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Chamber meeting

The Northville Chamber of Commerce will announce the 2012 Citizen of the Year at its annual meeting, beginning at 5:30 p.m. on Oct. 17 at the lnn at St. John's, 44045 Five Mile Road in Plymouth Township. The Chamber will also be electing new board members at the event.

The event will an excellent opportunity to network and enjoy some great food. There will be a cash bar.

Tickets are \$35. Please RSVP to the Chamber at tracisincock@northville.org.

For more information, contact the chamber at (248) 349-7640 or visit www.northville. org.

Halloween tea party

The Northville Historical Society will present Halloween Tea from 6-8:30 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 28 at Mill Race Historic Village in Northville. The event will a tempting selection of tea sandwiches, spooky scones and devilish desserts all served using our finest china and silverware. Delight in a cauldron of our signature blend Cady House Tea.

Costumes optional. Prize awarded for best costume.

This event is a fundraiser for the Northville Historical Society. Tickets are \$30 (\$25 for NHS members). The deadline to get tickets is Oct. 22. Call the NHS at (248) 348-1845 or visit www.millracenorthville.org.

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Northville Township Clerk Sue Hillebrand holds up this year's Nov. 6 ballot that voters will see at their precincts. Hillebrand said that in her years as clerk, she's never seen a longer ballot — at two full pages — front and back, and expects to break voter turnout records from 2008 when 78 percent of registered voters turned out to the polls.

Lengthy ballot could cause election day confusion

By Lonnle Huhman Staff Write

Election Day will be more time consuming this year. The election ballots Northville

community voters will see on Nov. 6 will have a variety of things to

vote on, from the board of education to various state and county proposals.

Generally, the ballots will be two pages front and back, and it's not till the end of it that voters will see the "yes" or "no" ovals for the Northville Public School District's

Technology Bond Proposal. It's a lot of voting in one sitting — actually standing for many. This is why some voters are doing absentee ballots. Northville Township resident Betty Schnettler is

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Growth forcing school district to shuffle students

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By Lonnle Huhman Staff Writer

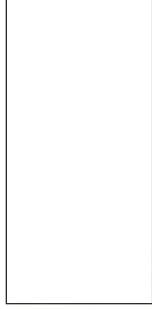
The start of the 2013-2014 school year will most likely have some current students at Meads Mill Middle School and Ridge Wood Elementary in another school building as Northville Public Schools resets its attendance boundaries. To move forward on this the Board of Education has

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ATTENDANCE BOUNDARY STUDY TIMELINE

 October/November 2012: Review district and individual building enrollment projections through 2016 and complete facility review to establish building and classroom capacity across

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Marketing a piece of history

By Julle Brown Staff Writer

A historic building at Northville Road and Mill Street in Northville Township, which has ties to auto pioneer Henry Ford, is currently on the market.

"He always sort of had farming and agriculture in his heart," Bill Sivy, a Northville Township Historic District Commission member who has researched the building, said of Ford.

The auto pioneer acquired land beginning as early as 1919, Sivy said, with 10 parcels. The largest now houses the Waterford Mill Pond.

Several years ago, Sivy did a presentation on the local village of Waterford, which grew up here in the mid-1800s. It was also known as Meads Mill, for several Mead brothers who had built a flour mill.

Ford's plant, part of his Village Industries, opened at Northville Road and Mill Street in 1925. The building, which has been modified and is up for sale or lease, was one of Ford's 19 Village Industries



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

A new tenant for Northville Township's Waterford Mill plant is being sought. The building, located along Northville Road south of Six Mile, was once part of Henry Ford's Village industry factories placed along the Rouge River system.

plants. The first, Sivy said, was the one with a current waterwheel in downtown Northville, which opened in 1920.

"He still believed in the values of the farmer who lived in the country," Sivy said. Plants were water-powered, often on the Rouge River.

There was a Cherry Hill plant in Canton that employed disabled veterans. Other plants hired only single and widowed women. The plant at Northville Road and

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the district. Board finalizes guiding principles.

 December 2012/ January 2013: District administrators develop and review alternative attendance boundary scenarios including bus routing. Board of Education will review proposed options at a Study Session in late-January or early-February.

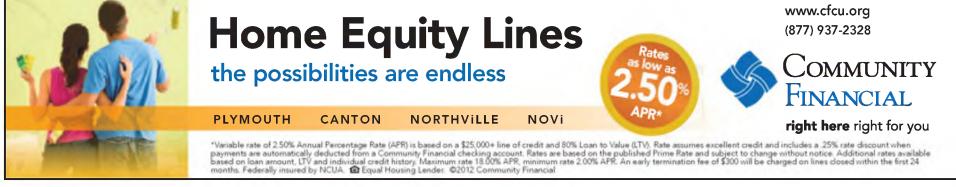
February/March

2013: Board of Education to host two community forums in February to get school parent and community feedback on proposed boundary options. Board of Education Study Session to evaluate options. Public Hearing during the March Board of Education meeting to hear community comments on proposed plan.

• April/May 2013:

Board votes on final plan at a meeting in April. Principals, teachers and staff develop transition plans for students and families that include visits to school buildings in late-April and May.

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A ghoulish Friday night



Some 50 dancers from Northville's Piazza Dance Company performed Friday night at the Alive in Northville event.

Weather can't stop skeletons from making their annual appearance

By Lonnle Huhman Staff Writer

October in the 'Ville kicked off Friday evening in downtown's town square with the event, Skeletons are Alive in Northville.

The rain didn't stop the evening's ribbon cutting ceremony and a great performance by 50

dancers from the Piazza Dance Company, who performed the iconic zombie dance "Thriller". It did, however, cancel the musical performances by Unusual Symphony and Social Bones.

The dancers ranging in age from elementary to high school students, all gave flawless performances, considering the conditions. Melissa Prowse, of Livonia, was at the event to see her two daughters perform. She said despite the rain, they were very excited to be performing.

"The girls are super excited to be here,' Prowse said. "Yeah it's raining, but this is a great atmosphere and really family friendly."

10-year-old Emma Prowse, along with her eight-year-old sister Madison, said the key to their performance was to, "act scary." Before the performance, Northville Downtown Development Authority director Lori Ward told the gathered crowd, in keeping with the spirit of celebrating Halloween in Northville,



Sisters Madison, 8 and Emma Prowse, 10, performed as zombies in the "Thriller" dance performance put on by the Piazza Dance Company at the Skeletons are Alive in Northville event.

there are now 45 skeletons on display in downtown, which is even more than last year.

"This is really different and cool," said Cheri Coviak, of Novi, who brought her 6-year-old daughter Haley to see the kick-off event. "Usually there are ghosts and scarecrows, but these skeletons are really fun."

This has become an annual outdoor public art display that features life-sized skeletons decked out in different costumes, which were created by Begonia Brothers of Northville. The skeletons are a big attraction and many times you can find someone taking a photograph with one and laughing.

The Begonia Brothers really started making the skeletons and displaying them on Eight Mile Road as a way to get customers to come down to their location on Brickscape Drive. Mike McDonald, co-owner of

Light housekeeping

Begonia Brothers, said the designs for the skeletons come from current news and sporting events, to ideas from a customer or employee.

"This is why we moved to downtown Northville — to be part of these great events is a lot of fun," McDonald said.

There is a great Red Wings and Colorado Avalanche skeleton display outside of Poole's Tavern and a fishing skeleton at the water display in town square.

October in the 'Ville will be a month long celebration. It will include Halloween Hocus Pocus shows at the Marquis Theater, the Trick or Treat Trail at Mill Race Village, a costume parade on Oct. 27, and trick or treating as well as a costume contest at the Community Center on Oct. 31. For more information, call (248) 349-7640 or visit www.northville.org.

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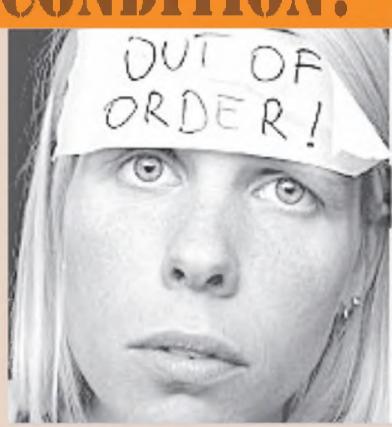
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"The ballot is ridiculously long — four pages — and voters need to be prepared and plan to spend some time at the polls." SUE HILLEBRAND

Northville Township clerk

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one who usually votes at the precinct poll, but not this year. For her the ballot is just way too long and a bit confusing.

"Normally, I go to the polls, but after hearing my sister-in-law read the sample ballot to me over the telephone I was surprised at how lengthy it was and how much we have to vote on," Schnettler said. "It's four or five pages long. In one area there are a number of judges we have to vote on and some I haven't even heard of."

She said she couldn't stand that long at the poll and therefore will be getting an absentee ballot from the township. As a solution she thinks the precinct should have seats for voters.

"I think many people will vote for part of it and leave the rest blank," Schnettler said of the long ballot.

Both Northville Township and the City of Northville are getting calls about the ballot questions and candidates. Even the clerks see the ballot as being a bit difficult.

"The ballot is ridiculously long – four pages — and voters need to be prepared and plan to spend some time at the polls," said Northville Township Clerk Sue Hillebrand of voting day.

Hillebrand is telling voters to go the township website and view the sample ballot.

"I encourage voters to download and review it

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before voting," she said. Like the township, Northville City Clerk Dianne Massa is directing voters to check out the League of Women Voter's voting guide with a link from the city website. The city has two voting precincts and both have their sample ballots at the city site. To learn about the state proposals, Massa is also directing State of Michigan Board of Canvassers web page.

The deadline to request an absentee ballot to be mailed is Saturday, Nov. 3. The township and city clerk's offices are open on that Saturday from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. for this purpose.

According to the city clerk's office, the absentee provisions are: you are 60 years of age or older, expect to be absent from the community for the entire time the polls are open on Election Day, are physically unable to attend the polls without the assistance of another, have been appointed an election inspector in a precinct other than the precinct in which you reside, cannot attend the polls because you are confined to jail awaiting arraignment or trial or cannot attend the polls due to the tenets of your religion.

Absentee Ballot voting is allowed until 4 p.m. on the Monday preceding Election Day.

Here are a couple election Day tips: have your picture identification, know what you're voting on, read the instructions and be ready take some time.

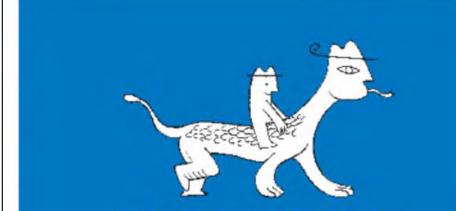
Hillebrand said bring a picture ID because as of 2007, every Michigan voter who offers to vote at the polls must show picture identification. She added if the voter is not in possession of picture ID they may sign an affidavit attesting that the voter is not in possession of picture identification.

"Voters planning to vote in person should be prepared for lines and allow sufficient time for voting," Hillebrand said.

She said the ballot, while long, is one of the easiest to vote. And said it is almost impossible to spoil this ballot unless a person over votes or votes for more candidates than indicated under each office title. Unlike the August primary election, the voter can vote a straight ticket, a split ticket, or a mixed ticket.

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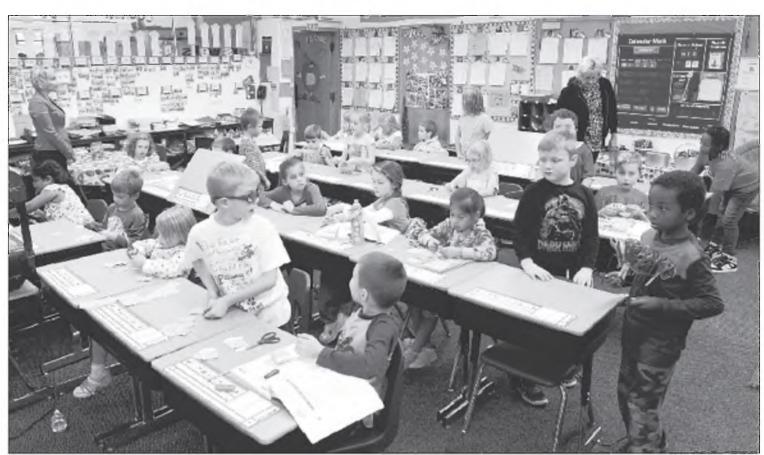


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Amerman Elementary School teacher Leann Wells, rear, tends to her second grade classroom on Oct. 3 - the State of Michigan's annual Student Count Day. Amerman had 534 students in attendance that day.

District up 100 students over expectations as count day passes

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2012 HOMETOWN WEEKLIES

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Student count day has passed, but for Northville Public Schools it's just the first step in what will eventually determine the amount of funding the district will receive from the state.

Count information is critical to districts, because each student translates into state funding.

It's even more important this year because the fall count now represents 90 percent of state funding. The funding allocation was changed from 75 percent to 90 at the start of the 2011-2012 school year.

On Oct. 3 Northville schools took a head count to reach the preliminary numbers, which were expected to be released at the Oct. 8 school board meeting. However, according to Superintendent Mary Kay



Amerman Elementary School students Josie Froman (center) and Kaytlynn Byers (right) join their other 25 classmates in Leann Wells' classroom on Student County Day.

was set at 7,004.

State aid is based on the number of students legally enrolled on or before count day. Schools from the count date to provide the audited pupil counts to the state.

"This is the first step in

cess. At the middle and high school levels there is an hour by hour count. With the elementary level it's done at the beginning and end of the day. There is an additional window of 10-30 days for the district to account for absent students.

Gallagher said they will be tracking these numbers in the meantime. The funding calculation schools receive is based on a blend of both winter and fall student count data during the same calendar (not school) year. The winter count date was back in February.

The total numbers will be audited and the state will ultimately confirm the enrollment. The state's number will be used for per pupil allocation. The district's state per pupil allowance currently stands at \$8,019. However, according to district officials, the 2011-2012 operating cost

NORTHVILLE SCHOOL BRIEFS

District saves \$2.2M

According to district officials, Northville Public Schools will save taxpayers \$2.2 million and make lower debt payments over the next 12 years after the successful sale of its 2012 refunding bonds. The Board of Education was expected to approve the bond purchasing agreement at its regular meeting on Oct. 9. The district will have slightly lower debt service payments beginning in May 2013, and taxpayers will notice a lower school debt millage beginning with their 2013 tax bills.

Bond refunding is similar to a homeowner refinancing a mortgage to exchange high cost debt for low cost debt. The district is taking advantage of the current historically low long-term interest rates to issue the refunding bonds.

The new bonds will be used to redeem the \$21.9 million in principal remaining from the \$35.7 million bond proposal approved by voters in 2004 that paid for classroom additions at Ridge Wood Elementary School and Meads Mill Middle School; cafeteria/multipurpose room additions at Silver Springs and Winchester elementary schools; a total roof replacement at Hillside Middle School; playground improvements at Moraine and Thornton Creek elementary schools; and technology upgrades and other capital improvements across the district.

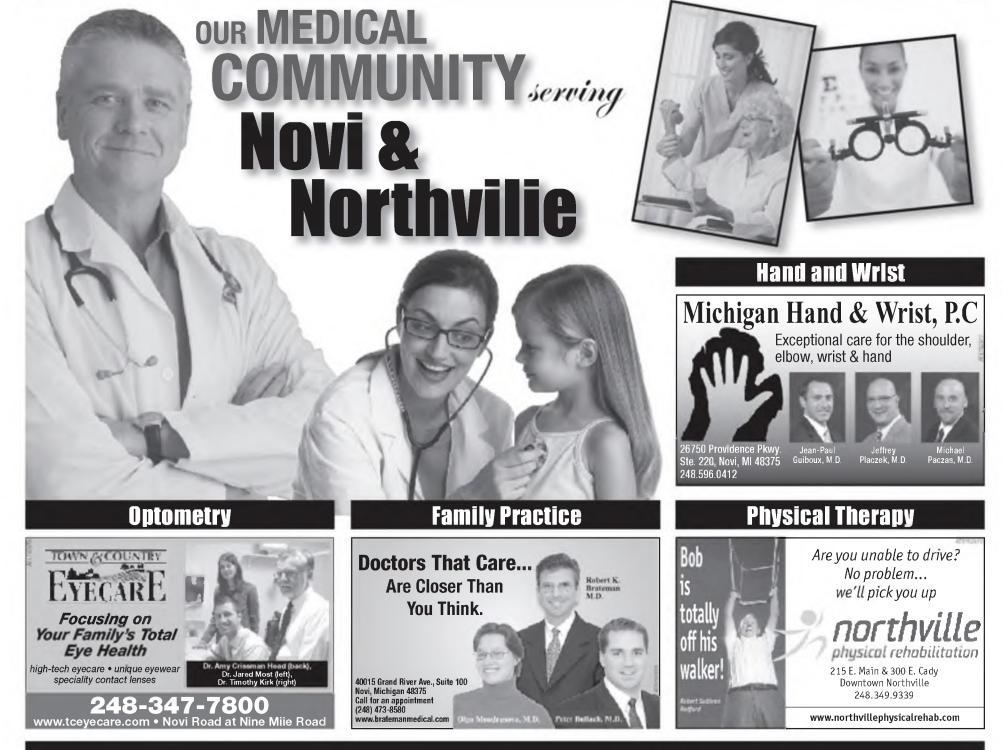
In preparing to sell the 2012 refunding bonds, Northville Public Schools, working with financial advisor Stauder, Barch & Associates, requested that Standard & Poor's Ratings Services evaluate the district's credit quality.

"Our district is able to sell these bonds because of our outstanding credit rating of 'A' assigned by Standard & Poor's," said Northville Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher. "The rating agency cited our strong income levels, stable enrollment and low to moderate debt burden in its rationale for rating Northville Public Schools at the 'A' level."

This is the second time in as many years that the district has taken advantage of the historically low long-term interest rates to issue refunding bonds. In August 2011, the Board of Education approved a bond purchasing agreement to redeem the \$5.6 million remaining from the \$27.5 million bond proposal approved by voters in 2001. The move saved taxpayers nearly \$275,000 begin-

to Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher the overall enrollment has jumped by 100. For 2011-12, the total enrollment have five weeks to submit student count information to the Intermediate School District (ISD). The ISD has 24 weeks the process and next we will report it to the state," Gallagher said of count day. She said this is a layered proper pupil was \$9,258.

lhuhman@hometownlife.com (248) 437-2011, ext. 255 taxpayers nearly \$275,000 beginning with their 2012 tax bills, and lowered the district's debt payment beginning in May 2012.



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LEGO KidsFest this weekend

By Cal Stone Staff Writer

Fans of those mindblowing LEGO creations - and that includes kids AND adults alike - will not want to miss the LEGO KidsFest Michigan taking place at the Suburban Collection Showplace on Oct. 12-14.

LEGO KidsFest is a three-day show filled with hands-on, interactive and educational activities for the whole family. Get creative in the construction zones, meet LEGO master builders, help build Creation Nation, experience LEGO games, and see dozens of life-sized models made entirely from LEGO bricks.

"This will be the very first time that the LEGO KidsFest national tour will be making a stop in the state of Michigan," said Blair Bowman, owner of the Novi exposition venue. "The LEGO Kids-Fest has already made stops in various states



such as Texas, Ohio and Colorado, just to name a few."

And if you miss the upcoming Novi show, you'll have to travel all the way to Pittsburgh (Nov. 30-Dec. 2) because that's the only show left this year.

There are multiple sessions over the weekend, and each offers the same interactive activities and play areas. Attendees may arrive and leave anytime within their ticketed session. However, their ticket will only allow entrance during the hours of the specified session. After the first sessions on Saturday and Sunday, the show floor will be closed and reset for the afternoon sessions. If you decide to leave LEGO KidsFest, you will be allowed to re-enter but only during

your ticketed session. If you have already purchased tickets to LEGO KidsFest online, you will not have to wait in line at the box office to purchase

Sculptures like this giant Batman -- made entirely of LEGO blocks - will be featured at the Kids-Fest at the Suburban Collection Showplace this weekend.

tickets. The doors to the exhibit hall will open at the beginning of the session so if you and your family arrive before the start of the session you will wait until the doors open.

Baby strollers are allowed at the fest, and families are encouraged to bring cameras and video cameras to the event in order to capture their experience. Of course, The Showplace's concession stands will be open for food and refresh-

ments

LEGO KidsFest offers an assortment of interactive activities that reach all learning styles and levels of interest, including those in wheelchairs and those with special needs. Also, licensed guide dogs for the blind and service dogs for people with disabilities are welcome. But, for everyone's safety, children and youth under the age of 18 must be supervised by an accompanying adult at all times during their visit.

Although there are no LEGO Club meetings held at LEGO KidsFest, there will be an activity area called the LEGO Master Builder Academy (MBA) that features live demos and workshops by LEGO Master Model Builders. These sessions are 30-40 minutes long and run throughout each session.

Because there will be more than enough LEGO bricks to build with at the event, organizers ask that homemade creations not

DATES & SESSIONS

Friday, Oct. 12 4-8:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13 Session I: 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Session II: 3-7:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 14 Session I: 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Session II: 3-7:30 p.m. Each session offers the same exhibits and activities For more details, visit www.legokidsfest.com/ detroit.

be brought to KidsFest. Likewise.

The creations made at the LEGO KidsFest need to be left at the event. Once a session is over, the bricks are taken apart so that they can be reused for the next group of attendees.

"The LEGO KidsFest Michigan will be packed with fun hands-on activities that the entire family will enjoy," said Bowman.

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BECKER, AUDREY M. Age 86, longtime area resident, passed away September 30, 2012 in Novi. She was born June 11. 1926 in Detroit, the daughter of Robert M. and Viola (nee Corbett) Book. She married Wilfred Charles Becker on June 14, 1947. Audrey was a teacher, librarian and administrator in Livonia Public Schools, retiring in 1985. A lifelong Methodist, she sang in church choirs for many years. She moved to Florida in 1985, where she was a founding member of the George Young Memorial United Methodist Church in Palm Harbor. She was active in the Highland Lakes Rotary Club and taught English as a Second Language to a diverse group of students. In 2005, Audrey moved to Fox Run Village in Novi, where she was an enthusiastic member of the Foxy Grandmas chorus, and volunteered as a mentor in Brightmoor School. She was an avid reader and an eager world traveler, who delighted in time spent at the family cottage on Lake Huron, near Rogers City. She is survived by her children, Margaret (Da-vid) Gilbert, Gary (Stacey) Becker, Cristie Becker, MD, and Merilee (Robert) Zane; her sister, Barbara Gault; ten grandchildren and four great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and her brother, Robert M. Book, Jr. A celebration of Audrey's life will be held Saturday, October 13, 2012 at 11am at First United Methodist Church, 777 West Eight Mile Rd, Northville. Attendees are invited to wear red, Audrey's favorite color. Memorial contributions may be made to the Wilfred and Audrey Becker Scholarship in Industrial Design, Fund Office, Wayne State University, 5475 Woodward Ave., Detroit, MI 48202, or to the Nature Conservancy, Great Lakes Area, www.nature.org Arrangements entrusted to Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. of Northville



BUTCHER, **DONNIS ("DONNIE")** Former Detroit Piston player-coach Donnis ("Donnie") Butcher has passed away early morning of 10/8/2012 at age 76. He was a beloved husband to wife Delorise, a dear father of one daughter Debra, who preceded him in death in 1996 and two sons Don and Denny. He was also a loving grandfather of seven grandchildren Brandon, John, Don Russell Jr., Daniel, Jordyn, Rielly, Andrew and five great grandchildren, William, Hannah, Blake, Sarah, and Rebekah. Donnis was born and raised as one of sixteen children in Williamsport, Kentucky. He played collegiate basketball at Pikeville college where he was a two time All-American. He was drafted by the New York Knicks in 1961. Notably he was credited with ten points during Wilt Chamberlain's record setting 100 point game on March 2, 1962. In 1968 as head coach he lead the Detroit Pistons to a playoff berth which was one of his most proud moments as a professional. He coached NBA of Famers Dave Debusschere and Dave Bing. Donnis was a great husband, father, and friend. He will be greatly missed. Visitation will be held on Thursday, October 11 and Friday, October 12 from 4:00pm-9:00pm at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon, MI 48178. Funeral services and burial will take place in Williamsport, Kentucky. Sunday viewing at Preston Funeral Home in Paintsville, KY from 5:00-9:00 p.m. Monday (noon) church service at the "Old Friendship United Baptist Church" in Williamsport, KY Baptist with burial procession immediately following. Memorial contributions may be made to the National Kidney Foundation.

HYDO, **MARGARET M.** January 29, 1920 - Oct. 5, 2012 Online condolences www. obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

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MARQUIS, Margaret "Maggie" Kathleen Darling infant daughter of Heather & Brian Marquis, Oct. 6, 2012. For information contact Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, Milford 248-684-6645 or www

LynchFuneralDirectors.com MARTLOCK, **DEBORAH ELLEN** Nov. 14, 1950 - October 2, 2012 Online condolences www. obriensullivanfuneralhome.com





Local actors to shine

Northville mother/daughter tandem of Kristie and Annie Heitmeier are among the dozens of local actors that will be starring in the Spotlight on Youth Theater's production of "Beauty & The Beast, Jr." next week at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton. Show times are 7 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 18; 7 p.m., Friday, Oct. 19; 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 20; and 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 21. About 60 area youth will be participating in the classic Disney production. Annie Heitmeier is a fifth grader at Winchester Elementary. Tickets, which are \$15 each, can be purchased by calling the box office at (734) 394-5300 or (734) 394-5460, or online at www.cantonmi.org/villagetheater or wwwspotlightplayersmi.org.

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http://www.kidney.org/atoz/ content/kidneycancer.cfm Online guestbook at

www.phillipsfuneral.com



Age 95, a longtime resident of Northville, Michigan and a 13 year resident of Henry Ford Village in Dearborn Michigan, died October 1, 2012 of natural causes. He is survived by his brother Allen Moase, daughters Sandra Madigan, Christine Bannan, Patricia Monson, 7 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren



53 years old, passed away sud-denly and unexpected. On Oct. 3, 2012. Survived by his loving wife and soulmate Rebecca, daughter Lyndsey Kirby, Stepdaughter, Caitlin Greeley, parents, Roy & Doris Singleton, sister, Cynthia (Mark) Hosbach, brothers, Gary (Nancy), Carl, Michael (Debbie). 2 grandchildren, Riley and Madyson Kirby. No memorial plans at this time.

BORLACE, JOAN

Age 74 of Clay Twp., Harsens Island, Michigan, passed away October 3, 2012. Joan joins in heaven Clifford "Nip" Borlace, beloved husband of 54 years. Survived by sons, Cliff, Jr. (Bon-nie), Doug (Holly), Steve (Ka-thy) Borlace; daughter, Lori (John) Bucknell: grandchildren, Laura (Tom) Abraham, Cliff III, (Lindsey), Alexandra, Syndney, Britton, Addison, Matthew and Rebecca Borlace, John and Jo-Bucknell; seph greatgrandchildren, Braxton and Payton Borlace; extended family members and dear friends. Funeral Service was held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, October 8, 2012 with Fr. Jack Baker officiating. Burial Milford Memorial Cemetery. Memorials to: Detroit Institute of the Arts or the Michigan Eye-Bank. For further information please contact Lynch & Sons at 248-684-6645 or visit: LynchFuneralDirectors.com

BROWN, MILNER

May 25, 1921 - October 5, 2012 Online condolences www. obriensullivanfuneralhome.com



JANET (FUERST)

Age 71, died October 7, 2012. Beloved mother of Gordie Collins and Shea (Rick) Eagle. Proud grandma of Harley and Paige Eagle. Dear sister of Barb (Carl) Andrews and Ken (Kathy) Fun-loving aunt, bus Fuerst. driver and friend of many. Visitation Friday 4 to 8 PM and Saturday 11 AM with service beginning at noon at the Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Ĥome,

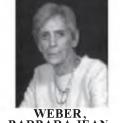
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GUBERT, KEITH C. Nov. 26, 1945 - October 4, 2012

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GUTHRIE. **BRUCE EARL**

Nov. 29, 1949 - Sept.r 28, 2012 Online condolences www. obriensullivanfuneralhome.com



BARBARA JEAN Age 77, of South Lyon (formerly

of Redford), passed away September 30, 2012 in Naples, FL. Born March 15, 1935, in Detroit, to the late Louis and Dorothy (Noble) Lanier. She married Gerald Weber on June 22, 1957. Beloved wife and mother, she is survived by her husband and four children: Dorothy (Darrell) Korzym, Danita Weber, Dennis Weber, and Darice Weber. She is also survived by her grandson, Derek, and her sister, Beverly. Visitation was held on Sunday, October 7, at Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon. A Funeral Mass was celebrated on Monday, October 8, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, South Lyon. Burial followed at South Lyon Cemetery. **Online guestbook**

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WIDMAIER, William E. Age 89, Northville, died 10/6/12. Service 10/10/12. Contributions VFW Post 4012 Rural Hill Fund www.casterlinefuneralhome.com

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Hoiy Days: 9 a.m., 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.

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Contact: (248) 442-8822 FAITH COMMUNITY

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Location: 45301 W. 11 Mile Road

Contact: (248) 349-3647 or firstbaptistchurchofnovi.org Famiiy Bibie Hour: 9:45 a.m.

Family Worship: 11 a.m. Bibie Study: 6 p.m. Family Movie Night: 5:30 p.m.; fourth Sunday of every month

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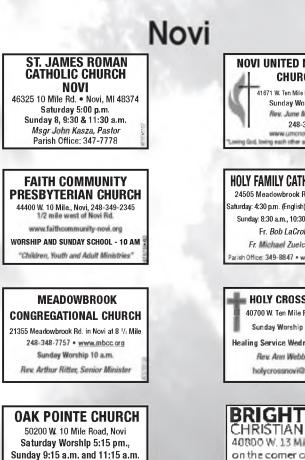
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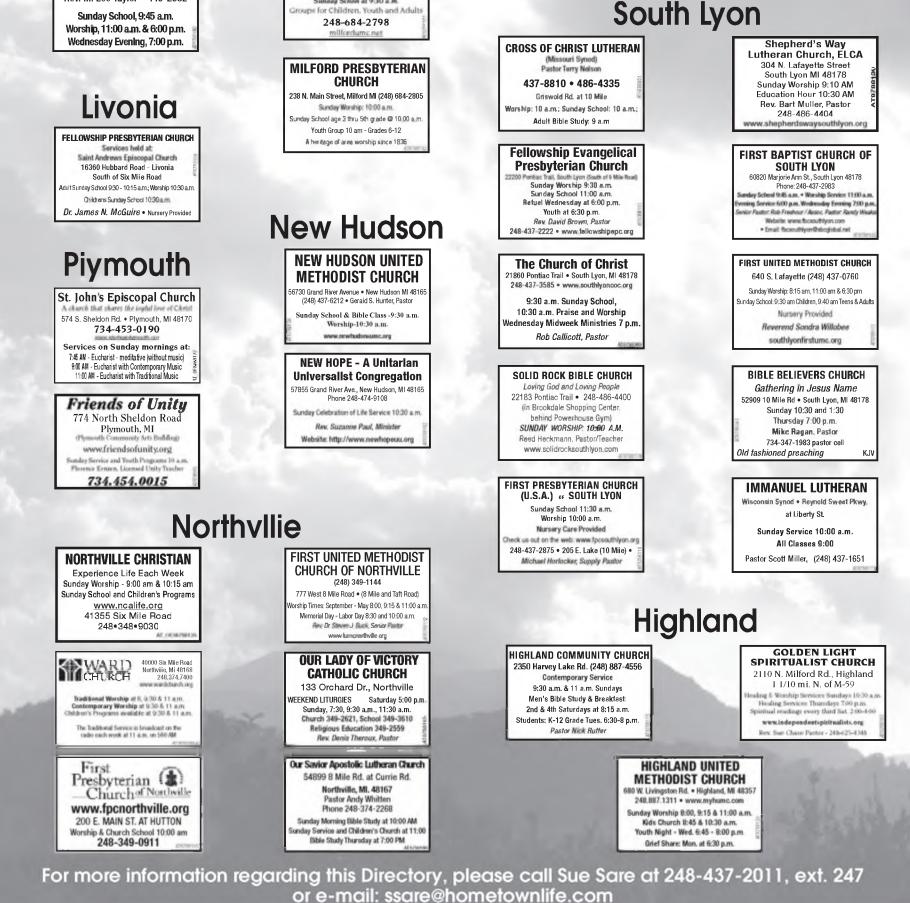
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SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES SOUND OFF

Editor's note: There are five candidates running for the three open seats on the Northville Public School Board of Education. In an effort to let our readers know more about them, the Record asked each questions about their background, public service and goals for the school district. Here are the answers for three of the five. Look for Adam Phelps and Matthew Wilk in next week's Record.

MICKEY BARRETT

Record: What are the three biggest issues facing Northville Public Schools, and what actions would you, as a board member, take regarding them?

Barrett: 1. Boundary review and study. The good news is that our district is growing. The western area is overwhelmed with new students and the schools are stretched. The superintendent has a very good plan in place with the help of an outside firm. Once the study is complete we will be able to make an educated decision. I will be available at forums and meetings to listen to our parents, make honest and fair decisions (no matter how tough) with the best interest of everyone.

2. Class size. The boundary study goes directly to this issue. Even though there will be some hardships, the collaborative effort with the community will adjust the classroom ratios as best as possible for middle and elementary schools. The high school needs to monitor classroom ratios closely. The ratios are somewhat high but workable. We should not allow the sizes to grow. I would create new revenue streams and look for ways to raise funding for extracurricular activities so the general fund budget can be used for teachers, retention or new hires.

3. Teacher evaluation. This is a very difficult issue. We have teachers who are very committed and passionate about their profession. I realize that our teachers are the foundation of the entire school district. To keep our teachers satisfied I will help by advocating listening to their concerns. The teachers are the first line of success and have the ideas to help the growth issues. I would let them know that their concerns should be accompanied with solutions. I would bring these ideas to the Board of Education and make decisions that would best fit everyone in the district. The board would authorize the process so that all evaluations are fair and transparent.

Record: Do you support the district's technology bond? Why or why not? Barrett: Yes I support the

bond. Even with the new

UP CLOSE • Age: 62

years



(within the iast Michael "Micktwo years): In ey" Barrett my last two posi-

tions I worked until 9 a.m.-10 p.m. and was unable to do much else. Now that I am semiretired I have the time and want to give back.

• Reiated Experience: Worked with youth and young adults for 40 years as a teacher, coach, mentor, counselor. Academic coordinator for studentathletes on the men's basketball team at University of Detroit-Mercy. As an athletic director I brought new enthusiasm to the program, increased participation, created new revenue streams instead of making cuts. Worked with the development office to increase donations. Directed the booster dub. Created and wrote manuals for parents, students, and coaches. Managed the busing for athletics — to and from practices and games. Scheduled busing for clubs and extracurricular events. Construction background as manager of Ins. Adjusting office and mechanical contracting company (worked with four different unions). Owned and operated two small businesses. I am entrepreneurial and have always been in a position of leadership. Organized athletic program for WCCCD, organized Ohio Sports Festival (Southwest Regional Director – 1,000 volunteers, 1,500 participants, venue acquisition). • Profession: Collegiate Division

1 Basketball Coach, 12 years as an Assistant Men's Coach and 5 years as the Head Coach of the Women's Basketball Team. My last position was as a High School and Academy Athletic Director.

• Education: BLA degree from Xavier University, Cincinnati, Ohio

factors, the Northville District does not receive as much as other districts. Outside funding is a small portion of the overall budget requirements. This being the case we will need to have a collaborative effort with the community and the board to be creative in finding revenue

ROLAND HWANG

Record: What are the three biggest issues facing Northville Public Schools, and what actions would you, as a board member, take regarding them?

Hwang: The three most important issues are budget, class sizes, and curriculum. Examine all areas of the budget to avoid increasing class size, everything on the table for discussion. Focus on curriculum changes to meet the needs of a global economy.

Record: Do you support the district's technology bond? Why or why not?

Hwang: Yes, the present antiquated computer hardware/software cannot support STEM (science/ technology/engineering/math) courses and core curriculum. New technology will bolster the classroom lessons.

Record: Are there other sources of funding available to the district outside of state funding?

Hwang: Foundation funding comes to mind. Examples include: Community Foundation of SE Michigan, Kellogg Foundation, and Confucius Institutes.

Record: Why should voters support you for school board?

Hwang: As a lawyer and college instructor, I want to apply my experience to preserve this district's excellence. I want to explore all opportunities to spend our funds wisely, without waste, and to work to reduce class sizes. The board should work with LAN and other districts on funding changes from Lansing. I want to place a focus on curriculum changes for the future to make Northville students competitive in the increasingly global job market.

UP CLOSE

• Age: 63 • Spouse: Christina Hwang, married 29 years • Chiidren: Kevin, age 17; Aimee, age 15



Northville Township Community invoivement CYNDY JANKOWSKI

Record: What are the three biggest issues facing Northville Public Schools, and what actions would you, as a board member, take regarding them?

Jankowski: 1.Budget. Making sure we receive every dollar of eligible foundation allowance, while holding expenses at current levels, will continue to be our biggest challenge this year. I would work with our LAN reps to establish a grassroots movement with our parents and community to communicate to Lansing the importance of increasing the School Aid Fund and our foundation allowance. Secondly, I would work cooperatively with NEA on reforms within the teachers' union: lower the mandatory retirement contribution of over 24 percent to a more reasonable percentage, raise teacher salaries to reward them for their contributions to education so they may take control of their retirement plans through alternative contribution accounts (IRA's, 401K's, etc.), which in turn would allow them to reap the benefits of a lower taxable income. I believe we can find the right solution for our children's future, if both parties are willing to do so. 2. Class size and

redistricting. The **Board of Education** has already set a schedule to address the redistricting issue, as was noted recently in a Listserv communication. With several buildings at or above capacity, changes will be necessary. I will make every effort to make fair and equitable decisions on where your child(ren) go to school, and do my best to keep neighborhoods intact for the emotional well-being of our students and their peers. 3. Technology Bond. See below.

UP CLOSE

• Age: 55

• Spouse: Ray, married for 16 years

• Chiidren: Joe, 6th grader at Meads Mill • Residency:

ville



Northdy" Jankowski

Township, 8 years • Community Invoivement : Trustee, Northville Public Schools Board of Education (appointed January 2012); Quail Eight Homeowners Association, officer and treasurer, 8 years; Silver Springs Elementary Legislative Action Network (LAN) representative; Science Enrichment parent coordinator (to finance the 5th grade year-end party); committee member, First Annual Leader in Me Wine Tasting Event (raising \$15,884) • Reiated Experience: **Orange County Paralegal** Association — 3rd largest in Calif., 10-year board member (president 1994 -1996, held every officer position). Also newsletter editor for two years, and co-chair for Annual Education Conference – largest revenue generator • Profession: Currently

a lease support specialist, Ramco-Gershenson Properties Trust, Farmington Hills; 25-plus years in the paralegal profession, litigation and real estate • Education: Associates degree, accounting, Tiffin University, Ohio; ABA-Approved Paralegal Certificate, Rancho Santiago College, CA • Emaii: Cyndy.Jankowski@comcast.net

for reinforcement at home, or for students who were absent from class. Use of updated computers in the lab



equipment planned for updating the classrooms we may still be behind some other comparable districts. We will need to upgrade all of our technology as often as possible. The "white boards" that are planned are a necessity not just an upgrade. Our teachers need the latest tools to compliment their passion for reaching and teaching our students. This bond does not raise taxes it only maintains the original bond. We need to keep moving forward so that our community stays strong.

Record: Are there other sources of funding available to the district outside of state funding?

Barrett: The only other funding is federal funding. The federal funding gives the district approximately \$1 million toward an operation budget of \$60-65 million. Title 1 funds total about \$100,000 for our district. Since the government funds are based on socio-economic

streams. With my experience I can bring ideas to the board for alternative revenue.

Record: Why should voters support you for school board?

Barrett: I may be the only candidate that has actually worked at the middle school and high school levels. I have worked closely with students, parents, teachers and administrators. I am creative and a problem solver.

All the candidates are people of integrity so what sets me apart is that I simply bring a different voice and point of view to the board. We need a different view point and a different voice on the board. There are very good board members but their backgrounds are similar. I have a varied background that can address many areas of concern presented to the board (union issues, construction issues, curriculum issues, fiscal issues). I want to represent you — a different voice, your voice.

(within the iast two years): Secretary and past president of Maple Hill Homeowners Association; member, Northville PTSA; board member, Michigan Roundtable for Diversity & Inclusion.

• Reiated Experience: Service on boards including State Bar Board of Commissioners; New Detroit, Inc.; Michigan Roundtable for Diversity & Inclusion. • Profession: Attorney, a Michigan Assistant Attorney General; adjunct instructor, University of Michigan Ann Arbor, Program in American Culture

• Education: B.S. Engineering and MBA, University of Michigan; J.D. and LL.M., Wayne State University Law • Emaii: rolandhwang-

forschoolboard@gmail.com • Website: Facebook – Roland Hwang for School Board • Phone: (248) 347-1663

Record: Do you support the district's technology bond? Why or why not?

Jankowski: Yes, absolutely. Approval of the technology bond would supplement the class room environment in many ways. Through the use of Smartboards and Promethean boards, teachers could streamline classroom learning by using Core Curriculum software already available, supplement lesson plans with Internet information and learning tools for a more individualized approach, and then download each day's lecture on Moodle

will provide hands-on experience for any child who does not have access to a computer at home. Bringing life skills learning into the classroom through Internet supplementation. You Tube and other mediums, will better prepare our children as they move through NPS, and onto college or workplace environments. Approval of the Technology Bond is the most effective way to combat class size.

Record: Are there other sources of funding available to the district outside of state funding?

Jankowski: I would encourage any

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community member who has knowledge and experience in state and federal grant writing to contact the central office for appropriate ways to supplement our operating budget. Partnering with local businesses and corporations, similar to our successful cooperative agreement with the Tom Holzer family, could provide funding alternatives not previously considered. Continuing to provide a school liaison to our municipal development agencies will be key in working together to find ways to expand Northville's tax base with recent land purchases. I believe the possibilities are endless in funding projects that take monies away from the classroom and I would be happy to serve as the board liaison in working cooperatively to this end.

Record: Why should voters support you for school board? Jankowski: As the

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Used book and jewelry sale

The Highland Lakes Women's Club will hold a used book and jewelry sale from noon-4 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 13 at Highland House, 20351 Silver Springs Drive (south of 8 Mile, west of Haggerty).

There will be more than 600 used books, both paperback and hardcover, priced 50 cents to 1 dollar. Current bestsellers are often available. There will be costume jewelry, some of which is vintage, for sale as well. All profits will be donated to local charities.

For more information you can call (248)349-4006.

Work days at Thayer's Corner

The Friends of Thayer's Corner Nature Area will host a fall clean-up day at the park on Saturday, Oct. 27, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Please bring work gloves, garden tools (rakes, clippers); and a skidsteer would be helpful. Lunch and beverages will be provided. Please RSVP to Marv Gans at (734) 751-1567.

An additional work day will be held on Saturday, Nov. 10, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for Schoolcraft College student volunteers and others interested in participating on that weekend. Please RSVP to Marv Gans at (734) 751-1567.

The Nature Area is cared for by volunteers of the park and is a not-for-profit organization. Your donation of time would be greatly appreciated.

Grief Support Group

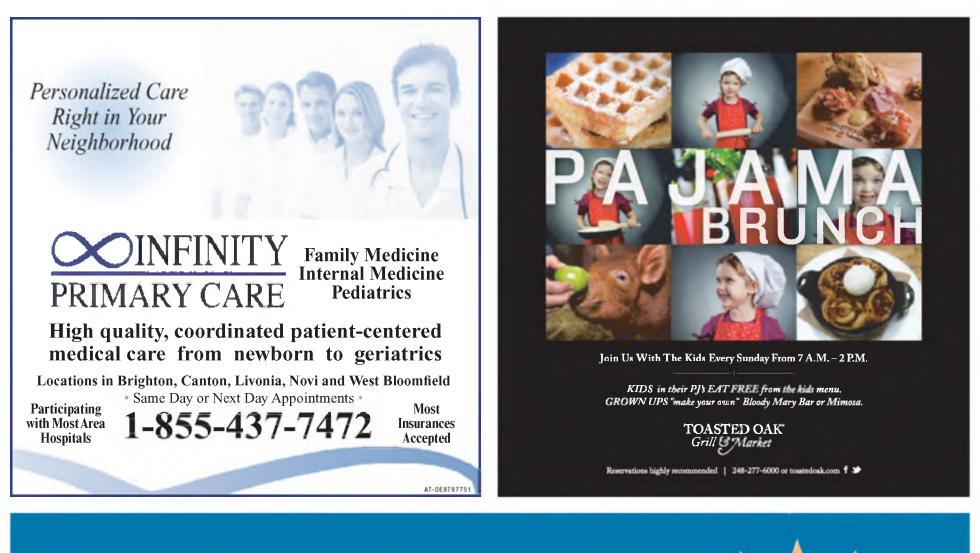
New Hope Center for Grief Support will be offering a daytime grief support group for adults who are grieving after the death of a loved one which will begin on Thursday, Oct. 18 and meet from 10:30 a.m.-noon for eight consecutive Thursdays. This series will be held at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church located at 201 Elm Street, in Northville.

The support group will help participants to begin to deal with their grief as it affects their day to day life, especially during this upcoming holiday time. For more information about this group and the many other grief support services for adults and children provided at no cost by New Hope, please call the New Hope office at (248) 348-0115. Registration is appreciated but not necessary.

'Whooooo's There?'

Friends of Maybury are planning an event called "Whooooo's There?" at 11 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 13 at Maybury State Park. If you've always had a love of owls, this is the event for you. Michigan is home to a number of varieties of this unique bird. Learn all about their habits, habitat, and even dissect an owl pellet.

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NORTHVILLE POLICE BRIEFS

Passed out driver

Northville Township police responded to a report of a driver passed out behind the wheel blocking the intersection of Seven Mile and Northville roads around 2 a.m. on Oct. 5.

Police arrived to find a 26-yearold Novi man passed out inside his vehicle, which was preventing traffic from getting through the intersection. With two squad cars on scene — one parked in front of the vehicle and behind the officers approached the car. The man had his left arm hanging out the window and was asleep. Before officers woke him up, they removed the keys from the car, and then shook him and commanded him to wake up. When he opened his eyes, officers noticed they were red and glossy.

According to reports, the man said he didn't know how he ended up passed out in the intersection. He told officers he was going to "the corner" and had just come from "the corner." He said the last thing he remembered was dropping off a friend in Livonia.

After failing a series of sobriety tests, the man was given a Breathalyzer test and blew a .207 percent blood alcohol content. He was arrested for driving with a blood alcohol content of .17 percent or higher, and his car was impounded. He was released the next day after he sobered up.

He is to appear in 35th District Court on Oct. 17.

Warrant arrest

An expired license plate led to the arrest of a man wanted on a felony arrest warrant out of Northville Township.

The man was stopped after a Northville city police officer spotted the plate, and upon further investigation it was found out the 33-year-old Northville man had an expired driver's license and the warrant for not registering as a sex offender.

He was issued violations for both and turned over to the North-

ville Township department.

Motorcycle stolen

A Northville Township resident called police on Oct. 3 to report his motorcycle had been stolen.

According to reports, the 2004 Suzuki — a GSX-R00K 20th Edition — was parked in the parking lot in front of his condo on Dartmouth Place in Highland Lakes. The man told police he last saw the blue and white bike was parked there the night before and a neighbor saw it there on the morning of Oct. 3, which means it was taken sometime during the daylight hours before 6:45 p.m. when he discovered it stolen.

There was no evidence discovered at the scene and police have no suspects at this time.

Vandalism

The City of Northville continues to see malicious destruction of property incidents.

One occurred on the weekend of Oct. 4 at the athletic field on Eight Mile Road. An unknown suspect spray painted on the turf field with white paint. Much of the damage was done to the visitor's side with obscene words being painted on the field.

Two other incidents involved vehicle windows being smashed in. One was parked in the 500 block of W. Main Street and the other in the 100 block of Rogers Street.

Underage drinking

Northville city police responded to a report of suspicious activity and discovered a couple having a bad night.

On Sept. 7, police found the couple in a parked car with a smashed bottle of liquor next to it. The female, an 18-year-old Northville girl, said she had not been drinking, but was acting and looking drunk, police said. She was arrested for underage drinking after refusing to take the Breathalyzer test. The man, a 26-year-old from Detroit, was arrested for having an arrest warrant out on him for domestic violence.

Noise complaints

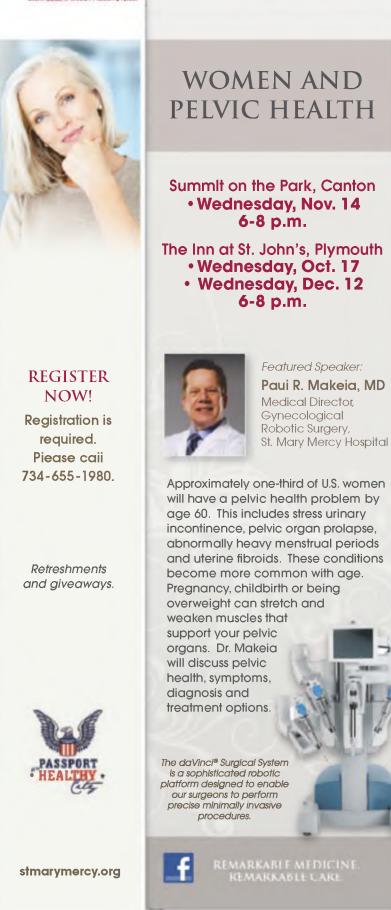
Northville Township police received calls of a noisy party in the early morning hours of Oct. 6. Police arrived at the home, located on the 19700 block of Scenic Harbor Drive, shortly after 4 a.m. There was a party going on with loud music. Some people were sitting around a fire. An officer made contact with a man who resides at the address. According to reports, the man told the officer he didn't want to talk and closed the garage door in the officer's face. He also told him he would pay the fine for excessive noise. The officer wrote him a ticket,

and put in the mail.

Later that same day, the same officer was dispatched to the same address for a similar complaint. This time the officer wrote the main a ticket for violating the township's noise ordinance and handed it to him.







HISTORY

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Mill Street made precision gauges for manufacturing. The building has had several additions and was operated by Ford until 1957, when it was sold to the Haller Co.

Sivy is unsure of detailed history after that.

"We'd like to see it put to some use," he said, noting the wood floors and early industrial architecture of the original northeast portion at 16580 Northville Road.

The gauge blocks made there during the Ford years were the design of a Swedish man known as the "Edison of Sweden," Sivy said. That man had many talents, but not a great head for business.

Northville native Brad Smith of Friedman Integrated Real Estate Solutions is the listing broker for the property, owned by a local trust.

"My grandpa was born and raised in Northville," Smith said of his grandfather Dan Boland, who daily walked the streets of downtown Northville. "He's the reason why I moved to Northville."

Boland recently died. The building has some 78,000 square feet, Smith said, and could be divided a number of ways.

"The opportunities are kind of endless," Smith said.

Residential use is possible, but would require rezoning. There's activity nearby, Smith noted, such as the coming University of Michigan Health System development, retail use on Seven Mile and parks and recreation use.

"I think residential would fit well," Smith said. A cool art gallery or wine shop could be there, he said.

"It'd be nice to keep the historic presence of the building," Smith said.

Industrial use isn't out of the question either, he added. The site has a Motor Cities "You Auto Know" plaque on its history.

Smith, 29 and single, noted the coming Garage restaurant in Northville, along with such eateries as Poole's and Brick's and workout facilities.

"Activities," he said of what Northville needs for young professionals. "I think it's the type of activities."

Smith can be reached at (248) 848-3028 for property information.

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SHUFFLE

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contracted with Plante-Moran CRESA to help support its 'Attendance Boundary Study' process. This is being done in an effort to better balance elementary and middle school enrollment across the district for the foreseeable future.

According to Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher, the district, which is located in both Oakland and Wayne counties, continues to experience growth and added 100 new students to its overall enrollment. This happened primarily in the western region of the district, which includes Meads Mill and Ridge Wood, she said.

"This will be an emotional process for some because we know how much Northville families and students love their schools," Gallagher said.

In an open letter to district families, she told parents that while adjustments in the district attendance boundaries are necessary to better balance student enrollment and class sizes across the elementary and middle schools, the district also recognizes the impact a new plan will have on those students and families who will move to new schools.

"Please be assured that this transition will be made through thoughtful planning on the part of the principals, teachers, staff and PTAs/PTSAs at each of our schools to support a smooth transition for students and families," Gallagher wrote in her letter.

The school board is leading the undertaking with the study and will make the final decisions for considering adjustments to the attendance boundaries. Gallagher said it should be understood that they are not changing district boundaries. It's really just an adjustment that has been done before.

At a study session last week, the board discussed

guiding principles it will look to as study options are evaluated. They will look to balance and include the following: keep families together (K-5 children attend the same school), develop a plan that will last for as long as possible, balance enrollment across schools within school capacity, and minimize length of bus rides/ transportation costs to the extent possible.

The last time the district addressed attendance boundary changes was in the 2007-08 school year. Five years is a typical projection for this situation, Gallagher said. At that time the district reached out to families in forums to give them a chance to offer input into the process. This will happen again. School families are being encouraged to offer input on the proposed Attendance Boundary Guiding Principles during the school board's Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 30. This is

the first of several opportunities for school family and community input.

"This is a great community and we have terrific schools, and that's apparent in some of the growth we are seeing," Gallagher said. "We are now trying to adjust with the changes we've seen in the last several years."

The goal will be to have enrollment at each school balanced within the capacity of each school. Meaning the totals at each school might not be the same, but each one will feel less crowded or less empty.

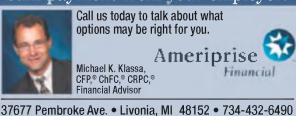
The school board's Oct. 30 meeting will be at the Northville Public Schools Central Office Administration Building at 501 W. Main Street in room 302. The board will vote on the final Attendance Boundary Guiding Principles at its Nov. 6 meeting at Hillside Middle School at 775 N. Center Street.

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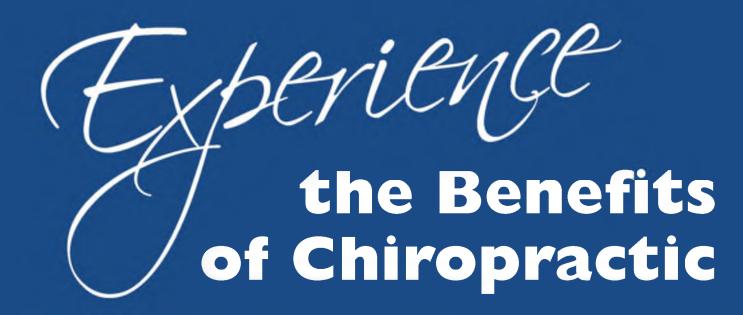


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Heise wants to focus on education

By Matt Jachman Observer Staff Writer

With unfinished business to attend to, Kurt Heise wants to stay on the job in Lansing.

Heise, a first-term Republican state representative whose district includes Plymouth Township and Plymouth, said reforms begun in 2011 are pulling Michigan out of an economic malaise and have the state operating with a surplus rather than a deficit, but that more needs to be done to create jobs, lower the cost of government and improve public education.

"I want to lower the tax rate for everybody," said Heise during a recent interview, pointing to a tenth-ofa-percent dip in the state income tax that took effect Oct. 1. "Corporations create jobs and we need to make the business environment as competitive as possible."

Heise, an attorney and the former director of the Wayne County department of environment, is seeking re-election to the state House of Representatives in the 20th District. He faces Democrat Tim Roraback in the Tuesday, Nov. 6, general election.

Heise said that while steps have been taken, during his first term, to improve public education, more needs to be done. The need for good schools, he said, is "the common denominator for many of us" when choosing where to live.

The 2011 state education K-12 budget cut funding by \$470 student, and Heise, objecting to that cut, voted against it, and also voted against this year's schools budget.

He would like to see public colleges and universities cut their costs, including for salaries and benefits, so that more money can be funneled to K-12 schools.

"They have not done nearly as much as they should have," he said.

Heise supports charter

THE HEISE FILE

Name: Kurt Heise Hometown: Plymouth Township, came from Dearborn

Family: Married to Catherine Heise; daughters Katie (15) and Claire (13) Profession: State Representative, Municipal and Labor Attorney, Adjunct University Professor Wayne State University College of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Environmental Consultant



Education: University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, BA with distinction, Political Science (1988); Wayne State University Law School, Juris Doctor (1991) Wayne State University Law School, Masters of Laws in Labor Law (1993)

Previous public-sector experience: Former Director of the Wayne County Department of Environment, Mayoral Deputy, City of Dearborn Heights, and City Attorney for various communities over 17 years.

Community involvement: Trustee, Plymouth-Canton Educational Excellence Foundation, Plymouth Rotary, Plymouth, Northville and Canton Chambers of Commerce. Website: www.heise4us.com

schools, saying parents with children in schools they don't think are up to par should have options. He also supported the approval of the measure that allowed more "cyber schools" in the state, after, he said, changes he helped write that made the legislation more effective.

The abolition of the Michigan Business Tax and streamlining of regulations, Heise said, has improved the business climate, but more needs to be done, and regulatory reform has a long way to go. "Businesses need certainty as to ... their regulatory environment," he said.

He defended his record on taxes and said the 2011 tax changes, such as the scrapping of the MBT and the new tax on pensions, put taxpayers on a more equal footing.

"What we're trying to do is take the tax code and make it apply equally and fairly to everybody," he said. The pension-tax exemptions (the first \$20,000, \$40,000 for a married couple, is tax-free) were only adopted after push back from the Legislature, he said; Gov. Rick Snyder wanted to tax all pension income.

Businesses have responded to the tax changes, Heise said. "That is making Michigan more attractive for jobcreators," and in addition to the Detroit Three automakers being in a better position, auto suppliers in the state want to stay, he said. Heise also:

 Supports Snyder's overtures to China, which, he said, could expand the markets in that country for Michigan products.

• Casts himself as the "goto guy" in the Legislature on environmental issues, given his experience. He said his bill to put Detroit's water system, which serves more than 120 suburban communities, under regional control, remains alive as an incentive for the system, which is under the oversight of a federal judge, to complete needed reforms.

• Supports a new public bridge to Canada, which, he said, would benefit the entire state. That has put him at odds with some GOP legislative colleagues.

• Said the state's unemployment rate, a little more than 9 percent, is "still unacceptable to me" but can be brought down with lower taxes and regulatory reforms. "We're making our way back to the middle" when it comes to business regulation, he said.

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Roraback: Heise doesn't share district values

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By Matt Jachman Observer Staff Writer

Tim Roraback questions whether Kurt Heise truly represents the values of the 20th District in the Michigan House of Representatives.

That's prompted Roraback, a Democrat and a retired manager in the state's Department of Human Services, to challenge the Republican freshman Heise in the new 20th District, which still includes Plymouth and Plymouth Township. The two are facing off in the Tuesday, Nov. 6, general election.

Roraback said last year's changes in the state's tax code, supported by Heise, essentially resulted in a tax cut for big businesses and an increase for some of those who can least afford it, including retirees on pensions, parents (with the elimination of a \$600-per child credit), and low-income workers, who saw the earned-income credit reduced.

"Somehow, they put a new tax on people getting pensions on Michigan," Roraback said of the Republican-led tax overhaul. "This is from the party that'll never raise your taxes."

Roraback, of Plymouth, said he would like to see a system that puts more money in the hands of people who would spend it, increasing demand and thus jobs, and into education.

"We would be better off to put money into the economy instead of squirreling away more money in the coffers of some large corporation," Roraback said. He said he'd also like to see a tax system that helps small business as opposed to large corporations.

THE RORABACK FILE

Name: Tim Roraback Hometown: Plymouth for 23 years; raised mainly in East Lansing Family: Married with two daughters, both at MSU Profession: Retired Manager for Michi-

gan Department of Human Services Education: Bachelor of Arts, English Education Previous public-sector experience:

My 27 years as a worker and manager

Roraback

for the State of Michigan Community involvement: Member of the Supporters of Academic Integrity, Plymouth Democratic Club, Northville Democratic Club, and Community Democratic Club. Website: www.timroraback.com

Roraback opposed the state's 2011 public education budget, which cut per-pupil funding by \$470. (Heise voted against that budget.) Roraback said schools are vital to voters in the 20th District: he would like to restore that funding

He is also against the expansion of charter schools, which, in his view, drain students and resources from traditional public schools putting them on a downward spiral.

"I don't think they were designed for a place like Plymouth-Canton, where our public schools are excellent," he said. He has a similar view of cyber-schools, which, he said, are mainly designed to bring profits to the companies that run them.

Roraback also: • Challenged Heise's environmental record, saying the Sierra Club recently gave him a 0 percent rating. (Heise responded that such ratings can be viewed different in ways and that he'd put his record up against anybody's.)

• Said state legislators operate in an atmosphere of weak ethics guidelines, noting that the Cen-

ter for Public Integrity rates Michigan as 43rd out of the 50 states in ethics standards.

• Favors campaign finance reform.

"Our system allows too much money to be funneled into various campaigns and in ways that are often not transparent," he said. "It's like throwing meat in a cage and asking the tiger not to eat it."

• Favors the proposed new bridge between Detroit and Windsor, saying that, to the best he can determine, no state money is at risk. The bridge "would be a huge boon to all of Michigan," he said. It is also supported by Heise and Gov. Rick Snyder.

Roraback acknowledged the 20th District has a "pretty good partisan divide," but said his message has traction with independents and moderate Republicans as well as Democrats. He is conducting a door-to-door campaign, he said.

"If I can speak to an independent, or occasionally a 'leaning Republican,' I pretty often get favorable responses from them," he said.

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INVITATION FOR BIDS City of Northville

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This project consists of the furnishing of all labor and materials re-roofing the City's Art House located at 215 W. Cady Street. This work will also include the replacement of columns supporting the roof over the front door overhang, re-pointing the chimneys at and near the roof line, and new gutters and downspouts.

Contract documents may be obtained by calling the Northville Arts Commission at (248) 344-0497.

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Dianne Massa, City Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS PUBLIC HEARING

The Charter Township of Northville Planning Commission has scheduled a public hearing for October 30, 2012 at the Northville Township Municipal Office Building, located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168. The Planning Commission will consider a proposed amendment to the Country Club Village Planned Residential Unit Development (PRUD) Agreement. The amendment includes converting the existing golf course maintenance facility to an office and constructing a new maintenance facility for the golf course. The meeting will begin at 7:30 P.M.

The public is invited to attend this hearing and provide their comments and ask questions. Written comments regarding the proposal will be received by the Township Planning Commission, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168.

Robert Nix, Chair Planning Commission

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CITY OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF ADOPTION **ORDINANCE NO. 09-04-12**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Northville City Council has adopted Ordinance No. 09-04-12 - an ordinance to amend Chapter 90 Vegetation, Article II Tree Preservation in the City of Northville Code of Ordinances. The proposed amendments Sections 90-32 Definitions; 90-33 Permit requirements, procedures, and standards and exemptions thereto; 90-36 Relocation or replacement of trees and exemptions thereto; and 90-38 Penalties and civil fines.

The ordinance was introduced for first reading on September 4, 2012 and was adopted by the City Council on October 1, 2012. The ordinance shall become effective on October 12, 2012. The complete text of the ordinance is available for public inspection at the Office of the City Clerk, 215 W. Main St., Northville, Michigan, 48167, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. or on the City's website at www.ci.northville.mi.us.

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COMMUNITY VOICE

Who do you think won the first Presidential Debate?

This question was asked in downtown Northville.



"Well, it was the best debate I've seen, as far as civility, but I think Romney won. He was more aggressive."

Frank Hickey Northville



"I didn't watch it. They were prepping and prepping, so I didn't think I would learn from it. They need to let us ask questions."

Michael Mcarthur Northville



"I noticed, and haven't heard this said too much, was the moderator (Jim Lehrer) had a hard time controlling Romney, who I think was a little rude. What get's forgotten in all this is the mess Obama inherited."

> Ardith Borgia Northville



"Obama neither lost nor won. However, Romney lost because of his attack on PBS and Big Bird." Ciaudia Moore (who is hoiding an envelope with American and Sesame Street stamps) Northville

LETTERS

Why build new jail?

After receiving a flier in the mail from Laura Cox last week I have a question for Laura Cox and the rest of the Wayne County commissioners. Why do we need to spend \$65 million on a new jail when there is one sitting vacant in western Wayne County (Northville Township) that can be leased or purchased from the State of Michigan thus benefiting the taxpayers both ways vs. sending the money to some construction company who might be from out of state?

Steve Lomske Northville Township

Support bond

As a member of the Northville community and a two-decade informational technology professional, I strongly encourage you to vote YES on the upcoming Northville Public Schools Technology Bond.

Throughout my professional career, I have always been intrigued by the endless explosion of high tech tools that improve day-to-day tasks. It was my passion for using technology that motivated me to obtain a master's of information systems technology at George Washington University 13 years ago. At the time, it was clear that technology had invaded the workforce. Companies were desperately trying to update their information systems in terms of data, processing, research and reporting in order to keep a competitive edge.

Fast forward to today, and I am amazed at how this trend has now exploded into our day-to-day lives. Wherever you go, people are on their smart phones getting the most up-to-date news item or taking advantage of the latest "app" to improve their lives. What amazes me is that this exploration and leveraging of the latest technology seems to stop when our Northville Public Schools' kids walk into their school doors. I have a son in middle school, who was in a technology class last year. I was aghast when I discovered the outdated versions of the software and the types of programs the class was using.

The good news is that this year my son came home all excited about how his math teacher was able to improve the environment in a crowded classroom to teach concepts more effectively using a Smart Board. Simply stated, we need the Technology Bond funds to make more purchases like this. We can't let our classrooms fall behind. If they do, our students, our schools and our community will too.

For more information about how the Technology Bond money will help our students and teachers, visit www.voteyesnps.org. As an aside, this website was built using volunteer time and resources from my Northville-based business Sites Built Right. We felt it was important to use valuable company time to help communicate the importance of supporting this bond. Please vote YES for the Technol-

ogy Bond on Nov. 6th.

Jennie Patterson Northville Township

Students need bond

I am writing this letter to share a few key reasons why I think supporting the Technology Bond proposal on the Nov. 6 ballot is important.

First, I believe support for the bond will enable Northville Public Schools to keep pace with the advancing electronic tools and expanding new information that are vital to education and student success at college and beyond. Second, I believe that the Five Star rating for Northville High School, reported on SchoolDigger.com, is important to Northville in more ways than I can list. My short list includes the positive impact on our housing values and occupancy rates. School ratings consistently rank high in the decision process for new home buyers and neighborhoods with top school

ratings see higher home values. Graduation rates are consistently higher as well, as are the acceptance rates into top universities. To maintain this five star rating it is important for students to work hard, parents to provide solid values, educators and administrators to give their best and for citizens to foster support and commit to sustained educational excellence.

Third, I believe that by the time students enter college it is too late to develop some of the basic skills needed to be successful in college. Can anyone imagine success at college with weak computer or no Internet experience? I cannot imagine ever hiring an engineer or accountant without deep computer proficiency. Fourth, I believe it is important to maximize the value of the time at schools and in class or labs. The impact of giving our schools modern computer tools will allow students to become familiar with new tools and hone competitive skills that will maximize learning and allow them be more powerful and efficient in the future.

I would like to share an old proverb — "Tell me and I will forget, show me and I might remember, involve me and I will understand." I think all of us can accept that reading about driving a car is not sufficient to allow you to become a competent operator. Similarly, reading about or even watching someone use a computer, tablet, smart phone or the Internet is not enough. To fully understand and maximize this potential, students must have ready access to these new tools and explore using them in innovative applications that expands access to new information and accelerates learning.

I urge each one of you who care about our community's future to join me in supporting the bond. It may not be the easiest thing to do, but I am certain that it is the right thing to do.

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JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Mark Kay, co-owner of Northville Square's Simple Pleasures, adjusts some of his autumnal hued clothing line on Oct. 8.

'Casual, colorful and contemporary'

New Northville Square store caters to the simpler lifestyle

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

Simple Pleasures is a new store in Northville Square that has a bit of everything for the person wanting a simpler, yet contemporary, lifestyle.

"We are a lifestyle store that is casual, colorful and contemporary," said Mark Kay, who co-owns the store with his wife Marsha. "A simpler pleasure is something that is nice to look at yet is practical and functional."

The store is part women's clothing store and housewares store, as well as gift shop. It opened six weeks ago and the Kays want to get the word out on what's going on at their end of the hall-

SIMPLE PLEASURES

Owner: Mark and Marsha Kay **Address:** 133 W. Main Street in Suite 290, Northville

Square **Hours:** 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday

Phone/web: (248) 924-3575; Simple Pleasures-Northville on Facebook

ple Pleasures matches the name on the front. Inside there is great music being played and a variety of colorful things to look at from home decor to clothing. The Kays are a friendly and, for some, familiar face. They used to work — and first met — at the location as sales representatives back when it was MAGS of Northville, which had a variety of showrooms featuring gift ware. They successfully operated their Greenbush location, but when this opportunity to come to Northville popped up, they took the chance. They now reside in Novi

windows lend some help to the overall welcoming atmosphere they want to present to customers.

The items they pick for the store always come after asking the question: Is it a simple pleasure?

"Or will it make you smile?" Mark said of their merchandise selection.

They are changing and updating the merchan-

NORTHVILLE BUSINESS BRIEFS

Genitti's benefit

Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall, located at 108 E. Main Street in downtown Northville, is hosting Books & Beyond, a fundraiser for the Northville Public Library, at 6:30 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 13.

The event, which will raise funds for the library's teen and youth collections, will feature a seven-course dinner with house wine, followed by a performance by acclaimed comedian and musician Bob Posch. Tickets are \$75 per person with \$30 per ticket tax deductible.

Call Genitti's for tickets at (248) 349-0522.

For more information, call the library at (248) 349-3020 or visit www.northvillelibrary.org.

Pension meeting for Ford retirees

Klassa, Swaggerty and Associates, a financial advisory practice of Ameriprise Financial Services, is hosting an informational luncheon for Ford salaried retirees on Nov. 5. The meeting will focus on pension lump sum options.

The meeting will take place from 11:15 a.m.-1 p.m. at Fleming's Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar, 17400 Haggerty Road, Livonia.

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Get your news listed on the Northville Record's business page. Send us your business news, promotions, events or milestones. Just email Editor Kurt Kuban at kkuban@hometownlife. Our local business page runs each Thursday. For more information, email Kuban or call him at (248) 437-2011, ext. 245.

Seating is limited, please RSVP by calling Mary Zak at (734) 432-6490 or send an e-mail to Mary.A.Zak@ampf.com.

Short sale seminar

The MacNRo Team, Keller Williams agents working the Detroit metro Area, will host a free seminar about short sales from 6:30-8 p.m., Monday, Nov. 12 at the Novi Public Library, 45255 10 Mile Road.

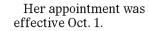
A Professional Resource Panel, from both the selling and buying side, including a Lawyer, CPA, financial advisor, mortgage specialist, broker and real estate agent, will answer questions about short sales, and discuss options.

Call Sheila Roma at (248) 760-6785 or Debbi McLaughlin at (248) 561-0077 for reservations by Friday, Nov. 9.

Englehart directs Ford Dealer advertising

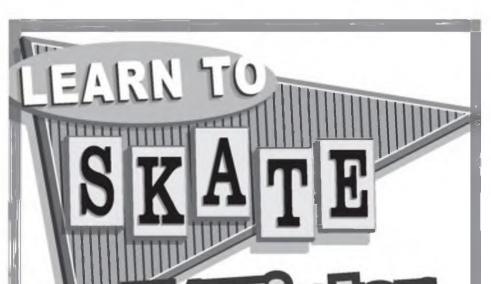
Jane Englehart of Farmington Hills has taken over as director of advertising for Ford Dealer Advertising.

Englehart has worked the past 17 years with Ford Dealer Advertising, a full-service agency that handles all marketing and communications for the 48 dealerships in the Southeast



Prior to working at Ford Dealer Advertising, Englehart held a position at MetLife. She is a graduate of Ferris State University.

Englehart replaces Rick Bartus, of Waterford, who spent 45 years working in the Detroit advertising community.



Michigan Ford Dealers group. She had previously been an

Englehart

director and an account supervisor with Ford Dealer Advertising.

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way inside of Northville Square.

For a decade, the Kays had a similar store in Greenbush, which is near Oscoda. But it was more of a new home decorating store that offered furniture. Without the new furniture, the Northville store is about interior design as well, but also much more.

The atmosphere in Sim-

Mark said he believes this new location will fit right in with the Northville community, and is perfect because its big dise frequently, but Marsha said they will always have core items on display for decor, the kitchen and to be worn.

"We are constantly adjusting and trying to fit the tastes of our customers," Mark said. "We're always looking for cool items."

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NORTHVILLE CHAMBER CHAT

Annual meeting

The Northville Chamber of Commerce will host its annual meeting Oct. 17, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Inn at St. John's, 44045 Five Mile Road in Plymouth Township.

Join Chamber and community members for networking, outstanding food and cash bar. New Chamber Board members will be elected and the 2012 Citizen of the Year will be announced. The registration fee is \$35. Please RSVP to the Chamber at tracisincock@northville.org.

For more information, contact the chamber at (248) 349-7640 or visit www. northville.org.



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OPINION

Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the hometowns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers.

OUR VIEWS

Government by initiative is no way to govern: Say No to Props 2-6

There is a lot more than a pack of candidates and a string of ballot proposals at stake in the Nov. 6 general election. The decisions made that day will be reflected in the kind of government under which everyone in Michigan ultimately will live.

While we proudly say that we live in a democracy, in Michigan, we live in a republic, that form of government through which we say, likewise proudly, is elected "by the people." That requires some clarification. Candidates may say that they represent "the peo-ple," but they are elected only by those people who actually vote for them. Once elected, the "people" to whom a particular candidate — now an elected official - refers can take on new meaning.

It takes a lot of votes to win an election and, these days, a lot of money is involved. For some candidates, that means "the people" includes political action committees representing special interest groups. That compromises the essence of a republic, having an impact on the voting public and, likely, on the votes that elected officials cast in the Legislature on issues involving those special interest groups

SEEK OUT INFORMATION

While we have taken a position on the proposals discussed above, democracy works best when voters are informed and make independent decisions.

We urge voters to seek out many opinions before making their decision on all of the state proposals. Visit the Citizens Research Council at www.crcmich.org for detailed information on the proposals. The Citizens Research Council is a privately funded, not-for-profit public affairs research organization noted for the accuracy and objectivity of its research. The CRC does not lobby, support or oppose candidates for public office, or take positions on ballot issues.

Voters can also read pro and con positions on each proposal offered by the League of Women Voters of Michigan, a nonpartisan organization, at www.lwvmi.org.

In addition, voters can visit the Center For Michigan, (www.TheCenterforMichigan.net) a think tank based on Ann Arbor which offers a 'truth squad" analyzing information used in 2012 political campaigns.

tion. That result comes at an extraordinary cost, both in terms of dollars and in terms of a potentially disastrous shift in Michigan's form of government.

If these proposals were to pass, Michigan would move from a republic, in which voters elect officials to represent them, to a form of government by referendum. The result would be paralysis of the legislative process, with officials unable to act without real or potential fear of the next move by special interest groups.

For instance, one report places at \$30 million the amount of money that has entered the cam-

constitution.

Many of this year's ballot proposals are the result of initiatives in which signatures were collected on petitions. While many of those petition drives were orchestrated by special interest groups seeking to serve their supporters of causes or organizations, the proposals also are a by-product of an electorate frustrated with the state Legislature and its inability to address many issues.

Lawmakers should take heed of the rush to initiative and listen to what has become an increasingly frustrated electorate. Drafting legislation would allow debate and input, instead of voters needing to decide an "all or nothing" ballot proposal. Government by initiative is no way to govern. Voters should reject attempts to strong-arm the

BALLOT ISSUES

The following proposals are initiatives that would amend the Michigan Constitution

Proposal 12-2:

To create a new right to collective bargaining

Proposal 12-3:

To establish a standard for renewable energy.

Proposal 12-4:

To establish the Michigan Quality Home Care Council and provide collective bargaining for in-home workers.

Proposal 12-5:

To limit new taxes by state government.

Proposal 12-6:

To require a vote of the people before the State of Michigan can construct or finance new international bridges or tunnels for motor vehicles.

the state constitution by voting "NO" on Proposals 2-6.

Concerns

There are a number of problems with these proposals.

First, their passage would open the door to a dizzying array of potential changes in the Michigan constitution, creating a patchwork quilt of legislation that would eventually fray and lay in tatters.

Second, their passage binds the hands of the governor and legislators to do what we, in a republic. elect them to do namely, lead. An up or down vote negates any dialogue or discussion of the issues. If the issues involved in these proposals are sufficiently serious, they should be taken up with elected officials who are duty bound to act. And if they don't, then find candidates who will. One pundit has remarked that the

problem is not with the model car we have bought in Michigan. It is with who is in the driver's

seat. Third, changes to the constitution cannot be readily altered or undone, if the original change brings with it other problems.

Some changes in the proposals just don't belong in the constitution, and a lot of the hype that goes with them plays fast and loose with the facts — and the sensibilities of the public.

Proposal 2 forgets that workers already have the right to bargain, and it would strangle the role of government.

Proposal 3 would require that utilities get 25 percent are largely the work of their energy from

new resources would be prohibited.

Proposal 4 is the perfect example of a special interest group pushing for something that is a legislative function that does not belong in the constitution. It would create a Michigan Quality Home Care Council and would ensure that in-home care workers could collectively bargain. We all want the best care for our parents and loved ones, but this is one for the Legislature.

Proposal 5 is a curiosity. It would require a vote of the people to approve new taxes, something we already have with the Headlee Tax Limitation Amendment. What's more, approval would further shift Michigan government into a new direction, from a republic to a direct democracy under which voters would have to approve every change. That would mean no need for legislators, and the result would be chaos.

Finally, Proposal 6 is clearly directed at the controversy over a new bridge plan that would link Michigan and Canada. It calls for a statewide vote of the people for any international bridge or tunnel that is proposed to be built.

These proposals of special interest groups and, while offering some merit, they do not overall serve the best interest of voters, who should firmly check the "NO" box for each one Nov. 6.

Special interest

When special interest groups don't get their way, the result is seen in the ballot proposals in this November's elec-

paigns to pass six ballot proposals in this November's election. While all six are the work of special interest groups, proposals 2 through 6 would change the Michigan changes and amend renewable sources by 2025. There is precious little talk about how realistic this is, not to mention that renewable sources are specifically listed and could mean that

OUR VIEWS

Hwang, Jankowski, Wilk for school board

When voters living in the Northville Public Schools District head to the polls Nov. 6 they will be asked to choose three of the five candidates who appear on the ballot to serve four-year terms on the school board. Voters couldn't be any more fortunate, because the five candidates — Mickey Barrett, Roland Hwang, Cyndy Jankowski, Adam Phelps, and Matt Wilk — are as solid as the voting public could hope for. The candidates bring a wealth of experience to the table. So it will be up to each voter to decide for themselves what they are looking for in a school board member.

Barrett, for example, has worked with youth for three decades, including stints as a basketball coach at the University of Detroit Mercy, athletic director, and organizer of a statewide athletic festival in Ohio. He knows what makes youngsters tick, and he has helped mold them into adults — qualities that would serve well on a school board.

Several of the candidates, most notably Hwang and Wilk, have extensive legal backgrounds. Both are attorneys — Hwang works for the Michigan Attorney General's Office and Wilk is a vice president at Huntington Bank — and are well respected. Jankowski has been a paralegal professional for a quarter century, with lots of experience in the real estate field.

Phelps brings his own skill set to the table as a purchase manager for Ford Motor Company. As such, he knows budgets and how they work, which would be beneficial on a school board.

What binds all of these candidates together, however, is a tremendous amount of enthusiasm for the school district, its students and its taxpayers. They all support the Technology Bond that will also be on the ballot, and each has a firm grasp of the





Roland Hwang Cyndy Jankowski

Adam Wilk

challenges the district faces.

Our goal is to make a recommendation to our readers on the best three candidates among the five. In this case, that task is especially difficult because we believe any of the five would be exemplary board members.

However, three will be elected and we recommend Hwang, Jankowski and Wilk.

Jankowski and Wilk both currently serve on the board — both were appointed — and this gives them an advantage over the others. They have already been in the trenches, and know exactly what the district is dealing with in terms of finances, state funding, contracts, and upcoming redis-tricting plans. In addition to financial and legal expertise, Wilk is also the son of two public school teachers, so he understands both the emotional side of education, as well as the financial responsibilities board members bear. It is a balancing act, and he has the foundation to handle it.

Before being appointed to the board in January, Jankowski showed a real willingness to be involved in her son's education, serving as a science enrichment parent coordinator and Legislative Action Network (LAN) representative. She is the only mother on the ballot, and she has shown she both takes the position seriously and enjoys it at the same time. That is good because the Jankowski and Wilk both currently serve on the board both were appointed — and this gives them an advantage over the others. They have already been in the trenches, and know exactly what the district is dealing with in terms of finances, state funding, contracts, and upcoming redistricting plans

next board will be facing some difficult decisions, especially if Lansing doesn't step up to the plate with more funding.

We also recommend voters select Hwang. In addition to working with the Attorney General's Office, he is also an adjunct teacher at the University of Michigan. He has tremendous experience, which alone is enough to handle the job. What impresses us even more, however, is Hwang's takethe-bull-by-the-horns attitude. His biggest concern is the district needs to stay current with its curriculum to produce students who are ready for the real world. For him, that means focusing on STEM (science/technology/engineering/math) offerings, and expanding foreign language courses, including Mandarin, Chinese and Japanese to keep up with surrounding districts. Instead of complaining from the sidelines, Hwang has been working with district officials to find ways to implement the changes.

Northville Schools voters are fortunate to have such a strong slate of candidates willing to volunteer their time (there is no compensation) to serve on the board. We believe voters would be best served by selecting Roland Hwang, Cyndy Jankowski, and Matt Wllk on Nov. 6th.

Prop 1: Referendum on emergency manager law

PRO: It's about accountability, leadership, results

By Al Pscholka Guest Columnist

"Our members would rather have these schools and municipalities file for bankruptcy than deal with this



bill." That came from a leader of a public sector union in my office in February 2011 as debate was going on regarding the Local Government and School District Fiscal Accountability Act that I sponsored and was later signed

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into law as Public Act 4 of 2011.

It was clear that for some this was about politics and not fiscal accountability and good public policy. Those who stand to gain from preserving the status quo of financial mismanagement have spent nearly two years inciting fears about oppression, authoritarian control and an assortment of outcomes they claim the Fiscal Accountability Act intends to accomplish. While the sensationalism has succeeded in getting widespread attention, the arguments against the law were either factually inaccurate or untrue.

Almost all of the law's detractors like to gloss over the primary effect of the act: the vital addition of proactive, preventative steps designed to save municipalities and school districts from plummeting toward financial insolvency. Following a set of specifically defined triggers, the state now starts an early dialogue with local units that show signs of financial instability.

Prior to the passage of this initiative, an early state response was nonexistent and intervention came only when unsolved problems had escalated to a degree that demanded extreme solutions with very few good options. In many cases the financial records were a mess, years of overspending and financial irregularities had left communities and schools on the brink of bankruptcy and bailout. The appointment of an emergency manager is now the last resort, rather than the only option in trying to curb a financial collapse that would pass the burden on to all Michigan taxpayers and threaten the credit rating of the entire state. In short, this law protects taxpayers.

Let's look at the dire predictions made by detractors and the rants of cable television extremists. They claimed that dozens of communities would be taken over by corporate interests across Michigan. That has not happened. They claimed the governor had new and unchecked powers that would lead to appointed "dictators" across the state. That is a claim leveraged against the new law that was actually a symptom of the old PA 72 law. The governor's ability is now a matter of procedure, not personal preference.

And let's look at the results. Ecorse now has a budget surplus, Benton Harbor has seen new economic development projects and growth and is close to balancing its budget, and reforms in Flint, Pontiac and the Detroit Public Schools have saved taxpayers \$100 million. The law has led local officials to start discussions on fixing debt and taking care of unfunded liabilities.

In the end, accountability, responsibility and results are the foundations of successful communities. Despite the forces that continually attempt to mislead the public in order to further their own agenda or protect the status quo, the record is bearing out the truth of the law's success. It's why Michigan voters and taxpayers need to vote yes to accountability Nov. 6.

State Rep. **AI Pscholka**, R-Stevensville, represents Michigan's 79th District in the House of Representatives. He sponsored the legislation that became Public Act 4. His district includes Benton Harbor, which has been in receivership since 2010. He can be reached by email at AIPscholka@house. mi.gov.

CON: Law creates a democracy emergency in Michigan

By John C. Philo Guest Columnist

Public Act 4 of 2011 creates a gaping deficit in democracy between Michigan communities, while doing little to alleviate



financial difficulties faced by cities. On Nov. 6, Michigan citizens will have the opportunity to eliminate the democracy deficit by voting no on Proposal One. Public Act 4 is founded upon an assumption that democracy is incompatible with financial stability. Under Public Act 4,

an emergency manager becomes the government of the community. The power of all elected officials is concentrated in the emergency manager. They can pass local laws, cut departments, and sell city property from their desk — no public notice, no hearings, no vote. Under Public Act 4, Michigan is experimenting with a form of local government with no checks and balances and it is precisely the type of government that James Madison warned against writing: "The accumulation of all powers, legislative, executive ... in the same hands ... may justly be pronounced the very definition of tyranny."

The law resurrects old bigotries against the poor and against racial and ethnic minorities, who were forbidden from voting in many places during the early days of our nation. By barring Michigan citizens from their right to vote for local officials, Public Act 4 assumes that these officials caused the crisis and residents acquiesced. History has taught us that income rarely reflects one's wisdom in the voting booth and we have laws to remove corrupt officials. To the extent such laws are lacking, they should be strengthened and culpable officials held accountable. Public Act 4 forgoes this. Rather, it punishes local residents by silencing their voice in local government and on how a financial crisis will be resolved.

Public Act 4 finds economically poor communities solely to blame for their financial difficulties. There is no escaping that such communities are all-too-often

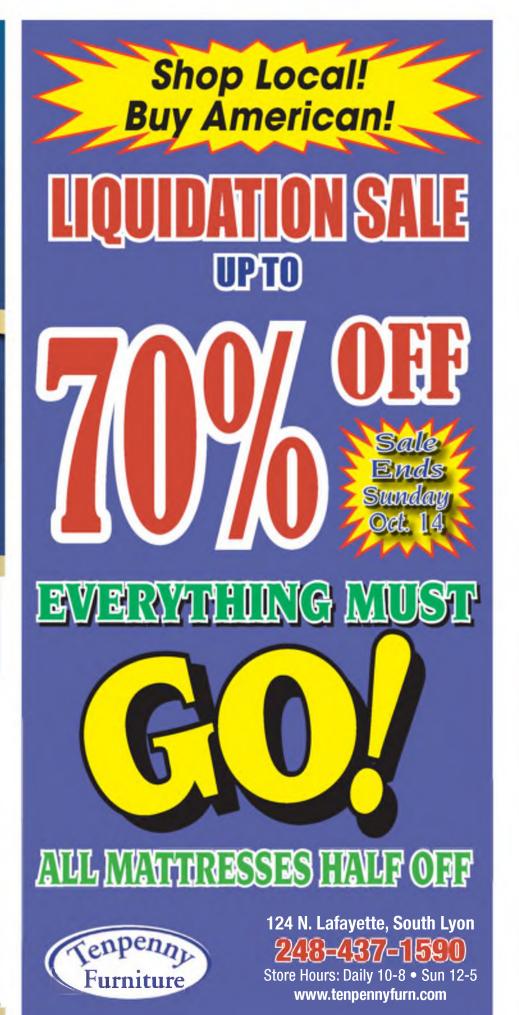
composed of racial and ethnic minorities shut out from economic opportunities. They are communities where property and income tax revenue plummeted following the national recession and are ones with spiraling home foreclosure and unemployment rates. Their revenue declines have been compounded by years of cuts in state revenue sharing. In short, they are the victims of failed regulatory and economic policies felt by all in the Michigan, but they are the ones who have been hit the hardest. Yet, the law provides no stabilization revenue to local communities - not one penny. Rather, the law adds the costs of the state's emergency manager, their staff, and their consultants to the distressed community's budget.

At the time it was passed, Public Act 4 was publicly justified by a need to adopt an early warning or intervention system to alert state officials to impending financial stress within local communities. However, it is not an early warning system that has been employed most zealously. Instead, it is those provisions allowing emergency managers to cut and privatize services and to break union contracts. These actions have been taken despite the increased need for services and despite deep concessions from public unions. Yet, fiscal deficits remain and, in many communities with an emergency manager, have worsened. They will likely continue to do so until bondholders and private contractors are also brought to the table and asked to sacrifice along with local residents and public employees.

Michigan has faced difficult economic times in the past and likely will again in the future. However, in the past we were able to work our way through such events without sacrificing our principles. We should do so now and recognize that in these times, more democracy is needed, not less. Vote No on Proposal One.

John C. Philo is legal director of the Sugar Law Center for Economic & Social Justice, which filed suit on behalf of various council members in Benton Harbor, Flint and Pontiac believing they should have been allowed to resume their duties when PA 4 was suspended. He can be reached at jphilo@sugarlaw.org.





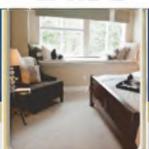
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Police officer running to fight cancer

By Kurt Kuban Staff Writer

A couple years ago Northville Township police officer James Beamish decided to start running again just to get back into shape.

At the upcoming Detroit Free Press Marathon on Saturday, Oct. 21, he will be running for something he feels is much more important — the fight against cancer.

Beamish, who has been a member of the township's police department for more than two decades (first as a dispatcher), is using the event to raise both awareness and proceeds for the American Cancer Society's DetermiNation program, in which athletes participate in endurance events all over the nation.

DetermiNation (formerly known as Charity Runner) began in Chicago in 1996, and was expanded nationwide in 2007. It now includes a variety of races across the country and is continuing to grow.

In his mid-40s at the time

he began to run again in 2010, Beamish admits he had let himself go a bit.

"I hadn't run since high school. Here I was 45 years old, and I was

definitely out of shape," he said. It didn't go too well at first, he said. He pushed himself too hard, and ended up with stress fractures in both fibulas, which

forced him to take time off work. "My body wasn't ready for how

hard I was pushing it," he said. But the setback didn't stop him. After heeding his doctor's advice

to take it a little slower, Beamish has gradually worked himself back into shape. He has run a couple 5K and 10K races.

Earlier this year he learned about the DetermiNation program, and he looked into it. You see, Beamish, like many others, has been impacted by cancer. His sister, Katherine Zisek, has gone through two bouts of cancer she's in remission thank goodness. More distant relatives, however, have passed away after losing their battles to cancer. Now, Beamish is determined to run his first marathon — and fighting this terrible disease is his catalyst.

"I've never run a marathon before. I've done 20 miles a couple times," he said. "I'm confident I'll be able to finish. I just think this is a worthwhile cause. It's a real motivator."

If you would like to help Beamish out, you can attend a fundraiser he is having Monday, Oct. 15 at Aubree's Pizzeria & Grill, located at 20420 Haggerty Road in Northville (8 Mile and Haggerty). From 5-8 p.m., Aubree's will donate \$5 from every \$15 all-you-can eat buffet, which includes pizza, salad, bread sticks and drinks, to the American Cancer Society. The cost is \$10 for children (10 and under), of which Aubree's will donate \$3 to the ACS.

For more information, contact Aubree's at (734) 432-0200. For more information about the DetermiNation program, visit www.cancer.org/Involved/Participate/DetermiNation/learn-aboutthe-determination-program.



Northville Township police officer James Beamish trains for the Detroit Free Press Marathon, which will take place Saturday, Oct. 21. He is using the event to raise money for the American Cancer Society's DetermiNation program.

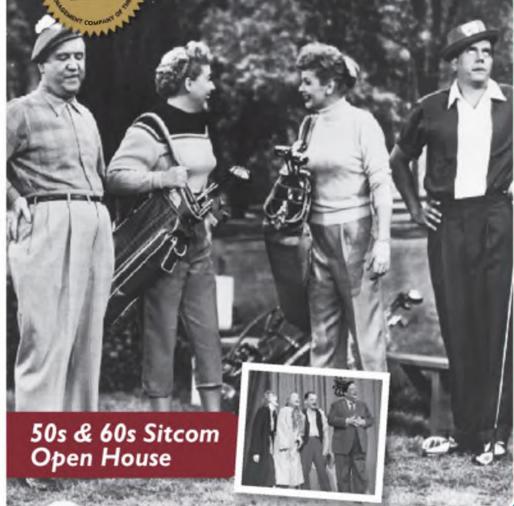
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1) Alex Hamka looks over a suit pattern at a Montreal factory. Alexander's Custom Clothiers of Northviie is now working with a manufacturer to offer an exclusive suit pattern. 2) Alex Hamka meets with designers and tailors in Montreal to go over details. Alex is negotiating with a New York department store that is interested in carrying the suit.

Shop makes a name across the country

Made to measure suits at Alexander's Custom Clothiers are now moving through the manufacturing process

By Kate Phillips

While Alexander's Custom Clothiers started off small, seven years ago, it is now making a name for itself across the country and in Canada. Owner, Alexander Hamka, was flown out to a Montreal factory to see the facility and go over the details of his new made to measure suit pattern. "This is an updated version of a conservative suit," said Alexander. "It has a clean cut, with slimmer sides and a higher arm hole." This made to measure suit pattern was designed by Alexander for his own customers, but it is now being sought out in larger circles.

Aiexander's exciusive

With the new manufacturing agreement, the made to measure suit is offered as an Alex-

reception from others in the industry has been very positive. "This pattern fits clean so there is very limited tailoring needed on it," said Alex. "It is tailor-friendly." Each year Alex's customer base expands to those outside of Northviiie and outside of the state. Several months ago he was ranked in the top five in the country for made to measure suits. He has also been featured with a TV appearance and mention in magazine articles. This manufacturing opportunity could bring it all to another level. The whoie package

Alexander's Custom Clothiers dresses gentlemen from head to toe -- from morning meetings to late nights out. Alex first made a name for himself with his fine custom suits. He helps create ers. It is quality footwear made by a long-established company in Wisconsin. Alexander's is also carrying an impressive new line of bags, briefcases and luggage crafted from calfskin, deerskin and buffalo skin.

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Clients from the metro area and beyond seek image consulting from Alexander's Custom Clothiers. "When I am working with someone on polishing their image, we have to look at the total package - clothes, shoes, bags and other accessories," Alex said. The well-known clothier travels to the home or office of clients to discuss image and create the right wardrobe.

Taiiored to fit

At Alexander's Custom Clothiers in Northviile, Alexander made to measure suits fit like custom suits," he said. After seven years in business, Alexander's Custom Clothiers has become known for its expert tailoring, which makes fine men's clothing look even better.

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ander's exclusive design. "We've brought the manufacturing side to small business," Alexander said. On the business trip to Montreal, Alex went over details of the made to measure suit pattern with tailors at the factory. They had to be certain that each detail was perfect so that each suit will come back looking as though Alex stitched it himself. "I'm making sure that we deliver the high quality that my customers expect," he said. He also looked through bolts of fabric and decided which would look best for this fall/winter season.

Spreading further

Alex is in the process of negotiations that may bring his made to measure suit to a large New York department store or to other independent clothing stores across the country. So far the

custom suits that complement the body shape of each client. Practically every piece of the suit is hand stitched to create a oneof-a-kind masterpiece. Custom dress shirts made of fine materials add just the right touch and are extremely comfortable for all-day wear. In addition to suits, dress shirts and a large tie selection, the store offers a casual collection. "I want to polish up an entire wardrobe," he said. "If they are traveling, somewhere like Europe, I don't want them to feel insecure about their attire That's the last thing they should have to wor ry about." An Allen Edmonds shoe line has arrived and is becoming popular with local

custom.

Hamka is part tailor -- part artist. "My job is to make sure you get a perfect fit," said Alex. He continues an old world family tradition of tailors and clothiers. He has learned the art of fine tailoring from his father, Sam Hamka, who now works at Alexander's. A beautiful suit can look terrible if it is ill-fitting, and it can look even worse with sloppy tailoring. "I make sure that

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-Alexander Hamka, owner



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Volleyball wins Central Division title

First division title since 2007

By Sam Eggleston Correspondent

It's been five long years since the Northville Mustangs volleyball team clinched a division title, but thanks to some outstanding play this year

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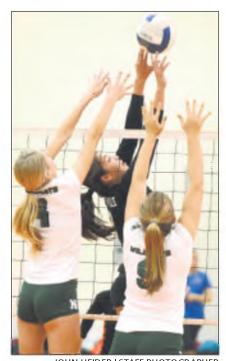
The Northville Mustangs volleyball team will be back in action when play for the Kensington Conference championship on Tuesday at Northville at 6:30 p.m. They will likely play Livonia Churchill.

and a win over Novi last week, the drought is officially over. The team, coached by Amanda Yaklin, earned a victory over Novi at home last week -Northville's senior night in three matches, 25-15, 26-24 and 25-15. The

title is the first for Northville since 2007 and the first under Yaklin's direction.

The first set seems to be an indication of where the night was heading as Northville seemed to get every

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Northville's Mustangs celebrates after securing the Baseline Jug for a fourth straight year with a 21-14 overtime victory Oct. 5 over the visiting Novi Wildcats.

Baseline Jug stays in Northville

Mustangs defeat Novi 21-14 in wet overtime affair

By Chris Jackett Correspondent

The battle for the Baseline Jug was anyone's game last Friday, but Northville's gridiron gang came away as the victory for a fourth-straight year.

The Mustangs (5-2, 4-1 KLAA Central) held on for a wet and wild 21-14 overtime victory over Novi (1-6, 1of the end zone and the Wildcats failed to respond on their four attempts.

"I think our players reac-tion says it all," Northville coach Matt Ladach said. "It doesn't matter if it's one game, two, three in a row, anytime we win this game it's big for our kids. It was evenly matched the whole way. I don't think there was a real turning point, I think it was a battle from start to finish. This was a team effort. There's no one individual that just did this all. It was 82 players working together, 11 on the field at once just playing Northville football." Scoring was few and far between early on in the contest, with Northville senior

Thomas Huber (54 yards on 15 runs) scoring on a 1-yard run with 2:44 left in the first quarter. After junior Zach Wilds converted the pointafter touchdown kick, the 7-0 Mustang lead held until halftime.

"I'm so proud of that kid," Ladach said of Huber. "He worked his tail off. It looked like he might not be able to play this year, but he was able to get back and, to have the kind of games he's been able to have lately, has just been tremendous for him."

ON TAP

Northville's football team will be back on the gridiron when they play Livonia Churchill at home at 7 p.m. tomorrow. It is the Homecoming game for Northville, as well as the conference championship game.

"Churchill is a very athletic team, and they are well coached," said Northville

JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Northville's co-captain Rebecca Martin makes a set in front of the net and Novi's Kacey Sheldon and Olivia Bradford during their Oct. 2 meeting. 4 Central). The baseline battle came to an end in overtime on a soaked Northville turf when Mustang junior Joseph Hewlett (13-for-22, 188 yards) connected with senior Jake Hansen (63 yards on seven receptions) for a lateral pass and 7-yard touchdown run into the left corner

A missed 39-yard field goal by Wilds early in the second quarter was the closest thing to another score the crowd

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coach Matt Ladach. "They have played a tough schedule, and they have beaten everyone that they have faced so far. Our players are fully aware of what's on the line, and I am optimistic that we will give our best effort on Friday night."

Soccer falls to Livonia Stevenson

Squad takes early lead, but can't hold on

By Sam Eggleston Correspondent

When it comes to Livonia Stevenson and Northville on the soccer pitch, the game is never a sure thing, no matter who is ranked, who isn't or what the records currently stand at.

Last week, the match between the Spartans and the Mustangs was everything a fan could hope for. It was intense, it was close and it was full of non-stop action. In the end, when all was said and done and despite an early lead, it was the Mustangs who walked away with a 2-1 loss against their rivals.

Northville took the lead at the 48-

ON TAP

The Mustangs will be back in action next week when they begin the post-season in the MHSAA district tournament.

minute mark in the game after the defenses kept each other from scoring. Jacob Zimmer received the ball and fired it home on a long shot from nearly 25 yards away that found its way into the back of the net for the 1-0 Mustangs' advantage.

Unfortunately, 17 minutes later, the Spartans were able to knot the contest up as Dominic Sabatini slipped a pass to Ryan Schifano, who lobbed in a kick from just outside the box for the 1-1 game. Two minutes later, the Mustangs' defense couldn't stop a header by Jake Zeppa that was made possible by a throw-in from Tom O'Brien. The Spartans' defense held strong to keep the Mustangs from being able to rally and tie the game again.

Northville's Peter Arton took the loss in goal as he made six saves in the game. Stevenson's Zack Verant, who made two saves, earned the win.

Northville is now 9-6-3 on the season and 4-4-2 in the Central Division. The Spartans climbed to 8-3-5 overall and 6-2-2 in the division with the victory.



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Northville Mustang Colin Warner, left, battles against Stevenson's Gino D'Orazio on Oct. 4.



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Northville

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY 10/18 4:25 p.m. @ Conference Meet

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY 10/18 4:25 p.m. @ Conference Meet

FOOTBALL

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GIRLS GOLF 10/11 TBA @ MHSAA Re-

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BOYS TENNIS 10/12 TBA @ MHSAA Regionals

10/19 TBA @ MHSAA State Finals

GIRLS SWIM & DIVE

10/11 6:30 p.m. Livonia Stevenson HS 10/18 6:30 p.m. @ South Lyon East HS

VOLLEYBALL 10/16 6:30 p.m. Conference Cross-Over

Novi

FOOTBALL

All games at 7 p.m. unless noted 10/12 TBA (Homecoming)

VOLLEYBALL

All matches 6:30 p.m. unless noted 10/16 KLAA Conference Crossover 10/20 9 a.m. @ KLAA Crossover

BOYS TENNIS

All meets at 4 p.m. unless noted 10/12 8 a.m. Regionals (@ Novi)

GIRLS SWIMMING

All meets at 6 p.m. unless noted 10/11 6:30 p.m. @ South Lvon East

10/16 Birmingham Groves **BOYS CROSS COUNTRY**

10/18 4:25 p.m. @ KLAA

Conference (@ TBA)

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY 10/18 3:50 p.m. @ KLAA Conference (@ TBA)

GIRLS GOLF All meets at 3 p.m. unless noted 10/11 9 a.m. @ Regionals (@

TBA) FIELD HOCKEY All games at 4:30 p.m. unless noted 10/11 4:15 p.m. @ Ann

Arbor Greenhills

10/13 9 a.m. @ Sturgis HS

FOOTBALL

Games at 7 p.m. unless

10/10 TBA @ CHSL Final 10/15 TBA @ State Districts

VOLLEYBALL

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break and lucky bounce. The Mustangs led, at one point, 18-5 during the game before trading points and taking away a 25-15 win over the Wildcats.

The second game was much more contested, however, as the Wildcats stepped up and showed why they were in the running for the division crown. Novi pulled ahead from a 3-3 tie to a 13-8 lead before the Mustangs called their first timeout and regrouped, coming out and turning it into an 18-15 game. It wasn't long before Novi was forced to take a break from the action with just a twopoint lead, 20-18, and then came back to increase their advantage to 24-21 to put the Mustangs' backs against the wall.

But, as has been the case all season, Northville refused to quit and with two kills and a block found themselves back in the game with a 24-24 tie. Two more kills later, the Mustangs had their second win of the night, 26-24.

The five-point run to earn the win in the second game appeared to deflate the Wildcats, who couldn't muster a strong showing in the third game and fell to the championship Mustangs in the final game, 25-15.

Northville is now 9-0 in the KLAA and 38-1-4 overall.

Northville also had a win over Salem last week, defeating them in four games as they won the first two, 27-25 and 25-14, fell in the third, 25-21, and then sealed the deal with a 25-17 win in the fourth

The Salem Rocks fought hard in the first set, leading a close match from the first point until Northville tied it, 14-14. The teams traded points with several lead changes when Northville called timeout with the game on the line and Salem in the lead, 25-24. Northville came out and scored three-straight kills from three different players to win the match. Northville rode the momentum to win the second set easily.

On Saturday, Northville hosted its own tournament with 15 teams participating, including the state's seventh-ranked team, Livonia Churchill. In the end, the squad finished second behind the Chargers, who defeated them in three games with a win in the first, 25-23, and a win in the tiebreaker, 15-10. Northville won the second game, 25-22.

Northville cruised through the pool play without dropping a set with wins against Adrian, Southfield Christian, West Bloomfield and Carlson. In the playoffs, Northville faced Ann Arbor Skyline and won the first game, dropped the second and won the tie-breaker before defeating South Lyon in two comfortable sets to advance to the finals. In the championship round, the seventhranked Chargers jumped out to a quick 4-1 lead over the honorable-mention Mustangs thanks to several Northville errors. After regaining their composure, the Mustangs went on a run of their own, however, to tie it up and then advance to an 8-4 lead.

The Chargers came back and tied it again, 12-12, before exchanging points and tying it again at 16-16.

Unfortunately for the Mustangs, following another step into the lead with a 21-17 advantage, errors and strong play led the Chargers winning the first game, 25-23.

In the second game, the Mustangs came out strong for a 5-1 lead and fought forward to leads of 12-9 and 21-14 to keep the Churchill squad off balance. But experience and top-notch play brought the Chargers back from the brink and they cut into the advantage to make it a 23-22 game in Northville's favor. The Mustangs didn't falter, however, and picked up a kill and a block to win the set, 25-22.

The final set began with Northville's nerves on display. Northville gave Churchill a five-point run to start the match behind several hitting errors and slow defensive movement. After an early Northville timeout, the Mustangs battled back to within two points, 7-5, but couldn't keep the pace as Churchill went on to earn a 15-10 victory and the tournament title.



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Mustangs take on adverse conditions, get wins

Swim team doesn't let bump in the road prevent two wins

By Sam Eggleston Correspondent

One of the keys to getting a victory is having plenty of time to practice and prepare. The Northville Mustangs girls' swimming and diving team didn't have that opportunity last Monday due to some pool issues, but they didn't let that stop them from earning two wins.

The squad, coached by Brian McNeff, pounded out a 112-74 victory over the Canton Chiefs before earning a 108-78 win over the Salem Rocks two days later.

"This was a tough week for us," admitted McNeff. "We had a tough invitational on Saturday and then dual meets against two good teams. We also were not able to practice on Monday because of some pool issues. We were kind of set up for a let down if we did not perform well enough."

McNeff said that the team had several girls really step up and help push the team through the turbulent waters and to the wins.

"I was pretty impressed with the toughness they showed and ability to swim hard after a pretty tiring week," he said. "This team continues to show me how dedicated they are and how bad they want to do well. We did not get too many first places against either team, but they knew that going in and still tried to get the other scoring spots, which they did."

Against Canton, the Mustangs had a firstplace finish in the 200 medley relay with a team of Lia Nagata, Sarah Lohman, Briana Schoenek and Catherine Cui. In the 200 freestyle race, Alissa Moore took first while Jessica Yan was second and Grace LaFreniere finished fifth.

Cui led the way in the 200 IM, taking first place while Lauren Jarzembowski took fifth and Darby Mroz was sixth and Shelby Mroz was seventh. Schoenek took third in the 50 freestyle, followed by Emily Butler in fourth and Riley Bruen in fifth.

Taking first in the diving event was Andrea Meister, while Claire Ostrowski took third and Erin Aquinto took fifth. Nagata found herself in second in the 100 butterfly while Bruen took third and Maria Gutowski was

ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs swimming and diving team will be back in the pool when they swim at home today against Livonia Stevenson and then on the road against South Lyon East a week from today. Both matches are slated for 6:30 p.m.

fourth for the Mustangs. Schoenek finished in second in the 100 freestyle while Butler was third and Lohman was fourth and Moore took first in the grueling 500 free, followed by Yan in third and Sarah Cullen in sixth.

In the 200 free relay, the team of Butler, Bruen, Shilpi Sharma and Moore took first place while the team of Elizabeth Hetu, Natalie Filipowicz, Shelby Mroz and Lohman took second.

Northville's success carried into the 100 backstroke where Nagata took first, followed by Darby mroz in fourth and Gutowski in fifth while Cui took first in the 100 breaststroke, Lohman took second and Jarzembowski took fifth. The night wrapped up



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Mustang Hannah Mullally swims at Novi High on Sept. 20.

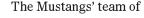
with the team of Moore, Nagata, Schoenek and cui taking first in the 400 free relay.

Against Salem, Northville's 200 medley relay team of Darby Mroz, Lohman, Bruen and Sharma took second while Moore, Yan and LaFreniere took second, third and fifth, respectfully, in the 200 freestyle. Cui was second in the 200 individual medley while Lohman was third and Jarzembowski was fourth. In the 50 free, Schoenek was second, followed by Butler in third and Bruen in fourth.

Meister was once again the top diver, taking first in the event while Ostrowski was third and Aquinto fourth while Nagata took second in the 100 fly, followed by Bruen in third and Gutowski in fifth.

Taking first in the 100 free was Schoenek and Butler took second while Sharma finished in fourth in the event. Moore, LaFreniere and Yan were second, third and fourth, respectfully, in the 500 free. The Mustange' team of

Schoenek, Butler, Nagata and Cui was first in the 200 free relay while the team of Bruen, Lohman, Sharma and Moore took second. In the 100 backstroke, Nagata took second, Darby Mroz was fourth and Gutowski was fifth while Cui took first in the 100 breaststroke, followed by Lohman in third and Jarzembowski in fourth. Northville finished the night with a second-place finish in the 400 free relay with the team of Schoenek, Moore, Nagata and Cui.



Sims makes school history

Cross country runner is first boys Mustang to win Wayne County crown

The Northville Mus-

team will run again a

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tangs boys cross country

ON TAP

By Sam Eggleston Correspondent

At the midway point of the 2011 season, Northville coach Chris Cronin let is slip that he thought Dan Sims had a ton of potential.

While that wasn't telling outside of the idea that Sims was likely going to be a strong runner, it had impact because Cronin isn't the type of coach who looks ahead to what is yet to come. His thoughts about Sims final reserve of energy and made a strong surge up and over the hill and Miller wasn't able to hold the pace. When the dust settled, Sims finished 16 seconds ahead of Divine Child's ace.

"Dan is locked in and running as well as he ever has," said Cronin. "The next month should be a lot of fun."

And not just for Sims. The rest of the Mustangs are running well, too. Drew Kanya finished 11th in the race





LYNNE MOSTELLER

The Northville girls cross country team recently competed and took second in the Wayne County Championships. Pictured, from left to right, are: Back row: Hallie Harris, Rachel Coleman, Alison Robinson and Erin Zimmer; Front row: Nicole Mosteller, Emma Herrmann and Taleen Sharigian.

Girls harriers capture Central Division crown

Squad defeats Novi, takes second in Wayne County race

By Sam Eggleston Correspondent

The Northville Mustangs girls' cross country team took complete control of the KLAA Central Division thanks to a dominating performance over rival Novi last week.

The team, coached by Nancy Smith, earned a 17-46 victory over the Wildcats at Cass Benton, and did so with some of their best times this year.

"What I was most impressed about was that our top seven all ran better than the 20-minute mark on Cass Benton," said Smith.

Leading the way to the division championship was Taleen Sharigian, who topped the Northville record board again with an 18:58 on her home course to earn first place overall. Not far behind and putting herself on the all-time leader board was Rachel Coleman, who ran a 19:19 to become the fourth-fastest Northville girls harrier at Cass Benton, all while taking second place overall.

"Taleen and Rachel are racing so smart, determined and aggressive right now that the sky is

ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs girls cross country team is scheduled to race again when they race in the conference championships next week with hopes of earning their third straight team title.

the limit if they continue to train hard and stay focused," said Smith.

Next in for the Mustangs was Erin Dunne, who ran a 19:24 for third place. Nicole Mosteller ran to fifth in 19:46 while Alison Robinson was sixth in 19:48, Erin Zimmer was seventh in 19:50, Emma Herrmann was eighth in 19:54, Hallie Harris was ninth in 20:13 and Grace Doolittle was 10th in 20:43.

The Mustangs also ran in the Wayne County Championships last weekend and finished second with 66 points. Taking first was the ever-powerful Grosse Pointe South, which finished with 39 points. Taking third was Salem with 71 points.

Sharigian was the top Northville runner as she finished fifth overall in 18:43, followed by Coleman in sixth in 18:54. The performances earned both runners All-Wayne County honors.

Next in was Robinson in 12th, followed by Zimmer in 19th, Harris in 24th, Herrmann in 27th and Mosteller in 29th.

"Erin and Allison are really running great right now," said Smith. "The last two races, they have been really determined and focused, which is what we need this time of the season.

"I am also impressed with Hallie Harris' effort today. We brought her up to replace Erin Dunne, who was taking SATs, and she ran herself into the medals with a great performance and continues to get better from week to week."

In the junior varsity race, Doolittle finished second in 20:18, Mirai Kobayashi was seventh in 20:44, Katie Vandervoort was eighth, Claire Courtney was ninth, Marie Zimmer was 11th, Alex Rodriguez was 14th, Julie Slatin was 16th and Paige Zimmer was 19th. As a team, the JV Mustangs took second behind Salem. showed that the young harrier was likely destined to do some impressive things for Northville.

Last week, at the Wayne County Championships, Sims made school history by becoming the firstever boys harrier to take first place in the highly-competitive race. He ran a 15:48.11 — his best time of the season and the second-best time of his

Tourney champs

with 134, Stevenson was third with 137 and Salem was fourth with 138.

Northville finished with

109 points as a team while

"Sims was in control of the race from the start, hitting the mile in 4:55," said Cronin.

At the two-mile mark, Sims was neck-and-neck with Dearborn Divine Child's All-State runner, Griffin Miller, But on the final hill, with about 1,200 meters remaining in the race, Sims kicked in his overall, taking a 16:37 as he crossed the finish. It was a personal-best time for Kanya and the finish earned him secondteam All-Wayne County honors.

Jason Ferrante (22nd, 16:49) and Jimmy Castellana (33rd, 16:58) each earned All-County honorable mention honors and had career-best times in the race as well.



The Hillside 8th grade volleyball team won the Novi Middle School Tournament on Saturday, Sept. 29. In the final match they outlasted Meads Mills in an exciting three set match, taking the final, thrilling game with a score of 18-16. Teamwork, outstanding defense, and hard work led to the championship, with the girls never giving up and going after every point. Bottom row (left to right) Maddy VanRiper, Ally Blough, Jess Kaminski, Marie Grace. Second row (left to right) Coach Lorri Kingsbury, Nikki Heinonen, MaKenna Hill, Hannah McMeekin, Paige Rosinski, Sammy Rutowski, Shelby Warford. Top row (left to right) Hannah Grewal, Jamie Dempsey, Abby Willerer, Sammie Noles.

Catholic Central bows to Brother Rice

By Sam Eggleston Correspondent

The Shamrocks suffered their third loss of the season last week when they fell to Brother Rice, 20-14. The Warriors, trailing 14-3, dominated the second half of play to earn the win at Hurley Field in Berkley. Leading the way for the Warriors was Brian Walker, who carried the ball 29 times to pick up 195 yards and score on a three-yard run with just 5:48 left in the game. Greg Marczak scored on a 49-yard jaunt for the Warriors with just three minutes left in the third quarter.

NORTHVILLE COLTS FOOTBALL ROUNDUP

Varsity gets first win

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The Varsity Colts (1-5) notched their first victory of the season in convincing style, besting the Ravens 34-7 on a cold and windy day in Rochester.

The Colts set the tone on their opening drive, picking up average 7yard gains on runs by Isaiah Popp, Nate Holloway, and Connor Wright. Holloway scored on 1-yard run, and the PAT kick from Conrad Landis put the Colts up 8-0.

The Ravens went 3-andout on their first three drives that featured five Colts tackles-for-loss led by Zach Tardich, Ethan Moss, Ben Brady, Ryan Figueroa and Jett Giammarusti. The Ravens' fourth drive ended on an interception by Joe McCormick.

The Colts next drive included a 21-yard run by Marcello Gonzalez to break into the Red Zone. Abe Khoury punched the ball in from the 1 yard line and it was 16-0 Colts.

The Ravens threatened before halftime, reaching the Colts' 2 yard line, but two touchdown-saving tackles by Landis and a fumble recovery by Tardich stopped them short.

The Colts 2nd half opening drive started with a 25-yard kickoff return by Popp and ended with a 14-yard TD strike from Khoury to Ty Kilar to make it 22-0.

The Ravens' next attempt was thwarted by tackles for loss by Brady, Anthony Abbot and Thomas Rys. Nick Freiburger blocked the Ravens' punt, giving the Colts excellent field position at the Ravens' 19yard line. The Colts capitalized, and a 13-yard pass reception by Dylan Sandhu set up a 1-yard TD run by Anthony Sal-

ON TAP

The Colts play the Walled Lake Gators at T. Holzer field in Northville on Saturday, Oct. 13. Flag begins at 9 a.m.; Freshmen 11 a.m.; JV at 1 p.m.; and Varsity at 3 p.m.

amone to make it 28-0. Artan Tagani, Michael Luther and Nolan Scott each had multiple 2nd half tackles to check the Ravens, who finally scored on a 4th quarter TD pass.

- By Chris McCormick

JV team clips **Ravens**, 32-0

Jumping on the scoreboard quickly, the Colts managed two touchdowns early on with long plays, a pass to Nicholas Prystash and a run by Ben Shuart. Timothy Ference's quick defense had recovered a fumble to give the Colts the ball back for their second score.

The Ravens started gaining some momentum on their next possession, but Jimmy King came up with a big tackle on a long pass play to keep the Ravens from scoring. Great defense by Jeff Varner on the ensuing plays forced the Ravens to give the ball back to the Colts.

In the second quarter, Joey Borthwick seemed to be running downhill with several long gains, ultimately scoring the Colts' third touchdown and taking the score to 18-0.

On the following kickoff by Isaiah Gash, Jake Khoury stole the ball away from the Ravens player to recover a fumble for Colts ball at 37 yard line, but the Colts couldn't put it into the end zone again before



Varsity Colt Nate Holloway (11) runs into the end zone for a touchdown during Saturday's game against Rochester.



Shawn Abbott (6) with another dominant run, helping the Colts shut out the Ravens, 32-0.

halftime. The second half belonged yet again to the Colts, who showed their significant depth. Several big first down runs by Brennen VanRiper and Shawn Abbott were made possible by key blocks by Alex VanNocker, Jack Vitale, Tim Garby, and Jacob Weiskopf. Zachary Bonofiglio and Alex Bayer helped clear the way for a long touchdown by Gash in the third quarter. Jack Vitale made a

key block to allow for the extra point, taking the score to 25-0. Once again, the Ravens started to put together a drive, but Emile Rizk trucked the running back behind the line of scrimmage to stop

the Ravens on 3rd down. Shawn Abbott added even more yards to his tally with a 20-plus yard gain in the fourth quarter, putting the Colts in position to score. One final touchdown by Gash late in the game upped the

score to 32-0.

- By Jillian Rizk

Freshmen earn victory

The Freshman Colts defeated the Rochester Ravens at Avondale point conversion kick by Jake Willerer. On the Ravens' possession later in the first quarter, the ball was turned over to the Colts on downs deep in Raven territory and Aiden Oliver easily took a hand off from quarterback, Nick Lauderback, to earn six points. Willerer continued to impress with yet another perfect kick for the two point conversion.

On ensuing plays, it was Jordan Morgan, Lauderback and Andrew Havek stopping the Ravens' ball carrier from any forward progress. Finally, the Ravens' possession was interrupted by Lauderback who intercepted the ball and carried it to the 20 yard line. Then Lauderback connected perfectly with Willerer for another Colts' touchdown. The Ravens managed to score late in the first half but the Colts still had a sizeable lead.

Danny Logan started off the second half strong by returning the Ravens' kickoff for a huge gain but the Colts couldn't capitalize on the momentum during that possession. The Ravens did score again but the Colts' lead was never in jeopardy. In the final minutes of the game, it was a Lauderback touchdown after successive quarterback keepers that sealed the Colts' victory.



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High School this past Saturday with a final score of 28-12. In the opening moments of the game, Brandon Slusser was in the end zone followed by a crowd-wowing two

— By Amber Slusser





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Mustangs capture **Central Division title**

Strong showing at conference tourney gives Northville the edge

By Sam Eggleston Correspondent

Heading into the Kensington Conference golf tournament last week, the Northville Mustangs knew they had to play some of their best games of the season in order to have a chance at winning the Central Division title.

With a second-place finish behind the No. 1ranked team in the state, Plymouth, the Mustangs secured their Central Division crown and earned five players All-Conference honors.

"This was, by far, our best effort in several years as we had five girls shoot in the 80s," said Northville coach Mary Jane Ossola. "The best part of this team has been watching them improve as the season has gone on. Their ball striking at the conference tourney was the best I have seen all year."

And while the long ball was working well for the girls, Ossola said the scores didn't indicate some difficulty the team had

"It's hard to imagine with these great scores, but they did not putt well," she said.

Northville finished with a team total of 337 — the team-low for 18 holes this year - to take second while Plymouth took first with a 313. South Lyon and Novi finished third and fourth, respectively, which gave the Mustangs the edge they need-

ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs girls golf team will be back on the links when they play in the regional tournament today. If they place high enough, the team will then play in the state finals tournament next week.

ed in the tied-up Central Division race to earn that title.

Leading the way was Lindsey Matych and Chloe Page, who each shot 83 and tied for fourth place, overall. Shannon Williams shot an 84, which was good for eighth place, while Camilla Zhao and Katie Childers carded 87s to tie for 13th. All of them earned All-Kensington Conference honors for their play.

"We have been led all year by Camilla and Lindsey, so it was wonderful to see Chloe, Shannon and Katie play so well," said Ossola. "Their ball striking is much more consistent and they are hitting it a mile. Shannon put herself in great position on many holes because she was driving the ball so well. Chloe is hitting the ball as well as I have ever seen her hit it, and Katie is becoming more comfortable in tournament play and striking the ball nicely. The girls have really worked hard on all aspects of their game and it shows."



NORTHVILLE STALLIONS FOOTBALL ROUNDUP



JV Stallion Mitchell DeGroff (44) runs the ball through the middle against the Orioles on Saturday.

Varsity comes up short

The Varsity Stallions (3-3) challenged the Livonia Orioles on Saturday at Churchill High School in a high scoring battle, but the Orioles ended up on top, 40-32.

The Orioles struck first with a run that resulted in the first touchdown of the game. They followed up with an on-side kick that took the Stallions by surprise. The Stallions' defensive line held the Orioles and forced a turnover. The Stallion offense took over and Shane Rankin took the ball 55 yards for the first Stallion touchdown, and kicker Jake Moody tied the game. It was short-lived, however, as the Orioles scored to end the quarter with a 14-8 lead after a blocked extra point attempt.

The Stallions took off down field with quarterback Jack Barnes' 20yard pass to Tyler Troyer, who added a 20-yard run into the end zone. Moody's kick gave the Stallions a 16-14 lead. This time, it was the Stallions on-side kick, recovered by Brady Lever-

ON TAP

The Stallions play the Commerce Chargers at Walled Lake Central on Sunday, Oct. 14. The Freshman game begins at 11 a.m.; Junior Varsity at 1 p.m.; and Varsity at 3 p.m.

ton, that gave the Stallions possession. However, a fumble forced a turnover and Stallion defenders including Brennon Pelland, Jordan Grewe, Nolan Ouellette and Jaquan Crawford stepped up to stop the Orioles' running game. The Orioles scored again, but the Stallions answered that TD with a long run by Barnes that set up a touchdown by Rankin. The extra points kick by Moody gave the Stallions the lead, but the Orioles scored one more time, giving them a two point lead after the Stallions blocked the extra

point, 26-24 The second half started with a determined Stallions offense charging down field with runs by Colten Frank, Pelland and Rankin. Michalak ran the ball into the end zone, with Moody again kicking for two, giving the Stallions a 32-26 lead. Late in the quarter the Orioles scored again, taking the lead by one. The Stallion offense couldn't score and the Orioles took possession. The Orioles scored one more time in the fourth quarter to win 40-32.

- By Maureen Schmidt

JV drops tough one

On a cold windy afternoon in Livonia, the Stallions JV team (2-4) came up short against the Livonia Orioles 28-8. The Orioles got out to a fast start, scoring three touchdowns to take an early 22-0 lead in the first quarter. The Stallions would show signs of life in the second quarter with a fumble recovery by Gabriel Xuereb, giving the Stallions good field position on the Orioles 33 yard line. Two plays later, Alex Karam ran for 20 yards, setting up a six-yard touchdown run by Grant Hood. Hood would go on to have five tackles on defense as well. After a two point conversion, the score was 22-8 at the half. The Stallions came out strong on defense in the third quarter with key tackles by Enzo Rodriguez and Nicholas Gattoni, who led with 10 tackles for the day. An interception by Evan Redwine would give the Stallions the ball on their 34 yard line. After a 34-yard run by Jack Pevovar, the Stallions had momentum moving the ball down the field with some key runs by Cooper Leverton and David Olko. However, turnovers would plague the Stallions, turning the ball over twice with fumbles in the third and fourth quarters. The defense would give up another touchdown in the fourth quarter giving the Orioles a 28-8 lead which would end up being the final score, dropping the Stallions to 2-4 on the season. Robert Reynolds, Parker Dietrich and Alex Gentner had multiple tackles in a gutsy effort.

— By Heidie and Greg Watkins

Freshmen fall to

Orioles

The Stallions Freshman team lost to the Livonia Orioles, 44-21, on Saturday at Livonia Churchill. Luke Pevovar returned the kick-off and the Orange Crush started the drive. Brett Mathiesen ran the ball on a reverse play and then Jack Gattoni carried the ball. The Stallions turned over the ball on downs and the Orioles scored a touchdown on the next play. The Stallions began their drive with Reece Jones pitching out to Nick Senawi who passed to Brett Rankin. The offense could not get the first down. The Orioles took over and scored a touchdown. The Stallions took possession but were tackled in the end zone for a safety. The Orioles scored again. With 4 minutes left in the half, the Stallions started a drive, led by Tommy Mandel, Rankin and Jack Bugar. Grant Lenton ran it in for the touchdown, making the score 23-7.

The second half began with a Livonia touchdown. On the Stallions ensuing drive, the offense threatened, but a shoestring tackle on Rankin prevented the touchdown, and the Stallions turned over the ball. Edward Watkins and Senawi made key tackles and Rankin stripped the ball, taking it in for a touchdown. Tyler Ross, Johnny Metrusias, and Senawi made key tackles to end the 3rd quarter. Livonia scored first in the 4th quarter but the Stallions defense denied the extra point. The offensive line led by Brendan Darr, Shawn Skiver, Tim Piszar, Jacob Merritt, Senawi and Mandell allowed Rankin to run it in for a touchdown. Nick Roehrig, Jayson Saad, Senawi, and Jones made key tackles but Livonia scored. With one last chance to score, the Stallions drove the ball down to the 5 yard line but time ran out.



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FOOTBALL

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would get in the first half. The second half was a different story, as Novi senior Robbie Deighton returned the opening kickoff 64 yards up the right side to the Mustang 30-yard line. The play led to a 17-yard touchdown run by junior Jeffrey Baker (142 yards on 21 runs) just 2:10 later, which tied the game 7-7 after a Justin Danks PAT kick.

"I think Baker's just getting better and better and better," Novi coach Todd Pennycuff said.

It only took the Mustangs 3:31 to respond, as Hewlett tossed a pass over the shoulder and into the outstretched arms of junior Nick Stegmeyer (65 yards on two catches), who broke up the center of the field 38 yards for a touchdown. Wilds' PAT made it 14-7 Northville as the two teams then traded threeand-out drives.

A few fumbles in the rain and failed drives later by both teams, Wilds



Northville senior Jake Hansen (No. 2) slides through the end zone for a touchdown in overtime Oct. 5 to put the Mustangs ahead 20-14 after Novi sophomore Christian Durham (No. 31) fails to complete the tackle and Northville junior Sean Conway (No. 88) celebrates.

missed a 28-yard field goal attempt wide left. The offenses struggled until Novi freshman Emanuel Jackson (179 yards on 20 runs) broke free for an 83-yard touchdown run with 2:35 left in the game. Danks' PAT tied it 14-14.

"Emanuel Jackson is starting to mature," Pennycuff said. "We're seeing maturity out of him not only football-wise, but also being a young man, we're seeing it at practice. He's a whole different kid than he was stepping onto that practice field from eighth grade. He's not a freshman anymore. He's playing like an upperclassman. He's going to be fun to watch in the future."

The Mustangs' ensuing nine-play drive ended with a turnover on downs at the Wildcats' 27-yard line after a fourth-andtwo incomplete pass.

Baker and Jackson then completed 40- and 23yard runs, respectively, on the next two plays, bringing the Wildcats to Northville's 10-yard line with 14 seconds remaining. However, a 27-yard field goal attempt by Danks was blocked by Mustang senior Sam Tacconelli and bounced out of bounds at the Mustang 22-yard line.

"What we did defensively took a lot of discipline," Ladach said. "For our players to maintain that type of discipline for 48 minutes, plus an overtime, that says a lot about the type of kids we have at Northville High School."

Unable to move the ball in the final seconds, the Mustangs got the ball first in overtime, leading to Hansen's touchdown on second-and-seven.

Novi's overtime attempt started with a false start penalty, followed by two short runs of four and one yard by Jackson and Baker, respectively, followed by two incomplete pass attempts by junior quarterback Issac Burgess (0for-3).

"It's high school football. It's probably one of the best games, this rivalry game, that the kids could be a part of," Pennycuff said. "I think the kids will have a lot of memories on either side. But you've got to have a winner and loser and, unfortunately, we came up a little short.

"The biggest thing is, our kids are there and working hard, but I want to give credit to the student section that came out. It helped us at South Lyon, it helped us tonight. It's great to see that Novi Wildcat school spirit. I think that's a tribute to our whole school district."

Both defenses made the game interesting early on, as five combined players – Novi's Deighton and Mark Ryan, Northville's Tacconelli, Bradley Merlo and Zach Tofilski – finished with eight total tackles each. Novi also had impressive defensive games from seniors Grant Wheeler (14 tackles) and Lucas Buck (seven tackles).

"The defense really stepped up and made some great plays," Pennycuff said. "I'm real proud of them. Lucas Buck really made some great plays; Mark Ryan. I thought our D-line stepped up, as well as our secondary. They got 14 points on us. I don't think they've been held to that all year."





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Firefighting groups take aim at false alarm problem

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) released the Fire Service Guide to **Reducing Unwanted Fire** Alarms, a free 17-page downloadable PDF document that offers guidance to members of the fire service to reduce unwanted fire alarms. It is available through NFPA's catalog at www. nfpacatalog.org/redgd.

Fire departments are often faced with challenges presented by unwanted alarms as they strive to allocate limited resources to fulfill their core mission of protecting lives and property and deal with these types of notifications which do not require emergency services. An unwanted alarm is defined by NFPA 72®, National Fire Alarm and Signaling Code, as any alarm that occurs that is not the result of a potentially hazardous condition. A recent NFPA study found that in 2009, U.S. fire departments responded to an estimated 2.1 million false alarms, which included 979,500 responses due to unintentional activations and 698,000 due to system malfunctions.

"Unintentional fire alarm activations that clearly do not require an emergency response are happening at a rate that challenges the fire service and this guide was developed to offer guidance to fire departments seeking out information on how they can take action to reduce the amount of unwanted alarms in their community," said Ken Willette, NFPA's division manager of Public Fire Protection and a former fire chief.

This new guide offers fire service personnel basic knowledge on how fire alarm systems and detection devices operate and how to assess the cause of alarms where no emergency condition is apparent. The guide can assist authorities having jurisdiction in developing strategies to manage response to unwanted alarms through practices reflective of risk assessment, resources management, and current code recommendations. It addresses commercial and residential building fire alarm systems, as well as singlefamily dwellings and single- or multiple-station smoke alarms within dwelling units.

"Unwanted alarms are a drain on fire department resources and pose a significant safety hazard to both responders and the public," said Chief Hank Clemmensen, IAFC president and chairman of the board. "IAFC was pleased to work in collaboration with other fire service organizations, the federal government and industry to address this issue at the national level; but our work can't have true meaning if we don't provide tools and resources for our fire departments to make a difference in local communities."

This guide is the outcome of a summit that addressed the challenges of unwanted fire alarms that was hosted by NFPA, IAFC and

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These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of July 2-6, 2012, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addre and sales prices.

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ort Dr	\$43,000	39003 Huron Pkwy	\$150,000
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HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND

\$140,000

33041 Annewood St

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of June 18-22, 2012, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

\$630.000

\$290,000

\$520,000

\$312,000

\$535,000

\$205,000

\$390,000

\$270,000 \$205,000

\$170,000

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BEVERLY HILLS \$125,000 16286 Buckingham Ave 32000 Evergreen Rd 17138 Kirkshire Ave 160 Turnberry Ct 18600 Walmer Ln BIRMINGHAM 1023 Bennaville Ave 1486 Edgewood Rd \$1,400,000 1393 Fairfax St 1393 Fairway Dr 1900 Fairway Dr 1060 Hazel St 1842 Hazel St 1276 Holland St 648 Humphrey Ave 1253 Lake Park Dr 1501 Mansfield Rd

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Short sales

\$514,000

23231 Ashley St \$85,000 21427 Birchwood St \$155,000 32080 Grand River Ave Unit 8 \$38,000 23111 Hawthorne St \$61,000 21217 Robinwood St \$150,000 33503 Shiawassee St \$186,000 FARMINGTON HILLS 29498 Beau Rdg \$127,000 28730 Bella Vista Dr \$101,000 37047 Birwood Ct \$258,000 34000 Braebury Rdg 28020 Brandywine Rd \$336,000 \$203,000 28638 Briar Hill Dr \$200,000 22640 Colgate St \$52,000 24550 Creekside Dr \$90,000 36299 Crompton Cir \$215,000 28407 E Greenmeadow Cir \$131,000 28937 Kendallwood Dr \$249,000 35705 Lone Pine Ln \$144,000 22079 Malden St \$49,000 22849 Montclair St \$81,000 26053 Pleasant Valley Rd \$264,000 21420 Randall St \$260,000 23499 Sans Souci St \$138,000 29775 Sierra Point Cir \$90,000 29870 W 12 Mile Rd # 705 \$35,000

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	32525 Haverford Rd	\$253,000			0 Sutton Ct	
	30650 Rosemond Dr	\$335,000		4121	1 Todd Ln	
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	1580 S Hickory Ridge Rd	\$133,000		2353	0 Bristlecor	ne Ct 🗌
	768 S Milford Rd	\$70,000		222 E	Lake St	
	1180 Stetlane	\$428,000		827 H	luntington	Dr
	2605 W Commerce Rd	\$84,000		6060	0 Mary Ln	
	378 Whitewater St	\$265,000			1 Preaknes	s Blvd
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2	50695 Amesburg Dr	\$627,000			nfield	
	25842 Arcadia Dr	\$467,000		2753	0 Abingtor	i St
	45321 Bartlett Dr	\$246,000			2 Avon Ln	
	24520 Bashian Dr	\$61,000		1793	0 Bonstelle	Ave
	24633 Cavendish Ave E	\$415,000		2907	0 Fairfax St	•
	31132 Centennial Dr	\$122,000		3050	5 Old Strea	m Cir
	25458 Danyas Way	\$60,000		2868	0 Ranchwo	od Dr
	28105 Hewes Ln	\$160,000		2096	5 Virginia S	t.
	40588 Lenox Park Dr	\$268,000			9 Wiltshire	
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	23265 Mystic Forest Dr	\$327,000	1.0			
	24671 Nepavine	\$560,000		1.5		
	41812 Quince Dr	\$110,000				

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