were accepted as well.

After two baseball victories, the festivities ended. That's when Matthews' service project began. A caravan of vehicles brought all donations to his home. Following the guidelines of Operation Support Our Troops, Inc., Matthews and his teams of volunteers spent several evenings and weekends sorting over 1800 pounds of donations. They sorted by category, checked for expiration dates and separated what could not be used overseas. On June 5, 50 boxes were packed. Each contained a 35-pound variety of all donations. Hundreds of pounds of items unsuitable for use overseas were eagerly accepted by local charities.

One soldier's e-mail to Matthews enthused, "I cannot describe what it is like to receive boxes, such as the ones you helped send. When we open them, it is like Christmas...People will yell, 'I need that!' or 'Oh, look, toothpaste!' Yes, we even get excited about toothpaste here!"

Andrew Slatin

Slatin committed to

upgrade the visitors' bullpen at NHS' varsity baseball field. While work at the field was done in late August, planning began last spring. This included a partnership with Home Depot. As a donation to the community, the nearby hardware store donated necessary materials and rental equipment.

Work at the bullpen got underway as a post-hole auger drilled through nearly four feet of stubborn dirt, rock and clay. Steel re-rod was then sunk to anchor the newly constructed wooden containment system around the pitcher's mound. For the home plate backstop, 12-foot posts were put four feet into the ground, and then secured with concrete. Slatin and his volunteers hit a snag or, more precisely, an enormous block of concrete, when drilling deep beneath the bullpen. On-the-spot design modifications followed by another trip to Home Depot got the project back on track. Slatin also incorporated plans to minimize erosion around the mound and home plate.

These young men enhance the proud tradition of BSA Troop 755, which was founded in 1947. With 158 scouts, it is America's 34th largest troop. Guided by the enthusiastic leadership and vision of Scoutmaster Mike Kowalczyk, Assistant Scout Master/Eagle Advisor Bill Phillips and over 90 registered adult leaders, young men share a unique camaraderie and develop important life skills as they challenge themselves on rigorous camp-outs, outreach projects and rank advancement.

Compiled by Katy Baetz-Matthews

NORTHVILLE NEWSMAKERS

Hillside teacher running for late former colleague

Heidi Capraro of Howell passed away in November of clear cell cervical cancer. She leaves behind a legacy of educating young students. This April, Brighton resident and Hillside Middle School music teacher Greg Lanzi will run his second Boston Marathon. He plans to raise \$4,000 for cancer research in memory of Capraro as a member of the Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge.

Capraro was a sixth grade science teacher at Hillside Middle School in Northville. In 2005-2005, she was selected Michigan Teacher of the Year. After fulfilling her duties in Lansing, she was appointed assistant principal at Hillside Middle School where she continued her work supporting young students and mentoring educators before becoming ill.

"One of the vivid memories I have of Heidi was her sitting in the middle of our band class just soaking up the music and enjoying her time with our kids," said Lanzi.

Lanzi has run the Detroit Free Press Marathons three times. In 2009, his time of 3 hours, 27 minutes was good enough to earn him a spot in the Boston Marathon. Now he wishes to return with more than running in mind.

"When Heidi became seriously ill, I decided if I could qualify for the Boston Marathon again, I would find a charity that was dedicated to cancer research," Lanzi said. "The Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge was the perfect fit."

You can support his run by visiting rundfmc.org. Simply go the website and click on support a runner.

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Ponder named to Salvation Army board

The Salvation Army of Metro Detroit has announced the addition of Dan Ponder to its Metropolitan Detroit Advisory Board. Ponder is the chief executive officer of Detroit-based Franco Public Relations Group. As CEO, Ponder oversees Franco's business development and operations. He is also very active in civic and charitable activities that help promote the region and state. Ponder and his wife Cathy reside in Northville.

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Tom Thewes, Detroit artist/CEO of CPOP Gallery and executive director of Contra Projects, has been selected as the juror for the Northville Art House's 2012 West of Center all-media show. West of Center is a nod to the Art House's location as well as its mission to bring the community something unexpected, edgy and compelling -- an eclectic, contemporary art exhibit that showcases a wide range of accomplished pieces. Last year's show featured bronze, glass, mosaic, graphite, wood, acrylic, mixed media, assemblage, photography and more. Applications with jpegs on a CD must be hand-delivered or shipped to the Northville Art House to arrive by March 23. Applications are available on the Art House website at www.northvillearts.org. For additional information, e-mail the Northville Art House at: arthouseoffice@northvillearts.org or call (248) 344-0497. The show will open with a reception, First Friday, June 1, at 6:00 pm and will continue through June 24.

For more information on what items are needed or to schedule an appointment during the in-district office hours, please call Trussell at (734) 672-6415.

The search is on for inspired authors with a keen eye with the Short on Words poetry and short story contest being held in conjunction with Northville's 2012 Arts & Acts

The cash award for first place is \$150; second place is \$100; third place is \$50. There will be additional prize recognition awarded at the discretion of the judges. The prestigious panel of judges includes: published author Michelle Fecht (Member, Northville City Council) and the

At noon, thousands of Girl Scouts will gather on the steps of the State Capitol for a 100th birthday sing-along, an afternoon of activities around Lansing and evening fireworks (weather permitting) at Cooley Law School Stadium, home of the Lugnuts. The pubic is welcome. For more information, visit www.gshom.org.

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MDOT considers full closure of I-96; wants public input

By Ken Abramczyk
Observer Staff Writer

The Michigan Department of Transportation wants to hear from the public before deciding on the best strategy to tackle the \$150 million I-96 reconstruction project that could begin in late 2013.

MDOT is considering closing the freeway completely for the seven miles of freeway between Telegraph and Newburgh roads; leaving either eastbound or the westbound traffic open during the construction; or both directions open, according to plans revealed to the public last Thursday night at an open house at Livonia City Hall.

The project calls for the road reconstruction of the freeway, bridge rehabilitation, geometric upgrades, drainage, lighting, signage and landscaping. Repairs will be completed to 36 bridges, with five of those bridges totally replaced.

Total reconstruction

Rob Morosi, spokesman for MDOT's metro Detroit region, said even though I-96 was recently resurfaced in 2001, that repair only lasts seven to 10 years. The pavement is starting to split apart, Morosi said.

"We've really exhausted all the opportunities to do quick fixes," Morosi said. "The construction will consist of ripping out everything that was put

YOUR OPINION

Residents, business owners impacted by the construction and commuters can view the construction alternatives at www.96fix.com. They can also fill out and email a survey at that website. The public comment period ends Thursday, March 8.

in, in the 1970s, down to the sub-base, remove the existing drainage, put in new storm sewers and new pavement. We anticipate the project will be bigger than the Lodge Freeway in Detroit and last year's Southfield project in Detroit."

Full closure considered

The first alternative calls for closing the freeway down entirely. MDOT expects construction will last 250 calendar days at a cost of \$500,000 to maintain and redirect traffic.

MDOT exhibited a "pros/cons" chart. The advantages to a complete shutdown are the shortest construction duration among the alternatives, no median crossovers, no shoulder upgrades or temporary pavement, no work adjacent to traffic, and concurrent bridge construction. The disadvantage is motorists need to find alternative routes whether they drive east to Detroit or west to the I-



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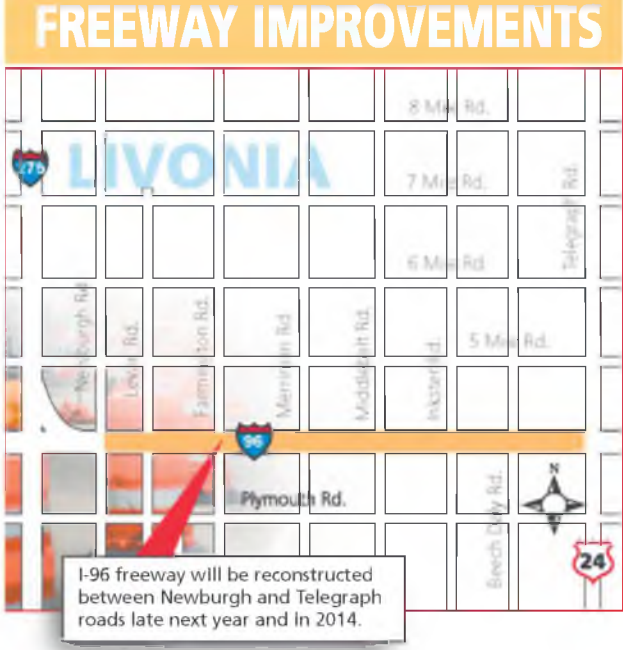
Traffic on i-96 on a Tuesday evening appears clear, but that will change late next year when construction begins between Newburgh Road and Telegraph Road.

- 275 or M-14 freeways or the western Wayne County suburbs.
- Others options highlighted, and their length of construction and traffic maintenance costs include:
- Eastbound closed for construction, with a one lane closure on the westbound side, followed by a westbound closure with one lane closure on eastbound side, 450 calendar days, \$2.3 million.
 - Eastbound closed, maintain three westbound lanes with crossover, 450 days, \$3.2 million.
 - Westbound closed, maintain three eastbound lanes with crossover, 450 days, \$3.5 million.
 - Two westbound and two eastbound lanes open with a crossover, 550 days, \$5.7 million.
 - Three westbound and two eastbound lanes open with a crossover, 600 days, \$9 million.
 - Two westbound and three eastbound lanes

open with a crossover, 600 days, \$9.1 million.

Other alternatives are highlighted on the 96fix.com website that consider morning and afternoon traffic shifts and crossovers with moveable barriers, and splitting the construction into separate projects.

Residents can visit the website, study these proposals and complete a survey to let MDOT know what they prefer, Moro-



Residents can comment on the I-96 reconstruction project scheduled to start in late 2013. They can view the construction alternatives at www.96fix.com. They can also fill out and email a survey at that Website. The public comment period ends March 8.

si said.

"We want the feedback," Morosi said.

A second public hearing will be scheduled in the fall 2012 at which the traffic recommendations will be discussed. Construction plans will be presented early next year.

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Boys cagers win district opener

Squad edges South Lyon to move on

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

Todd Sander knew heading into the district game against South Lyon that his Northville Mustangs boys basketball team was going to have a close game its hands. What his team had going in their favor was they were playing a team that had beat them twice, and the old adage in sports, as Sander knew, was one of the hardest things to do at the high school level is beat a team three times.

He was right on both accounts, as the game all game down to a one-point difference with the Mustangs using a last-second shot to earn the win, 42-41.

The victory came with 4.5 seconds left on the clock as Northville, trailing 41-40, snagged a rebound off a missed free throw by South Lyon and drove down the court. Instead of calling an expected timeout, senior Jeff Gertley split two defenders and drove inside for a lay up with time expiring.

"Gert was not going to let us lose tonight," said Sander of his point guard, who ended with 14 points on the night — including 10 in the second quarter. "I've seen it before with him, and he just willed us to victory."

South Lyon inbounded the ball and got a good look at the basket but left their fans standing in anticipation as the shot fell short to the sound of the game-ending buzzer.

Meacham led the Mustangs with 19 points, including two three-point



Northville High's Jeffrey Gertley, right, tries to slap the ball away from a Walled Lake Central Viking before he can get a shot off during their Feb. 28 game.

ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs boys basketball team was slated to play Wednesday (after the sports section went to print) against Salem in the semi-finals of the district tournament. Results will be in next week's edition.

field goals.

"Meacham got back on track tonight, scoring from the perimeter, the rim and from the free-throw line," said Sander. "In many ways, he was the difference."

Thankfully, Northville knows how to play in close contests. The team had 10 games this season decided by six points or less, and they have come away with eight wins out of those contests. Monday

night was no different than any of those games, with South Lyon leading, 9-8, after the first quarter and Northville taking three-point, 21-18 advantage heading into the locker room.

The Lions came out of the half on a bit of a snit, running the score to their advantage, 30-28, by the end of the third quarter. In the fourth, the Mustangs fell behind 35-30 with five minutes left in the game before Meacham hit a big three pointer to cut it to 35-33. A three-point basket by Brett MacDonald put the Mustangs back in the lead at 1:45 left in the game before the Lions hit a shot to tie it, 38-38.

With 40 seconds left, Northville went up 40-38, only to have South Lyon

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PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Mustang Andrew Meacham leaps over a Viking to snare a rebound during the team's Feb. 28 game.



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Northville's Trevor Maresh, 171 pounds, at the wrestling state finals at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

Compo, Maresh end wrestling season

Mustangs grapplers bow out in first day of state finals

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

The individual wrestling state finals bring the best grapplers from across the state to the Palace of Auburn Hills for a tournament that gets any wrestling fan salivating.

The talent level is through the roof, as two Northville grapplers found out last week. Trevor Maresh and Travis Compo, both captains for the Mustangs this year, found themselves being bested in the first day of

competition — though they both put up a heck of a fight against their foes.

Compo, who wrestled at 135 pounds this year and entered the state finals with a 37-12 record, faced off in the opening round against Brother Rice's Andrew Napieraj. Compo put up a fight throughout his initial match but found himself on the wrong side of a technical fall (20-4) at the 4:22 mark.

In the consolation round, Compo bowed to Brighton's Evan Hoshaw, who earned a technical fall victory (16-1) at 2:50.

Maresh, who grappled at 171 pounds in the tournament, had a 43-8 record this year and was ranked throughout the season. He earned a win over Ernie Morton of East Kentwood to begin his finals experience, collecting a 9-4 decision.

The Northville grappler took his first loss against Utica Eisenhower's Charlie Myers in the second round, falling in a 6-2 decision, before bowing in his second loss to Knute Hoffman of Midland, pushing the match to a 5-3 overtime decision.

Northville's girls cagers stop Canton

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Robyn Mack's stellar high school career featured many clutch moments and she needed to add to the list Friday night to extend Canton's season.

But the senior point guard could not even get the ball to attempt a desperation shot and the Chiefs dropped a 25-24 decision to Northville in the Class A girls basketball district final at Novi High School. Instead of a game-winning attempt for the Chiefs, Northville senior guard Mallory Weber (seven points) intercepted the inbound pass intended for Mack and the Mustangs galloped off the floor with their first district title since 1986.

"I just knew I had to keep her (Mack) in front of me, keep the game on the line," Weber said. "So I did everything I could to stay with her and not let her get the ball."

"I think we were just so excited because we haven't won a district final in 26 years, so we were pumped. We had nothing to lose."

According to Mack, who tallied six points, Canton "just couldn't break" the relentless

zone pressure deployed by Mustangs head coach Todd Gudith.

"It's a disappointing end, but it's bitter-sweet," Mack said. "I'm so proud of my team and I enjoyed my four years at Canton."

"It's not the way I wanted to end it, but I'm blessed and I'm lucky to have had a four-year career on an awesome team."

Making history

Gudith, whose 15-7 team advances to the Farmington regional, said the team "talked about making history" and ending the district title drought.

"One of the things we accomplished this year was beating Novi for the first time in eight years," Gudith said. "Eight years is one thing, but 26 is a whole other. We said, let's try to take a chance at that." Canton (16-6) at least had a chance for a game-winning shot after forcing a turnover with 41 seconds remaining and down a point.

Mack's outside jumper missed, but sophomore Paige Aresco hauled in the rebound and Canton head coach Brian Samulski called a timeout with four seconds to go.

Northville had a foul to give, and it immediately

fouled Mack to shave off 1.3 seconds off the clock.

That gave the Chiefs virtually no time to get a field-goal try against the Mustangs' suffocating defense — which gave up just one point in the fourth.

"They came out and played zone tonight, which we assumed they were going to do," Samulski said. "I didn't do a good job of getting the kids ready to go against the zone and I didn't do a great job of getting the kids the shots we needed to get versus a zone."

"We just struggled to score. That's not the kids' fault they didn't make shots, it's my fault for not putting them in position to get better shots."

Aresco led the Chiefs with nine points, while junior center Kiara Schneider had seven points and nine rebounds.

In addition to Weber, the Mustangs were paced by senior guard Meredith Williams (seven points, three steals) and junior forward Kendra Brenner (six points).

Turning it up

Canton led 6-2 after the first and 13-10 at halftime before ripping off back-to-back buckets by

Please see **GIRLS, B2**

Mustangs upend South Lyon in girls hoop district play

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

The Northville Mustangs girls basketball team, which won the district title last week, earned a trip to the title tilt with a win over South Lyon, 59-35.

“Our girls did a remarkable job handling their pressure,” said coach Todd Gudith. “We spent a lot of time at practice on it. Beating that early and getting some easier scores boosted our confidence.”

The squad had nine different Mustangs score in the winning effort as senior Meredith Williams and junior Kendra Brenner led the way with 10 points each. Junior Brittany Berehulka and senior Alex Moynes poured in eight points apiece while senior Mallorey Weber chipped in seven in the victory.

The Mustangs used a balanced offensive attack to take a 14-5 lead after the first quarter, which they extended to 30-14 by halftime. At the end of the third quarter, they were completely in control with a 44-25 advantage. Northville shot 50 percent from the floor (23-of-46 field goals) and the defense was just as good as the Mustangs out rebounded South Lyon, 27-18.



PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Mustang Aly Bates, left, goes up for a rebound along with Lion Sarah Stockford.

GIRLS

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Mack and Schneider early in the third to open up a seven-point advantage. That was about the time Gudith decided to go into an all-out zone, much earlier than he normally would.

“Usually when you’re down 17-10 against Canton they start pulling away a little bit,” Gudith said. “Our kids would get frazzled. But this group was really hungry for it. We kind of turned the pressure up a little bit. We knew we couldn’t sit back.”

“They would have just walked us right out the door, stall and kill the clock. So we knew we had to ratchet it up a bit.”

The strategy paid off almost immediately. Williams countered with a trey to make it 17-13 and two baskets by Brenner closed the gap to two points late in the frame.

A putback by Aresco nudged Canton’s lead to 23-19 entering the fourth, which was a defensive tug of war by both squads.

The first points of the final quarter came when

Williams scored a layup with six minutes to go. But the Chiefs still held the lead until Weber drove the lane for the tying score with 3:20 remaining.

Hitting the wall

A putback by Weber gave the Mustangs their final margin of victory as Schneider’s free throw with a minute left was all Canton could muster.

“We got out and had a good run in the third quarter and then we sort of hit a wall,” Samulski said. “We couldn’t score. It was 17-10, Williams hit a three. It was competitive, we held them to 25 points. We couldn’t score when we needed to score.”

Samulski said it was tough for Mack’s outstanding career to end the way it did. The Chiefs went 85-17 during her four seasons with the squad.

“There are only four teams in the state that are happy at the end of their career, those are the state champions,” Samulski said. “There’s no reason for Robyn to hang her head on what she got done. She had an awesome career.”



South Lyon Lion Emily Slavik, right, tries to prevent Mustang Meredith Williams from getting a loose ball during the teams’ Feb. 29 game.

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Mustangs prepare for state swim finals

Boys squad has nine swimmers in eight events for Division 1 championship meet

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

Nine swimmers and possibly one diver will be competing in the state finals for the Northville Mustangs this weekend at Eastern Michigan University.

The swimmers, coached by Rich Bennetts, earned their place in eight different events, including three relay teams. The lone diver, freshman Troy Cini, will have competed in the regional tournament Tuesday

ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs will compete tomorrow at Saturday at Eastern Michigan University in the MHSAA Division 1 state finals meet.

(after the sports section went to print) to determine if he is one of the top 12 to advance to the finals.

“Making the regional as a freshman is quite an accom-

plishment,” said Bennetts. “We are all very proud of Troy and expect big things out of him in the coming years.”

The Northville swimmers who earned a berth to the finals aren’t unfamiliar names — they’ve been the top tankers on the team all season, helping the squad to division and conference titles this year.

“We will be looking to get as many guys back to finals on Saturday as we can,” says Bennetts, noting that the top

16 from each event on Friday make it back to Saturday for finals. “I am pleased how this team has re-focused on the state meet and I will be looking for some great performances out of our guys.”

Filippo Miavaldi, Alan Ruan, Scott Wang and Dawson Laabs earned a trip to EMU via the 200 medley relay, and Laabs will join Sam Boyea, Andrew Westphal and Spencer Milller as a member of the 200 free-style relay team. Westphal,

Boyea and Miller will also compete with Chris Kim in the 400 free relay.

Kim earned an individual finals time in the 200 free-style while both Westphal and Nick Hayes will be competing in the 200 individual medley. Miller and Boyea will swim in the 50 free while Miller and Westphal will compete in the 100 free. Miavaldi was the lone swimmer from Northville to earn the trip in the 100 backstroke event.

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hit a three-point shot 10 seconds later for the 41-40 advantage.

Northville missed an ensuring three by MacDonald with 25 seconds left and fouled South Lyon to force them to the charity stripe where they missed the following shot, leading to the Mustangs victory.

“This was another gutsy performance by this team,” Sander said. “As we have seen before, we just refuse to lose and find a way to make plays down the stretch. We stayed together, and I’m so happy for this team.”

Northville 41, W.L. Central 39

The Mustangs also played Walled Lake Central in the KLAA consolation game last week, edging their way to victory to give the team a 13-7 record heading into the district tournament.

The game ended in grand style with Poter-

ala blocking a seemingly wide-open last-second shot by the Vikings near the rim to close the door on Northville’s foes.

The game marked the second time the Mustangs and Vikings have met this season with the Northville squad claiming victory in December, 34-33. In that game, Jeff Hewlett made two free-throw shots to win the game with eight seconds left. In this game, Walled Lake, which ended the year 14-6, trailed throughout and had to play from behind.

The Mustangs trailed 8-7 after the first quarter but went up by nine by the end of the first half. The team, however, couldn’t pull away from the Vikings, who went on a 7-0 run in the third to make in a 33-28 game heading into the final stanza.

“Give Central credit,” said Sander. “They kept hanging around and making plays.”

MacDonald led the team in scoring, putting up 13 points on the night while Gertley added 11.

Mustangs advance four gymnasts to state finals

Four Northville Mustangs will be competing in the state finals for gymnastics in Division 1 this weekend as individuals, although the team itself will not compete.

Victoria Clay, senior and team captain, will compete in the vault and floor events and will join juniors Taylor Dempsey and Erin Warwood and sophomore Morgan Price at Kenowa Hills High School Saturday for the finals. Dempsey will compete in the all-around; Warwood will compete in bars, beam and floor events, and Price will compete on vault, bars and beam.

“I’m very excited to have our four girls compete at States as individuals on Saturday — this meet truly does represent the best of the best in Michigan,” said Coach Erin McWatt. “Taylor competed as an individual for the first time last year, but Victoria, Morgan and Erin are rookies to the state meet experience, and it’s such a testament to Victoria’s hard work, especially, since

NORTHVILLE SPORTS ROUNDUP



Four gymnasts from Northville High School qualified for the state meet last week during the Region 3 tournament. Pictured (from left to right) are sophomore Morgan Price, junior Erin Warwood, senior Victoria Clay and junior Taylor Dempsey. All qualified for the state meet in two or more events.

this is her senior year and she’s our wonderful captain.”

McWatt said Northville didn’t bring a full lineup to compete for spots at the state finals, so the gymnastics squad didn’t qualify as a team. In the region, Canton, Salem and Grosse Pointe United qualified as the top teams that will compete at States; Canton was the leader with a point total

of 148.525. Those squads will participate in team finals on Friday.

Northville girls bowling team takes eighth in finals

The Northville Mustangs girls bowling team has plenty to be proud of after competing in the Division I state finals in Battle Creek last week.

The team, which qualified for the finals after surviving a qualifying round that eliminated eight other teams, fell in its first head-to-head match against eventual state champion Davidson.

The Mustangs also had an individual state finals qualifier in Esha Bedi, who finished 27th overall.

— By Sam Eggleston



Mustangs Brett MacDonald, left, and Jake Hansen team up to pressure a Walled Lake Central Viking during the team’s KLAA cross-over game on Feb. 28.

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Net proceeds from the program will be used to award merit scholarships to high school seniors from western Wayne and Oakland counties who will be attending the University of Michigan.

Tickets are \$40 each

for members of the U-M Alumni Association, and \$50 each for non-members. For ticket information, please go to: <http://northville.umclubs.com> and click on Upcoming Events, or call 1-800-847-4764.

Baseball camp

Registration has officially begun for the upcoming Fifth Annual Northville High School Spring Training Baseball Camp. The camp will be held from 9 a.m.-noon Saturday, March 17 and Sunday, March 18 in the NHS gymnasium. It is open to all kids ages 7-14. The registration form can also be accessed at www.northvillemustangbaseball.com.

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Hartland holds off Northville for prep hockey league championship



Northville's Ryan Bloom had a goal and assist in the league championship game Saturday against Hartland. Despite the 5-2 loss, the Broncos are heading to the state championship tournament this weekend.

The Great Lakes Prep Hockey League championship game on March 3 was like a repeat bad dream for the Northville prep hockey team. The Broncos, who were making their second straight visit to the title game, were denied the league crown 5-2 by Hartland Gold. Last season, the Eagles also beat Northville 4-2 for the GLPHL championship. Hartland scored one goal in the first period and two in the second to jump out to a 3-0 lead. Northville finally got on the scoreboard with 9:54 left in the game with Nick Stegmeyer's goal. Troy Youmans and Ryan Bloom assisted on the score. The Eagles answered 85 seconds later to go back up by three goals. Bloom cut the deficit to 4-2 with 5:51 remaining when he slapped in KC Chaudoin's shot from

inside the blue line. The Broncos pulled goalie Nick Zalewski with about two minutes left but Hartland sealed the win with an empty-netter with 38 seconds to play. Hartland outshot Northville 26-22 and did not allow many good scoring opportunities as they always had three players cluttering in front of their net. Northville 4, Howell 3 The Broncos earned a trip to the GLPHL championship game on Feb. 25 when they held on for a thrilling 4-3 overtime over Howell. Kellan Flayer scored the game-winning goal with just over two minutes left in the extra period when he took a pass from Stegmeyer and jammed in a shot while being knocked to the ice. After falling behind 14 seconds into the game, Christopher

Tripi converted a pass from Bloom to tie it at 1. Dominic DiComo then set up Bloom five minutes later to give Northville a 2-1 lead after the first period. Tripi again scored off a pass from Bloom in the second period to give the Broncos a two-goal cushion. But Howell responded with two tallies, including the tying goal with 8:41 left in regulation. The Broncos had plenty of chances to win in regulation as they hit the cross-bar or goal post five times. Northville remains alive in the Michigan Amateur Hockey Association state playoffs. The Broncos play in the state tournament in Jackson beginning Friday against Howell. They will also face Salem and Southgate on Saturday. The state championship game will be on Sunday.

— By Bob Tripi

CC cagers capture city championship

Win marks first city title for Catholic Central since 1968

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

This is a year of reclaiming old titles for the Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks basketball team. The squad, coached by Bill Dyer, followed up their first Catholic League title since 1997 last week with their first city championship in 44 years with a surprising win over Public School League champion Detroit Martin Luther King, 56-48. Things actually got off to a very slow start for both teams — and not on the scoreboard. The squads had to suffer through a 45-minute delay after a leaky floor moved the game from Cass Tech to Western International High School. The venue, it

turns out, didn't really matter to the Shamrocks. "We knew we were a good team, and we knew we had the pieces," said Dyer. The contest was quite the interesting affair, with the Shamrocks' top scorer, Kyle Cooper heading to the bench at the 3:11 mark in the first quarter due to two fouls followed up by a technical in the second quarter for hanging on the rim following a dunk. Cooper sat the bench throughout the entire third quarter, despite scoring the team's first eight points of the game. Cooper insists the technical foul was called in error. "I had Chase Janer under me, and I would have fallen on

my head," said Cooper. "I don't think I've ever been called for hanging on the rim. I don't think I've sat the entire third quarter since elementary school, but my teammates stepped up." The Shamrocks were also in the tough position of trailing for pretty much the entire first half, down 17-13 after the first quarter and 31-28 heading into halftime. The Detroit Catholic Central squad took advantage of some foul trouble and a strong defensive scheme to take the lead by the end of the third quarter, 43-41, as they outscored the Crusaders, 15-10, throughout the stanza. In the final quarter, the Shamrocks' defense shut King down, allowing just seven points on

their way to the victory. The Shamrocks finished the season with a 14-6 record with five straight wins to end the year, while King fell to 15-5. King was ranked fifth in the state heading into the contest. Catholic Central is not ranked. The Shamrocks were slated to play in the district tournament Wednesday after the sports section went to print. Cooper led the Shamrocks with 19 points while Jack Dillon, Chase Janer and Matt Doneth all had eight in the winning effort. King was led by Malik Albert, who led all scorers with 20 points, while Dennis Norfleet scored 11 and Marquawn Armstrong added 10 points.

Shamrocks earn three individual state titles

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

It's been a remarkable year for the Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks wrestling team, and they punctuated that last week with three individual state champions and six additional All-State selections. The Shamrocks wrestling team — which won the team title in Division I two weeks ago with a victory over defending champion Oxford — was dominant at the Palace of Auburn Hills. Leading the way for the team was senior captain Kevin Beazley, junior Ken Bade and sophomore Drew Garcia as each won their respective weight classes. Beazley, who will wrestle at Old Dominion next year, earned a victory over Brandon Sunday of Temperance Bedford in the finals, 6-0, in the 189-pound weight class. Bade, who wrestled at 130 pounds, earned his second-straight title with wins over Austin Gullick of Portage Central, 18-3, in the quarter finals, Dom Trevino of Holt, 20-5, in the semi-finals, and Mike Willits, 6-1, in the finals. Garcia, a 171-pound wrestler, defeated Charlie Meyers of Utica Eisenhower, 5-2, in the finals to earn his title. A wrestler who made school his-

tory this year was Alec Mooradian, who became the first wrestler at Catholic Central to reach four MHSAA finals. His bid fell short, however, in the championship tilt in the 152-pound division as he fell to Brighton's Aaron Calderon, 3-2. "Alec Mooradian is an amazing young man and has had an incredible career here at CC," said coach Mitch Hancock. Sophomore Malik Amine also made it to the finals, competing at 135 pounds, earning All-State status and a second-place finish. He fell to Alec Pantaleo of Canton, 9-6, in the finals. TJ Fagan, a senior captain, finished his high school career with a loss in the semi-finals to Mitch Hrynak of Forest Hills Central before winning two rounds in the consolation bracket to finish third in the 125-pound weight class. Also taking third was freshman Trevor Zdebski, who fell in the semi-finals of the 103-pound division and then won the remainder of his matches. Nick Mason finished fifth for the Shamrocks at 160 pounds while Bob Coe finished seventh in the heavy-weight bracket. Freshman Myles Amine bowed out of the tournament on the first day, finishing with a 1-2 record.

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Kite Contest

Youth Name:

Youth Age:

Youth Community:

Parent's information to contact entry:
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Selected winners will have their name, age, hometown and photo in the next Scoop's Hound Dog Highlights.

Mail to:
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Scoop's Hound Dog Highlights

It's a great time to explore worlds of adventure by reading a good book. Here are a couple popular authors mentioned by Ms. Michele Durbin, a Canton Librarian.

- Pre-School:
Eric Carle or
Keiko Kasza
Kindergarten
Laura Numeroff
Kevin Henkes
Marc Brown
1st Grade:
Russell Hoban,
Cynthia Ryland
David Adler
- 2nd Grade:
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Suzy Kline
3rd Grade
Beverly Cleary
Roald Dahl
4th Grade
Lynne Reid Banks
Jerry Spinelli
5th Grade:
Rick Riordan
Gordon Korman
- 6th Grade:
Richard Peck
Brian Jacques



Scoop's Craft Corner

Spring is almost here and on the first warm day it would be fun to go outside and fly a kite; especially one that you have created yourself using your old newspapers. Here is an inexpensive way to have tons of fun with mom and dad inside and out.

* PARENTS HELP IS NEEDED

Items needed:

- Old newspapers

- Two long sticks or dowels approximately 1/4" thick

- Masking tape

- Scissors

- String

- A little saw or exacto knife

- Colorful cloth or ribbon 2" wide and one foot long

- Art supplies for decoration

Take two wooden dowels or sticks making sure that one is longer than the other. One stick should be approximately 36 inches long and the other 33 inches long. (You can always use barbeque skewers and taped them together to get the same effect).

2 Wooden Dowels

length - 36 inches

length - 33 inches

Take both pieces of wood and wrap a layer of masking tape around each end like shown in this picture then use your saw or exacto-knife to make a notch in the ends. This notch is for your string.

Take a small piece of tape and place it between the two sticks on top of each other making a cross. Make sure that the right and left sides are equal distance and top is shorter than the low portion. (See illustration)

Wrap the string around the sticks multiple times to secure it.

Now wrap a single layer of string all the way

around the kite. It should go right into the notches of each stick. Make sure that the string is tight. This will make a diamond shape. You will need to make a knot securing the string to the stick. Tape over the notches so the string does not come loose.

Now lay your frame on a sheet on old newspaper. Cut the newspaper to about the same shape and size as the frame leaving a slight overlap.

Use a long piece of masking tape to fold the newspaper over the diamond shape. Tape down the edges of the newspaper over the string.

Create the handle of the kite by cutting a six feet piece of string. Tie one end to the bottom of the kite. It is also important to tie colorful pieces of cloth or ribbon every 12" to the string.

Decorate your kite using your favorite paints, markers, feathers, ribbons, etc. Get creative and make it your own.

Send a picture of the kite that you created and you could win great prize. Good Luck!

Diagram showing the kite frame construction with labels: Notch, Masking Tape, Wooden Dowel, 10 inches, equal distance, Take a small piece of tape and place it between the two sticks on top of each other making a cross.

Illustration of two children flying kites.

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What the difference between these two pictures? Can you find all 6 of them?

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2. Hand is moved

3. Name Plate

4. Dogbone missing

5. Rock missing

6. Lines are missing on Scoop's house

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March 21

Plymouth businessman heads Building Industry Association

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan has announced its 2012 Executive Committee. BIA's president is Rich Kligman, Superb Custom Homes, in Plymouth. He and the other Executive Committee members took oath of office as part of BIA's Economic Forecast Luncheon & Industry Awards Program on Feb. 15 at the Best Western Sterling Inn in Sterling Heights.

In addition to Kligman, the Executive Committee includes Salvatore (Sam) Palazzolo, Palazzolo Brothers Construction Co., Sterling Heights, moving into the position of first vice president; Paul Aragona, Aragona Properties, Clinton Township, as treasurer; Norm Finkelstein, Norwood Homes, LTD, Farmington Hills as secretary, Robert M. Tedesco of Silverado Homes, Birmingham, as vice president; and Katie Hallett, TK Design & Architecture, Howell, in the newly created position of associate vice

president. Adorno Piccinini, Walbridge, Detroit, moves into the position of immediate past president.

Continuing in their positions are vice presidents James Clarke, Robertson Brothers Co., Bloomfield Hills, Lawrence Cohen, CohenHomes.com, LLC, Franklin and William Phillips, Windham Development Inc., Bloomfield Hills. Richard Komer, Wineman & Komer, Southfield, continues as special counsel and Michael C. Stoskopf continues as BIA's CEO.

The Executive Committee is responsible for furthering the building industry's relationship with municipal and county governments and providing representation in the state and national associations. Additionally, the committee assists in overseeing BIA's mission to provide education, information, programs, networking, political action and all other activities that advance the building industry, while making the



Rich Kligman
BIA president

American dream of home ownership a reality for Michigan families.

In addition to the swearing-in ceremony, the guest speakers were David Crowe, Ph.D., chief economist for the National

Association of Home Builders (NAHB) in Washington, D.C. and Edsel Charles, chairman, MarketGraphics Research Group in Franklin, Tenn. The speakers addressed topics pertinent to those involved in the residential and light construction industries.

The program also included the annual Industry Leadership Awards presentation to Immediate Past President Adorno Piccinini and the distinguished awards honorees.

Headquartered in West Bloomfield, Building Industry Association of SE Michigan and Apartment Association of Michigan are trade associations representing nearly 600 builders, remodelers, multi-family property owners, developers and suppliers to the single family and multi-family residential construction industry. BIA is affiliated with the Michigan Association of Home Builders in Lansing and the National Association of Home Builders in Washington, D.C.

Court upholds nixed parking

By Robert Meisner
Guest Columnist

Q: Does our association have to grant a parking request as a reasonable accommodation under the Fair Housing Act when the member hasn't paid his condominium dues?

A: While that decision may not be clear in Michigan, according to a recent decision in New Jersey, the member's parking accommodation request was not reasonable. In that case, the association had revoked the disabled person's parking privileges because he was substantially in arrears on his monthly assessments. The state civil rights agency



Robert Meisner

found no probable cause to support his claim and the Appeal Court upheld the decision. The court indicated that under fair housing law, housing providers may be liable for refusing to make a reasonable accommodation in rules, policies, practices, or services when necessary to afford a person with a disability equal opportunity to use and enjoy a dwelling. However, the court noted that the duty to provide a reasonable accommodation for a resident with a disability does not necessarily entail the obligation to do everything possible to accommodate that person. The court reasoned that although the association may be liable for failing to provide a resident with a disability a parking space accommodation, the member's accommodation request was unreasonable because the association collected assessment fees to maintain the common areas of the community, including the parking lot, but since the member didn't make his required payments for several months, the association had a right to revoke his parking privileges. In that particular case, the association also attempted to resolve the parking issue with the member and accommodate his needs by offering a payment plan which was rejected. However, each case is fact intensive and you are best advised to consult with your association attorney who presumably has knowledge of the Fair Housing Act.

Q: Several of our neighbors in our condominium are concerned about second-hand smoke that is infiltrating our unit. Do you think we have any recourse?

A: A tough question since there may not be a specific statute or rule in your condominium that deals with this. The cases are somewhat divided about whether smoking in a unit where the smoke permeates another unit constitutes a nuisance. It would seem to me that you would have to have specific bylaw provisions limiting smoke inside of the unit in order to be reasonably successful, but that may or may not be the case depending upon the court and jurisdiction. You are best advised, if you are a board member, to consult with your association attorney.

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

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Nov. 21-25, 2011, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON

2267 Arcadia Dr	\$95,000
212 Charterhouse Dr	\$127,000
1412 Hampshire Dr	\$95,000
457 Lenox Dr	\$389,000
42154 Tonquish Ct	\$127,000
LIVONIA	
15956 Brentwood St	\$110,000
37849 Dardanella St	\$110,000
9930 Doris St	\$102,000
18617 Doris St	\$120,000
14585 Flamingo St	\$95,000

36607 Gardner St	\$169,000
NORTHVILLE	
16560 Brooklane Blvd	\$500,000
17445 Cameron Dr	\$315,000
48871 Freestone Dr	\$415,000
PLYMOUTH	
48118 Edinburgh Dr	\$363,000
42985 River Bend Dr	\$125,000
REDFORD	
26136 Joy Rd	\$75,000

9010 Kinloch	\$70,000
16875 Macarthur	\$48,000
25049 Puritan	\$33,000
9035 Tecumseh	\$37,000
WESTLAND	
8702 Hugh St	\$38,000
37512 Lang Ct	\$100,000
5818 N Berry St	\$40,000

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Nov. 14-18, 2011 at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS

20433 Lincoln Hills Ct	\$300,000
16208 W 13 Mile Rd	\$76,000
19534 Waltham Rd	\$389,000

BIRMINGHAM

1731 Dorchester Rd	\$250,000
1011 Humphrey Ave	\$525,000
517 Lewis St	\$215,000
1010 N Glenhurst Dr	\$584,000
1437 Pierce St	\$414,000
243 Ravine Rd	\$400,000
451 Vinewood Ave	\$326,000
620 W Frank St	\$497,000
443 Wellesley St	\$395,000
2219 Yorkshire Rd	\$275,000

BLOOMFIELD HILLS

671 Bennington Dr	\$485,000
4090 Justin Ct	\$120,000
3900 Oakhills Dr	\$310,000
4118 Wabeek Lake Dr S	\$160,000

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP

1645 Dell Rose Dr	\$180,000
2960 Eastways Rd	\$465,000

619 Fox Hills Dr N	\$45,000
433 Fox Hills Dr S	\$49,000
4578 Kirkcaldy Rd	\$222,000
2444 Loch Creek Way	\$335,000
4267 Stoneleigh Rd	\$380,000
5380 Wing Lake Rd	\$338,000
2327 Tilbury Pl	\$400,000

COMMERCIAL TOWNSHIP

5504 Leafwood Dr	\$161,000
3798 Loch Bend Dr	\$300,000
3517 Newton Dr	\$850,000

FARMINGTON

31432 Lamar Dr	\$65,000
22810 Lilac St	\$23,000
31525 Marblehead Rd	\$129,000
24062 Merrillyn Ct	\$130,000
34150 State St	\$168,000
23907 Wesley Dr	\$92,000

FARMINGTON HILLS

22635 Colgate St	\$60,000
30779 Country Ridge Cir	\$265,000
30070 Fernhill Dr	\$164,000
39284 Horton Dr	\$218,000
35113 Meadow Ln	\$110,000
31705 Nottingham Wood St	\$109,000
34731 Pickford Dr	\$192,000
26393 Power Rd	\$95,000
29307 Regents Pointe	\$100,000
29959 Richmond Hl	\$350,000
23636 Springbrook Dr	\$72,000
35267 Stratton Hill Ct	\$550,000
22684 Tulane Ave	\$21,000
33794 Vista Dr	\$125,000

FRANKLIN	
31625 Franklin Rd	\$350,000
30815 Hickory Ln	\$84,000
LATHRUP VILLAGE	
26825 Lathrup Blvd	\$15,000
18318 Rainbow Dr	\$130,000
18168 Sunnysbrook Ave	\$89,000

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1643 Hldden Pond	\$310,000
730 Milford Glen Dr	\$213,000
766 Panorama Dr	\$82,000

NOVI

42864 Ashbury Dr	\$395,000
28093 Carlton Way Dr	\$105,000
24401 Cavendish Ave W	\$375,000
47539 Cheltenham Dr	\$520,000
22725 Cortes St	\$47,000
26412 Crestwood Dr	\$488,000
26298 Fieldstone Dr	\$242,000
24239 Hampton Hill St	\$175,000
24327 Knollwood Dr	\$160,000
44577 Midway Dr	\$299,000
24695 Nepavine	\$534,000
22381 Peachtree	\$70,000
31074 Seneca Ln	\$200,000

SOUTH LYON

54465 Brentwood Dr	\$30,000
228 Brookwood Dr Unit 6	\$35,000
679 Grand Ct	\$162,000
205 Maplewood Ct Unit 7	\$27,000
60609 Mary Ln	\$260,000
871 Norchester St	\$123,000
20908 Oak Tree Dr	\$222,000

22855 Pontiac Trl # 8	\$21,000
22200 Quail Run Cir Unit 5	\$110,000
61434 Rambling Way	\$100,000
26268 Shumans Way	\$285,000
57950 10 Mile Rd	\$165,000
260 Washington St # 280	\$47,000

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27335 Aberdeen St	\$92,000
28546 Lowell Ct S	\$29,000
16316 Meadowood Rd	\$72,000
22571 N Bellwood Dr	\$106,000
17400 New Hampshire Dr	\$70,000
30065 Northgate Dr	\$135,000
30245 Pleasant Trl	\$122,000
28802 Red Leaf Ln	\$68,000
1 Richmond Towne St	\$43,000
28475 Tavistock Trl	\$155,000
29074 Tiffany Dr E	\$41,000
19700 Villa Ct E	\$50,000

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9090 Buckingham St	\$137,000
1109 Castlewood St	\$288,000
4344 Coastal Pkwy	\$223,000
336 Dakota Ln	\$207,000
585 Farnsworth St	\$91,000
9041 Gale Rd	\$42,000
123 Lisa Cir	\$147,000
8040 Springdale Dr	\$115,000
100 Union Lake Rd	\$36,000
2220 Wiggen Ln	\$250,000

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"Mr. Landlord" (Jeffrey Taylor), a nationally known "Landlording Expert" and author, will cover finding qualified prospects, having tenants leave the property in move-in condition and how to increase monthly cash flow when filling vacancies at the regular meeting of the Real Estate Investors Association of Oakland on Thursday, March 8, 5:30-9:30 p.m. at Club Venetian, 29310 John R, north of 12 Mile, Madison Heights. Seminar free to members. \$20 nonmembers. www.REIAofOAKLAND.com; (800) 747-6742.

Real Estate Career Seminar

A free Real Estate Career Seminar will be held 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 15, at Keller Williams Realty 40600 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 100 Plymouth. For more information, contact Lesley Aiello at (734) 459-4700 or laiello@kw.com.

BIA courses

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will present all three courses needed for Certified Aging-in-Place designation by the National Association of Home Builders. Don Pratt, CAPS, CGB, CGR of CECS of Michigan, LLC will be the instructor for all three courses. He will cover the technical, business management and customer service skills essential for competing in this fast growing segment of residential construction.

CAPS I, Marketing and Communication Strategies for Aging and Accessibility, will be held on Monday, March 12. CAPS II, Design/Build Solutions for Aging and Accessibility, will be held on Tuesday,



Docent Linda Smith in the kitchen at a recent home tour. Many people are looking for home improvement ideas for this spring.

March 13. Business Management, the third course required for this designation, will be held on Wednesday, March 14. Each session runs from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Association Offices, 2075 Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield.

Registration for each course is \$195 per person for BIA members and \$225 per person for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1002 or register online at www.builders.org.

Seminar on Tuesdays

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

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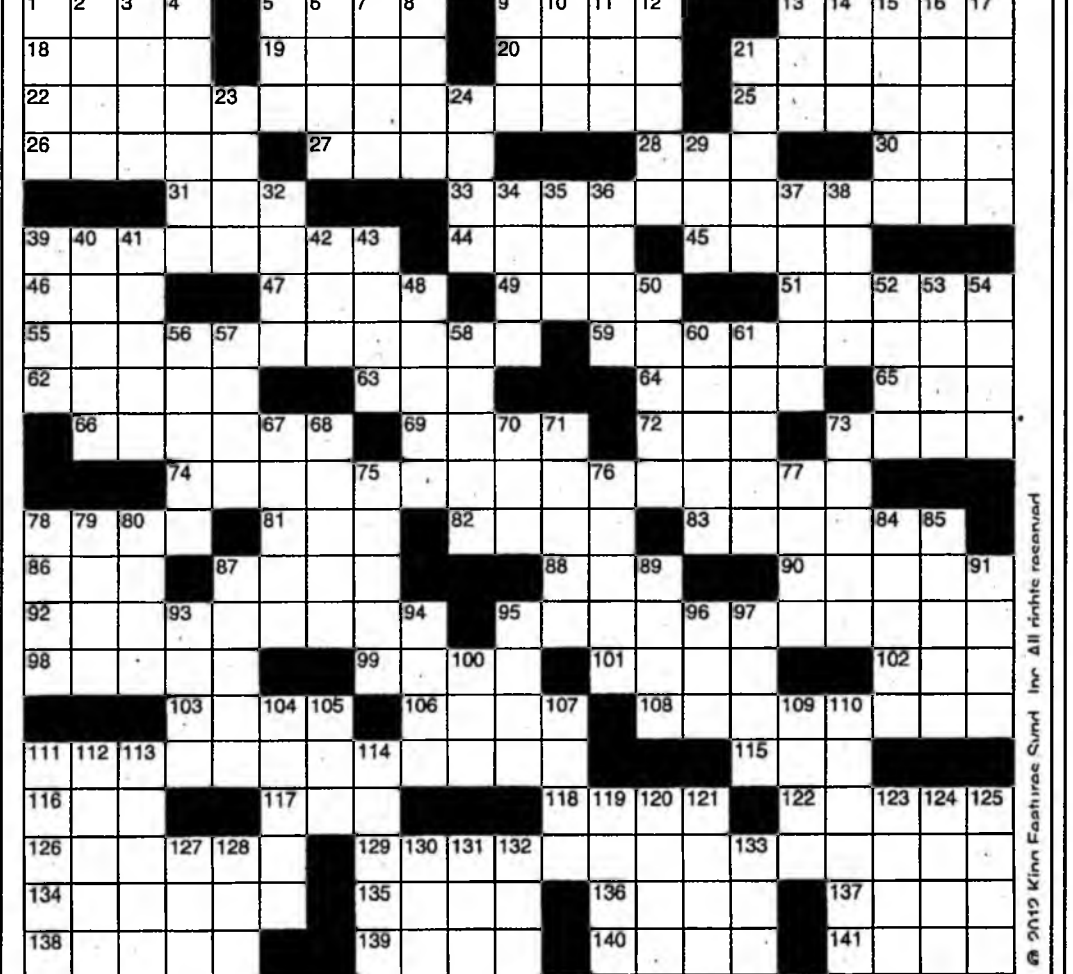
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1 Hirt hit	62 Disdain	111 HAGMAN PLANS	10 Harem room	54 "SNL" bit	95 Sikorsky or Stravinsky
5 Kudrow or Hartman	63 Unduly	115 Piggy	11 Apply gently	56 Haunted-house sound	96 First offender
9 Lucas character	64 "— Ca-Dabra"	116 Khan	12 Petite parasite	57 Oklahoma city	97 Jay's house
13 Gullible one	65 JFK Library architect	117 Castilian cry	13 Mongrel	58 Alex Haley book	100 Negative correlative
18 Rueful cry	66 Beethoven symphony	118 Head set?	14 Owsn	60 Pianist	104 It may be tall
19 Certain Semite	69 Velvety plant	122 Croc's kin	15 Nothing special	61 Bandleader	105 Internet acronym
20 Imported cheese	72 Pro-gun grp.	126 Mideastern mall?	16 Mediterranean island	67 Perez	109 Demetrius' duds
21 Extragalactic object	73 Little helper?	129 PAQUIN GETS STARRING ROLE!	17 Brooklyn school	68 "Waves of grain" color	110 Inclined
22 DIRECTOR PICKS KAPLAN TO PLAY LINCOLN	74 SANDLER GOES ON TOUR!	134 In public	21 Suppress	70 Fast flier	111 Sweat and slave
25 Author Le Guin	78 Ever's partner	135 Row	23 Skirt feature	71 Bright	112 Dumbstruck
26 Prepare to propose	81 Slugger's stat	136 General Bradley	24 Skiers' mecca	73 Between three	113 Brings down the house
27 Valueless	82 Attempt	137 Final alarm button	29 Wee one	75 Bum a ride	114 Thought-provoking
28 Hum bug?	83 Sulky	138 Alarm noise	32 Present abbr.	76 Humble	119 Particle
30 ABA member	86 Moon crawler	139 Raucous noise	35 — Aviv	77 Soprano's showcase	120 Mafia or Downey
31 Fix a fight	87 "— a Song Go ..."	140 — Hari	36 Charges	78 Jessica of "Dark Angel"	121 Petty clash?
33 "WHEEL" RATINGS PLUNGE!	88 TV's "The 11 — Patrol"	141 Actress Merrill	37 "The March King"	79 Comic	123 Prepare to
39 More ... meager	91 Prelim	DOWN	38 Fedora fabric	80 Melville novel	124 — even keel
44 "Graf —"	92 Plumbing tool	1 Item in a trunk	39 Mineral springs	84 Play ground?	125 Sit's husband
45 Navigation hazard	95 AFFLECK WINS SECOND OSCAR!	2 Economist Greenspan	40 She brought out the beast in men	85 Great Lake natives	127 Chemical suffix
46 Film, for short	98 Ho hi	3 Ming thing	41 Part owner?	87 Po land	128 PC key
47 Castilian custard	99 — Kong	4 Behind a windjammer	42 Urban transport	89 I'll give you a lift	130 Long or Peoples
49 Commoner	101 Roof part	5 Fall behind	43 Absorbed	91 Change for a five	131 Unused
51 Arm bones	102 "Holy cow!"	6 OPEC member	48 Ruth's mother-in-law	93 Helicopter sound	132 Dadaism founder
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Five ways to resurrect your career after unemployment

Beth Braccio Hering, Special to CareerBuilder

With hiring picking up, is it reasonable for a job seeker to believe that she can resume her career where she left off before becoming unemployed? While most experts agree that it may be possible, they also concur that such a rebound is difficult and takes a great deal of commitment. For those willing to put in the effort, here are five strategies for getting back on the career path.

1. Be certain of your career goals

Before trying to get back on track, be sure you're heading in the direction you really want to go. Having a clear sense of what you want will make it easier to target your efforts towards specific positions and companies.

"I would recommend clients reflect if they want to re-enter the same career field or if this is a time to transfer into a new career," says Mike Blount, a career coach at Messiah College Internship Center in Grantham, Penn. Adds Wil Lemire, director of career services at Western New England College in Springfield, Mass., "This may be a good time to do some career assessment to confirm that you are on the right path. Your college career office may be helpful here."

2. Evaluate your strengths and weaknesses

What skills and qualities do you bring to the table? Being able to clearly convey your best assets will make you a stronger applicant. But to be an even better candidate, you also need to cast a critical eye and look for things employers might perceive as negatives -- and fix them.

Linda Matias, president of CareerStrides.com and author of "201 Knockout Answers to Tough Interview Questions: The Ultimate Guide to Handling the New Competency-Based Interview Style," suggests that job

seekers write down all the reasons they shouldn't be hired and then formulate a plan on how to address each issue. "Too often, job seekers only pay mind to the reasons they should be hired. When that happens, they are not taking responsibility for their own career. No candidate is a perfect 10, but each job seeker should do whatever it takes to get as close to the number 10 as possible."

3. Stay active and informed

"Be prepared to explain how you've been filling the days since your last job," says Cynthia Favre, director of career services at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minn. "Employers know that it has been a rough job market, but they still expect that you have something to say about what you've been doing. For maybe six months you can say you took time to

reassess, regroup and refocus, but after that they'll wonder."

"Stagnation is a résumé shredder," Blount adds. "Show what you have done for your career."

Ways to keep sharp and prove dedication to your field may include:

- Enrolling in continuing education and skill-building classes
- Taking on temporary projects or consulting work
- Keeping up with trade publications and pertinent websites
- Volunteering in your area of expertise
- Participating in professional associations and conferences

4. Network

"When people get to know you, or get

reacquainted with you, they are more likely to think to refer opportunities to you," Favre states. "Use LinkedIn to join groups in your career field or to connect with past colleagues to find out where people are. It's important, too, to continue networking the old-fashioned way. Join professional associations and volunteer to be on committees, plan events or work the registration table at conferences."

Lemire adds that career fairs provide great networking opportunities as well as a chance to hone your "elevator pitch." "Research the attending companies and participate actively by engaging the recruiters in conversations about the nuances of their company and typical job requirements."

5. Be confident

Finally, don't neglect the fact that unemployment can take a heavy toll on one's self image. You need to come to terms with that period of your life before trying to sell yourself to others.

"Where candidates go wrong is self-confidence. They get defensive, apologetic or uptight when an interviewer asks the perfectly reasonable question, 'Why have you been outside of your field for over a year?'" Matias says. "Surprisingly, many job seekers don't prepare a response to this question ahead of time. It is as though they are hoping the interviewer won't broach the topic. Candidates should prepare a brief response, and then practice saying the response until the answer rolls off the tongue."

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