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Citizen of the Year

Northville Township's Mark Abbo, who has served as the township's supervisor since 2000, has been selected as the recipient of the 2012 Citizen of the Year. Abbo, who was first elected as a township trustee in 1992, is not seeking reelection this year.

He was presented with the award at the Northville Chamber of Commerce's annual meeting Wednesday at the Inn at St. John's (after we went to press).

The Chamber has been giving out the award since 1976.

Abbo was one of 12 people nominated for the annual award. Northville Township Manager Chip Snider and Clerk Sue Hillebrand nominated Abbo for the award.

"Mark is a man of reason and honesty, who practiced his political profession with a sense of honor and unimpeachable integrity," Snider said. "Residents have come to appreciate his determination to achieve the right results in the board room."

Visit our website, www.hometownlife.com, for updates about the award.



Mark Abbo

A royal evening

Northville High School seniors Eric Sweis and Jamie Otto were named the school's Homecoming king and queen for 2012 during halftime of the Oct. 12 game. Their crowing was one of the highlights of the homecoming week. Unfortunately, the football team didn't fare too well against Livonia Churchill, losing 37-0 in Friday's KLAAs Kensington championship game. Despite the disappointing score, the varsity pompon squad (below) provided lots of energy — and flying ponytails — during its halftime performance. For more photos and a story about the game, please see today's sports section.



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"There comes a time when you have to move on. It's an emotional decision, but I felt it was time to find something new. I feel I'm leaving the township in a wonderful position. It's time for a different chapter."

Thelma Kubitskey, who is retiring this week

Township employee leaves indelible mark after 33 years

By Kurt Kuban
Staff Writer

As Thelma Kubitskey cleaned out her desk last week and boxed up items she has accrued in her office over the years, she was having a hard time believing more than three decades have passed since she first applied for a job with Northville Township.

At the time she was just 19 years old and fresh out of Northville High School. She landed that job, as a clerk in the water department. Over the next 33 years, Kubitskey rose through the ranks to become the finance director and assistant township manager.

Much has changed during her tenure with the township, both in the com-

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Thelma Kubitskey, the assistant township manager and finance director for Northville Township, is retiring after more than 33 years of service with the township. Kubitskey began at the township, just after high school, in its water department as a clerk.

'Sundaes on Sunday'

The Friends of the Northville District Library will commemorate National Friends of the Library Week (Oct. 21-27) by hosting a free ice cream social at the library 1-4 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 21

Sundaes on Sunday was the idea of Friends President Carol Oldenburg as a means of honoring and thanking its members for their support. The event, however, is open to everyone.

District leaders out to prove why technology bond matters

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

If approved, teachers at Northville's Winchester Elementary School say the school district's Technology Bond Proposal will make a huge difference in the daily learning for all of its students.

The first Community Coffee meeting was held last week at Winchester to give families and community members the opportunity to learn more about the Technology Bond Proposal set to go before voters on Nov. 6.

At the meeting, teachers demonstrated to a classroom full of parents how the daily learning environment would change for the better if new classroom technology is brought in.

"This would enhance what we do on a daily basis," said Principal Patricia Messing of the proposal, which is asking voters for a \$20.87 million bond to replace aging technology and provide proven, interactive classroom technology to meet the needs of all students at all levels and abilities.

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REMAINING COMMUNITY COFFEES

Northville Public Schools families and community members can learn more about the Technology Bond Proposal that will go before voters on the Nov. 6 ballot at a series of community coffees being hosted by the school district throughout October. The remaining meeting are:

- Tuesday, Oct. 23, from 9-10:30 a.m., at Stone House Coffee & Tea, 16923 Ridge Road
- Wednesday, Oct. 24, from 9-10:30 a.m., at Next Chapter Bookstore & Bistro, 141 East Main Street
- Thursday, Oct. 25, from 9-10:30 a.m., at Tuscan Café, 150 North Center Street
- Thursday, Oct. 25, from 7-8 p.m., at Hillside Middle School, 775 North Center Street

For more information about the Technology Bond Proposal, visit the district website at www.northville.k12.mi.us. Questions regarding the Technology Bond can be emailed to nps@northville.k12.mi.us.



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The production man

NHS grad brings much of the entertainment to downtown Northville

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Staff Writer

James Gietzen is the man behind the scenes at many downtown Northville events.

From the Friday Night Concert Series to Rock'n in the Ville, the Northville High School graduate's company JAG Entertainment has been the sound man and event organizer for the various fun things happening around town.

"JAG Entertainment is a turnkey event management company," said Gietzen of his production company.

Through his hard work, JAG Entertainment has become a premier production company for producing concerts and events throughout the Metro-Detroit area.

He started JAG in 2010, but his love for event



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

James Gietzen has been running the sound board at most of the performances at Northville's Town Square — through his JAG Entertainment company.

him the love of entrepreneurship.

JAG has established partnerships with the cities of Northville and Wixom for producing the weekly summer concerts that both host. He has been helped by a business partnership with AFP Sound Systems, also based in Wixom.

He has also reached his goal and has begun producing his own events, including Rock'n in the Ville and Puppy Love. Both — a music concert and dog adoption event — took place at the end of the summer at Ford Field. Gietzen said both were a success and he hopes to see them grow.

In Northville he has been supported by the Chamber of Commerce, Downtown Development Authority as well as Parks and Recreation. Traci Sincok, associate director at the Cham-



James Gietzen

ber, is one of his supporters. She said Northville should be proud of what he has accomplished.

For Gietzen, he couldn't be happier than working in Northville.

"I love Northville," said Gietzen. "I grew up with a Novi address, but I view Northville as my hometown."

Further information on JAG can be found at www.facebook.com/myJAGentertainment or www.myJAGentertainment.com. The office is located at 127 N. Wixom Road in Wixom and can be reached by phone at (248) 863-7043.

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Playground grant



Thornton Creek Elementary School won the \$50,000 grand prize in a national essay contest for inclusive playgrounds from the Landscapes and Structures Foundation and NAESP. The grant will go toward replacing an 18-year old play structure with a new, inclusive design that will benefit not only the students at Thornton Creek but the community as well. Written by two mothers from the playground committee, the essay explains how existing programs like Circle of Friends and Peer Pals help children with special needs bond with other children in general education. Pictured are members of playground committee accepting the check. From left, Claudia Ordonez, Amy Scotto DiVetta, Lori Leneschmidt, Karen Wang, Principal Alison Epler, contest judge Ingrid Kancic and Superior Play's Lance Shipman, who helped design the proposed playground.

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Greens Market Weekend – November 17 & 18
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TECH BOND

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A model technology classroom has been set up at the school with a SMART Board, which is an interactive whiteboard. The plan would be to have one in each classroom, Messing said.

These boards combine the simplicity of the traditional whiteboard with the power of a computer, it lets teachers deliver dynamic lessons, write notes in digital ink and save work — all with the touch of a finger.

Each teacher used a group of fifth graders to demonstrate the capabilities of the board. They ran through some typical lessons that utilized both video and audio. Its interactive capabilities have the students wanting more.

“They all want a chance to touch the board,” said fourth-grade teacher Ashley Noonan.

Technology wise, Messing said what they have now at Winchester is old and slow, and will need updating sooner rather than later. This is the story across the district.

Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher said it's key that voters understand the details of the proposal.

Specifically, because



Winchester Elementary School third-grade teacher Nicole Bolt works with fifth-grader Abigail Dunn to demonstrate the SMART whiteboard during the first Community Coffee.

the district continues to reduce its debt millage each year, beginning in 2013 and continuing for the next nine years, the Technology Bond would raise \$20.87 million for technology improvements without raising taxpayers' yearly tax contribution. She said it would simply maintain the 4.3-mill rate currently paid by taxpayers through the 2019 tax year.

The bond would be issued in a series of two with over \$16 million coming from 2013-2017 and then a refresher of it in 2017 for another \$4.6 million for the total sum. Gallagher said this second issuing of the bond would “refresh” the district's initial technology investment and extend

the viability of its computing devices as technology continues to evolve at an increasingly fast pace.

For the teachers and students of Northville, there is no doubt classroom technology has passed them by a bit. However, they want to catch up.

Denise Henderson, Winchester's speech and language therapist, said the one SMART board in the school has already made it a different and better place for learning.

“I've had great success with this,” she said. “It's fantastic. I can't tell you how much it's changed my teaching with a few of my students already.”

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RETIRE

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munity and at township hall. And according to her peers, Kubitskey played an integral role in many of those changes. For one, she was a key player in the planning and construction of the new township hall at Six Mile and Sheldon, where she has her own office.

This week, however, Kubitskey, 53, will say goodbye to that office and her fellow employees, as she moves on to “a different chapter” in her life. She took a retirement, and has accepted a job with the city of Westland, a community that is also looking to build a new city hall.

“There comes a time when you have to move on. It's an emotional decision, but I felt it was time to find something new. I feel I'm leaving the township in a wonderful position.”

Despite her departure from township hall, make no mistake that she is and will remain a part of Northville. In fact, Kubitskey is from a family that has Northville roots four generations deep. She grew up right across the street from Northville Downs, where her father once raced horses.

“I hope I do great things in Westland, but that won't

be my career. This was my career,” she said.

And what a career it was. According to her boss, Northville Township Manager Chip Snider, township residents owe a lot to Kubitskey. He credits her with always doing her homework and providing the township board and his administration with sound financial advice.

“Thelma's strength has always been giving us good advice when we have had to make difficult financial decisions,” he said.

“She did everything I ever asked of her,” Snider continued. “I think she always understood her role was to serve the township board, but also serve internal staff. Sometimes that is a tough row to hoe.”

Snider points to major township acquisitions during her tenure, including the Northville Psychiatric Hospital and Scott Corrections site. Perhaps her most notable contribution, however, was getting the township through the recent economic downturn rather unscathed compared to other communities.

“She helped make decisions that will far outlive her time here,” Snider said.

Snider also noted Kubitskey's influence beyond Northville's borders. She

served six years as president of the Michigan Municipal Finance Officers Association, and is former president of the Wayne County Treasurer's Association.

Snider said he has just begun the process of finding a replacement in the finance department, though he isn't sure that person will hold the dual role of assistant manager. He hopes to have someone in place by the end of the year.

As she looks to the future, Kubitskey sees herself and her husband, Norm Kubitskey — a retired captain from the city of Northville's police department — spending winters in Arizona, and her summers in Northville (she actually lives in Novi, with a Northville mailing address). She is really looking forward to getting away from Michigan's winters.

But that doesn't mean she isn't sad to be leaving her colleagues, and a career that was very rewarding.

“This township has kind of watched me grow up,” Kubitskey said. “All the people I've worked with over the years have helped me be the person I am and who I wanted to be. I love Northville.”

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Local student takes life-altering journey into filmmaking

By Jill Halpin
Correspondent

When Justin Haight received the invitation in 2011 to take part in award-winning filmmaker Hunter Weeks's latest project in Montana, the 23-year old Novi resident said "yes" before he even knew what the project was all about.

"I didn't know anything about the project; I just knew that it was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to work with an amazing film director and if I didn't do it, I would always regret it," said Haight, an aspiring filmmaker, currently working toward a degree in computer science at Schoolcraft.

"I was familiar with (Weeks's) films and really admire the way that Hunter is able to capture the essence of America. This was a chance to learn from one of the best," he added.

As it turned out, Weeks's "project" was a full-length documentary film titled *Where the Yellowstone Goes*, and follows a 30-day drift boat excursion down the longest undammed river in the contiguous United States.

The movie, scheduled for a free public screening at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 18, in the Schoolcraft College VisTaTech Center in Livonia, paints intimate portraits of local residents in the cities and dusty towns along the Yellowstone River.

The experience provided Haight with some solid footing on his journey to becoming a filmmaker. He was given an asso-



Schoolcraft student Justin Haight worked on a film that will soon be screened at his school.

ciate producer credit for the film.

In addition to illustrating the history and controversies surrounding the longest undammed river in the lower 48 states, the film provided Haight with a life-changing experience he will never forget.

"I learned so much from working on this film with Hunter. It truly was an amazing experience — from the people that I met on the set to the people we encountered living along the river while we were actually making the film. I will just never forget it," said Haight, who spent almost two months traveling with the film crew out west as they filmed their experiences.

For Haight, the journey into filmmaking actually began when he was growing up. After viewing the

photographs he took during family vacations, his parents Susan and Marcus designated him the official "family photographer."

"When I was younger, I just used a point and shoot camera, but there was something about catching life on film. It adds a whole other dimension and I really liked it," Haight said.

A 2007 graduate of Hartland High School, Haight was in his junior year when he started thinking about colleges and careers. Working as a member of the high school yearbook staff, he enjoyed the chance to capture images.

His "eye" for selecting quality photographs was noticed by a teacher who encouraged him to pursue his talents. Haight is clearly a man of action.

Once his career decision was made, he did not waste time.

Familiar with the work of a variety of filmmakers, he quickly took matters into his own hands, contacting various directors to ask for guidance and advice through email and Facebook.

"I pretty driven," Haight said. "I wasn't sure if I really needed a degree in film to be successful and wanted to get their opinions."

He ultimately decided on pursuing a degree in computer science at Schoolcraft College in Livonia — as a "backup plan" — while continuing to hone his filmmaking skills.

Big break

Haight continued to correspond infrequently with Weeks and, in 2011, sent him an email message "out of the blue, just to see if he was working on any new projects," he said.

The response from Weeks was fast, he said.

"He said if I could get out to Montana in two weeks, I could work on the film," Haight said.

The rest is history — captured on film, of course.

Riding along the Yellowstone River in a support vehicle as part of a seven-member film crew, Haight spent six weeks learning the ins and outs of filmmaking.

"I did everything from data management to blogging about our experiences to help set up our camps. He also let me do some touch-up editing," he said.

Kind characters

The people Haight met living along the river made a big impression, he said, and made for some memorable experiences.

"The people that we met, randomly, as we traveled down the river really touched me," he said. "Montanans are unbelievably friendly. They just open their homes to you and welcome you in."

Haight recalled two brothers fishing along the Yellowstone.

"It was September 11, 2011, and they invited the whole film crew back to their home to eat the fish they had just caught in the river," he said.

He also recalls a memorable encounter the crew had with two sisters, known throughout their region as "The Cake Ladies" for their mouthwatering delicious angel food cakes.

"These two women are at least 80 or 90 and get up every morning at 4 a.m. and make angel food cakes from a secret recipe," he said. "People all around the area know about their cakes and although they do not sell the cakes, they do donate them to charity auctions, which are able to get a lot of money for them."

The ladies, who appear in the film, have lived along the banks of the Yellowstone River their entire lives.

"Lewis and Clark made their canoes from trees on the property these women now own," he said.

In addition to developing a deep appreciation for the people and beau-

tiful landscapes of Montana, the experience also provided Haight with insight into the unique aspects of translating real life onto film, something he hopes to do in future ventures.

"The documentary aspect allows you to catch the true person in their element — it's almost like capturing reality," he said. "I was so fortunate to work with such an esteemed filmmaker. Just being able to have him mentor me through the filmmaking process has opened my eyes to a whole different world."

Mutual admiration

Weeks has an equally high opinion of Haight and said he that he is sure that Haight's energy will serve him well on his path to filmmaking.

"Justin is one of those people you only come across every so often," Weeks said. "He's filled with a charge that if used right can change the world. He's been a huge factor in helping create the story we all set out to make last summer on the Yellowstone River. I look forward to seeing Justin navigate the channels of life, work and maybe some more rivers in the future when we make another river film or two."

Now back home, Haight is looking forward to the screening of the film at Schoolcraft.

"I'm looking forward to the chance to share this with the community," he said, "I did not have any experience and he took a chance on me, and I am grateful."

NORTHVILLE SCHOOL BRIEFS

Fall concerts

The Northville High School choirs will perform a fall concert at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 23 and 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 24 at the NHS auditorium (45700 Six Mile Road, Northville). All NHS choirs will celebrate the diverse music of Broadway, film, opera and other stages.

Tickets for assigned seating are \$7 and available at NHS box office 2:15-3 p.m. Monday-Friday. Tickets can also be reserved by emailing choir director Mary Kay Pryce at prycema@northville.k12.mi.us or calling the NHS main

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NHS fall clean up

The Northville High School's annual Fall Clean Up will take place from noon to 2 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 21. Volunteers will be doing some general grounds clean-up and care. Bring your work gloves, shovel, rakes and wheelbarrows and help out with this great activity to keep the High School looking great.

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Bush	2001-05	10,587.59	10,471.47	-1%
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SCHOOL BOARD Q&A

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. Last week we ran the answers of Roland Hwang, Cyndy Jankowski and Mickey Barret. This week we are running Adam Phelps and Matt Wilk.

MATTHEW J. WILK

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

Wilk: The biggest issue for the school year will be continuing budget difficulties, especially in light of the renewal of our educators' contract. The district faces two countervailing goals. First, we must remain financially solvent. For the 2012-13 school year, the district is operating at a structural budget deficit of approximately \$1.2 million. That is clearly unsustainable, for a school district, a family, or any other organization. On the other hand, class sizes, especially in the middle school, are larger than we would like.

So the District and we members of the Board are challenged with coming up a solution for both. With my experience in similar financial situations, where businesses have to decide where to cut and still remain viable, the budget is constantly being reviewed by me and other members of the Board for opportunities to focus away from ancillary goals, and toward our core business — educating our children. Finally, we need to improve the technology in the schools to keep pace in this fast-paced era of education; the technology bond, which I support, will help us accomplish that.

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

Wilk: Yes, wholeheartedly. The district's technology resources are sorely lacking. More than one parent has approached me, moving from outside the district or the state, and indicated how surprised they are that the Northville Public Schools has so little technology available. That can be rectified, and the bond provides a way to solve the problem without removing teachers from the classroom. Importantly, the technology bond replaces a retiring sinking fund. Put differently, there will be no tax increase as a result of this bond. I ask voters to please vote YES on the technology bond.

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

Wilk: Not at present. We currently ask our parents to provide supplies, computers in some instances, and to pay for after-school activities. The current funding structure from Lansing is fundamentally flawed, and happily, the governor is

UP CLOSE

• Age: 39
• Spouse: (name, how long you've been married): Married to Kim Wilk for 10 years
• Children: Mark and Elizabeth, 5-year-old twins
• Residency: Lived in Northville since 2003, resident of Michigan for 33 years
• Community involvement (within the last two years): I am involved with various civic affairs, including most recently, the Pelotonia, a 100-mile bike ride to raise money for cancer research. I was also recently a lead teacher at "JA in a Day" at the Bradford Academy in Southfield. In addition, my ethical obligations as an attorney encourage pro bono representation of clients, and opportunities have been unfortunately plentiful in this economy. I have raised money for both the United Way and the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, as my wife is unfortunately afflicted with that disease. I recently donated my time as a judge of the Moot Court at the University of Michigan Law School.
• Related Experience: Private law practice, D'Ancona & Pflaum, 1997-2001. Vice President, Builders Bank, 2001-2003. Senior Vice President, Citizens Republic Bank, 2003-2008. Senior Vice President, Milestone Realty Services, 2008-2009. Vice President, Flagstar Bank, 2009. Vice President, Huntington Bank, 2009-present.
• Profession: Attorney
• Education: Graduate, Sterling Heights High School, 1990, Summa Cum Laude. Artium Baccalaureus (Bachelor of Arts), University of Michigan - Ann Arbor, 1994, with distinction. Juris Doctor, University of Michigan, 1997.



Adam Wilk

approaching this issue head on with a rewrite of the Michigan Education Finance Act of 2013. As an example, the tax base of the Northville Public School district increased 2.75 percent between 2010 and 2011. Yet our foundation grant, which funds operations, shrank. This provides all the wrong incentives for districts that plan

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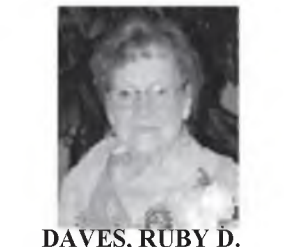
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DANNER RICHARD LEE "DICK"

Age 82, of Milford, passed away in the care of his family October 9, 2012. Preceded in death by Frances, his beloved wife for over 50 years. Survived by his children David (Dawn) Danner, Jeff (Kris) Danner, and Leighann (John Goodchild) Danner; grandchildren Samantha, Heather, Jennifer, Karen, Stephen, Lila, and Ian; also extended family and friends. Memorial services were held privately. Contributions encouraged to: Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America, 40550 Grand River Ave., Novi, MI 48375. For further information, phone Lynch & Sons, Milford at 248.684.6645 or visit: LynchFuneralDirectors.com



DAVES, RUBY D.

Age 94, of South Lyon, passed away peacefully October 14, 2012. She was born July 30, 1918 in Blue Ridge, Georgia to Jonah and Maebelle (nee Turner) Pittman. She was united in marriage to Bryan A. Daves on October 24, 1936; and they spent 43 loving years together until his death in 1980. Ruby was a very devoted wife, mother, and grandmother. She loved to sew and was a very talented seamstress; she made clothing for her children and help with many alterations. She also enjoyed quilting. She was an amazing southern cook; some of the favorites were cookies, cornbread, green beans, and cobblers. Ruby loved music; she enjoyed playing the guitar and banjo and was and excellent harmony singer. She is survived by her loving children, Barbara (the late Richard) Workman, Douglas (Jean) Daves, David (Hanna) Daves, Doris (Lowell) Doepker, Joseph (Trish) Daves, and Randall Daves; her sister Ruth Jones; 20 grandchildren; 32 great grandchildren; and 19 great-great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, her infant daughter Margaret Ann Daves, 2 brothers, and 1 sister. A funeral service was held Wednesday, October 17, 2012 at the Brighton Nazarene Church. She was laid to rest at New Hudson Cemetery. Memorial contributions would be appreciated to the Brighton Nazarene Church, 7669 Brighton Road, Brighton, MI 48116 or the South Lyon Senior Care and Rehab Center, 700 Reynold Sweet Parkway, South Lyon, MI 48178. Arrangements entrusted to Casterline Funeral Home.



EGAN, SUSAN (NEE BROWN)

Age 63, November 16, 1948 - October 12, 2012. Wife of the late Thomas. Beloved mother of Kathleen. Loving daughter of Dick and Bonnie Brown. Dear sister of Robert (Mary), Dona Schoenbeck (Rick) and Charles (Susie). Aunt of five nieces and one nephew. Visitation was held on Wednesday Oct. 17, 2 PM until time of service at 6 PM at O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home 41555 Grand River Avenue, Novi, 248-348-1800. Memorial donations may be made to the Make A Wish Foundation. Online sympathy messages at: obriensullivanfuneralhome.com.

EGAN, SUSAN
Nov. 16, 1948-Oct. 12, 2012
Online condolences
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HESTER, STANLEY J.

Age 84 and a long time resident of Milford, died in the care of his family at Town Commons in Howell on October 14, 2012. He was preceded in death by Trudy, his beloved wife of over forty-three years on December 12, 1997, and is survived by sons, Stephen (the late Lana) Hester of Pontiac, Thomas (Dorothy) Hester of NC, and John (Kris) Hester of South Lyon, his daughter, Marie (Mike) Anderson of Brighton, eight grandchildren and six great grandchildren. Mr. Hester taught Art and coached football in the Walled Lake School District for over thirty years, before his retirement in 1984. He was an active member of the Karls Family YMCA, the Milford Historical Society, and was a fixture in his favorite booth at Dimitri's Coney Island in Milford, where his art adorns the walls. A Funeral Service washeld at the White Lake Presbyterian Church, White Lake, on Wednesday, October 17, 2012. Burial followed in Milford Memorial Cemetery. Visitation washeld at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, Milford, on Tuesday. Memorials may be made in his name to Carls Family YMCA. For further information please phone 248-684-6645 or visit LynchFuneralDirectors.com

HOUGHTON, GLADYS L.
Age 76, died Oct. 12, 2012. Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon. www.phillipsfuneral.com

Marjorie Morgan
Sept. 21, 1932-October 9, 2012
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MIELKE, CAROL
Age 78, died Oct. 15, 2012. Visitation Oct. 17, 3-9 p.m. Funeral Oct. 18, at 11 a.m. at Phillips Funeral Home. phillipsfuneral.com

RICARD, PETER
Jan. 20, 1952-Oct. 9, 2012
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ZAYTI, JEFFREY P.

Age 45, lifelong resident of Northville, passed away October 14, 2012. He was born in Detroit, MI on March 14, 1967, son of Julius and Inge (nee Schmidt) Zayti. Jeffrey was a 1986 graduate of Northville High School. He was instrumental in the daily operations of Zayti Trucking for many years. Jeffrey loved spending time with his family. His true passions in life were flying helicopters and motocross racing. Jeffrey was very handy with tools; he could always fix what was broken and was a very creative builder. He is survived by his son, Justin Zayti-Rush; his mother, Inge Zayti; his siblings, Christina Zayti, Mark (Tonia) Zayti, Mike (Lori) Zayti, and Sherry (Dan) Roark; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, Julius J. Zayti and his brother Jimmy Zayti. Private family services will be held. The family would appreciate memorial contributions to his son, Justin Rush, to be used for his college education. Contributions may be mailed c/o Casterline Funeral Home, 122 W. Dunlap, Northville, MI 48167.



RUSSO, JOHN LOUIS, SR.

Age 75, passed away October 15, 2012. He was born on June 12, 1937, in Detroit, to the late Emanuel and Antanina (Valenti) Russo. He married Jacqueline Powers on June 21, 1958 in Detroit. He loved to golf and coached hockey when his children were young. He retired in 1999 from J.H. Bennett Co. of Novi as President/CEO. He moved to South Lyon in 2004 and was a member of St. James Catholic Church. John is survived by his loving wife, Jacqueline; his 3 sons: John Russo Jr., Daniel Russo, and Christopher Russo; 5 grandchildren: Nicole, Michelle, Amber, Nicholas, Ryan; 2 brothers: Paul Russo, Joe Russo; 2 sisters: Toni Molinari, Lena Sanders; and many nieces, nephews and loving friends. Visitation will be held on October 17, Wednesday, from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. and October 18, Thursday, from 2:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Phillips Funeral Home, 122 West Lake Street, South Lyon. A funeral mass will be held on October 19, Friday at 10:30 a.m. at St. James Catholic Church, 46325 Ten Mile Road, Novi. Memorial contributions may be made to Great Lakes Hospice Foundation, 900 Cooper Street, Jackson, MI 49202. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com

SALENIK, CYNTHIA MAE
Age 73, died October 3, 2012. Phillip's Funeral Home, South Lyon. www.phillipsfuneral.com

TUTTOILMONDO, AUDREY M.
86, of Northville, MI formerly of rural Rantoul, IL died 10/6/2012. www.casterlinefuneralhome.com



WOOD, REX L.

Age 88 of Highland Township and Avon Park, Florida, died on October 12, 2012. He was preceded in death by his wife, Donna Jean in 2009, and a grandson, Rex. He is survived by children, Pamela (Kim) Troyer, Cheryl (Doug) Phillips, Brian Wood, and Debra Steen; eight grandsons, two granddaughters, thirteen great grandchildren, his brothers and sisters, and many nieces, nephews and dear friends. Mr. Wood was a graduate of Alma College, U of M, and Michigan State University where he earned his Doctorate in Education. He taught in Edmore from 1948-53, served as Superintendent in Ellsworth from 1953-55 and in Weidman from 1955-59, lectured at MSU from 1959-60, and served as Deputy Superintendent of Oakland School from 1960 until his retirement in 1983. He was a proud member of Edmore Masonic Lodge #360. Memorial Services were held at Highland United Methodist Church, Highland, on Monday, October 15, 2012, with the Rev. James Kummer officiating. Memorials may be made in his name to the National Parkinson Foundation, Odyssey Hospice, or Highland United Methodist Church. For further information please phone 248-684-6645 or visit LynchFuneralDirectors.com

ADAM PHELPS

UP CLOSE

• Age: 36
• Spouse: Married to Tina Phelps for 11 years
• Children: Jason (7) and Jocelyn (5)
• Residency: Northville resident since 2005
• Community involvement (within the last two years): Silver Springs Dads Club, Northville Rec Youth Soccer coach, Gleaners Food Bank volunteer
• Related Experience: In addition to being a parent of two kids attending Northville Public Schools and being an active parent at their school, I have spent over a decade in my profession managing budget, personnel and policy administration.
• Profession: Purchasing manager at Ford Motor Company
• Education: MBA University of Pittsburgh, BA Pennsylvania State University
• Email: adam@vote Phelps.com
• Website: www.vote Phelps.com



Adam Phelps

larger class sizes.

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

Phelps: Yes, I support the technology bond for the following reasons:

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WILK

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properly and grow their communities. As the Board's Legislative Action Network's liaison, I will work with the State to correct the funding inequities.

Record: Why should voters support you for school board?

Wilk: I am interested in serving on the Board of Education to lend my financial and legal expertise, and experience within the educator community to help resolve the pressing challenges facing the district. In an era of decreased funding and increased demands on students, parents, educators

and administrators, continuous improvement must occur in order to provide what drew my wife and I to Northville in the first place — the exceptional school experience provided to our children. As the father of five-year-old twins, I am acutely aware of the parent's perspective, and will integrate those interests, and as the son of John Wilk, a 35-year educator in the Warren Consolidated Schools, and Anita Wilk, a 25-year educator in the Roseville Public Schools, I have experienced first-hand what our educators face every day, and can apply those experiences to improve and preserve the educational experience for all interested parties.

PHELPS

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doesn't pass, the district will have to pay for this investment from the general fund which would have a direct impact on the budget available to pay for teachers, facilities and other required services.

- The bond will not raise current tax levels.
- If I am elected to the school board, I would help the district spend the technology bond in the most efficient way possible. The leadership team would be held accountable for getting competitive prices and minimizing waste.

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

Phelps: Yes, there are other sources of funding available to the district in addition to state funding. Club fundraising has supplemented the central budget and there may be additional partnership opportunities available with local and regional businesses. The district is going to have to pursue creative solutions to stay financially healthy and keep our school district among the best in Michigan.

Record: Why should voters support you for school board?

Phelps: Voters should support my election to

the school board because I am a parent who will listen to other parents. My commitment is to make sure our residents and teachers have a voice on the board and their interests are given full consideration with every decision made. In addition, we cannot continue to grow class sizes and my number one priority will be to improve teacher/student ratios. My kids will be in this school district for the next 10-plus years and I am committed to making sure all of our kids get the best experience possible to prepare them for bright futures.

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Autumn tranquility at Maybury Farm

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In Caroline’s (Center Street) garden

Longtime Northville artist captures town’s history one painting at a time

By Jessica Hatchigan
Correspondent

It is never winter in Caroline Dunphy’s shop.

The walls of Painter’s Place at 140 North Center Street in downtown Northville, are almost always abloom with oils and watercolors of roses and iris, two of her favorite flowers. Stacks of the original prints she has created feature Northville’s Flower Days, the town clock surrounded by downtown’s signature pink rosebushes, and Northville homes beautifully landscaped with blooms.

Along with oil portraits of individuals, paintings of flowers and of homes are this Northville artist’s special areas of interest and expertise.

Dunphy has visited Monet’s Garden in Giverny, France nine times. The garden, which inspired many of Claude Monet’s most famous works, also serves as inspiration for Dunphy.

“I would return from each trip,” she says, “complete 50 paintings, and hold a show.” The shows were always well received and resulted in strong sales for the artist. “I can recall the garden in every season,” she

says, “except winter.”

Homes also delight Dunphy. Years ago, a client commissioned her to paint all of the homes in which his family had lived — in an 18-inch by five-foot-wide painting, with each house appearing as if on the same street, side by side.

The end result was so pleasing — a five foot long panorama of family history and memories — that other clients commissioned similar works.

“Each set of homes creates a unique painting,” Dunphy said. The paintings are a source of family pride.

One family’s home history is particularly striking, a visual tale of upward mobility. The family had lived in five homes. The last of these, its current residence, is a palatial red brick mansion. The first home in the painting is a very modest pre-fab trailer home.

“They insisted I include it,” Dunphy says with a smile.

Painter’s Place, next to Rebecca’s in downtown Northville has been Dunphy’s personal studio, gallery and salesroom for more than 30 years. She displays her watercolors, oils, and pen and ink

drawings in the studio/shop, as well as a range of creations — from Northville-themed Christmas cards and ornaments, to notepaper, painted tiles, and specialized prints she has created at the request of the City of Northville, to mark occasions such as the 2005 50th anniversary of the city’s incorporation.

Dunphy, who raised two children, has painted all her life. “But when my youngest started school, I had time to paint seriously.”

Dunphy established her professional career as an artist by doing portraits in oil on commission for almost a decade. For the next seven years, she was one of 12 artists who partnered to create Gallery 12, located in Plymouth. When Gallery 12 closed, Dunphy signed on as a pen and ink teacher at Eve’s Art Forum, located over the Marquis Theatre in Northville. She went on to establish a studio at that location, but soon moved to her North Center Street location.

For several years, Dunphy taught classes from her North Center Street location.

“I often took students to Mill Race Village to paint,” she says.

Once, a duck ate her



palette paints while she was busy helping students. Before the painting session ended, she recalls, the same duck was depositing brilliantly pigmented droppings by the old mill stream. “The students couldn’t stop laughing.”

Many of Dunphy’s former students have progressed in their art. One now has her own studio in Indiana. Another works in the movie business in California.

Dunphy no longer holds group classes but continues to provide tutoring to individuals.

With her long tenure in Northville, Dunphy recalls Northville’s first Victorian Festival, held in

1988. It rained, she says. But that wasn’t the worst of it.

“I was dressed in my long Victorian skirt and a siren went off — a tornado warning,” Dunphy recalls. “We all had to go to the basement of the shop. And it wasn’t a modern basement, by any means. You had to set an antique drawbridge mechanism in motion to lower the stairs to allow

you access. The basement was windowless with a dirt floor — pretty grim.

“We asked ourselves how bad it could be outside. But we’d been right to take cover.”

When they emerged 20 minutes later, they found that a tornado had indeed touched down at Taft and 10 Mile.

Today, a tiny waterfall in the corner of the studio/shop punctuates the year-round sunny serenity of Painter’s Place where Dunphy continues to paint. Her industry ensures that the shop remains a small jewel box full of ever-changing treasures for visitors to enjoy.

Painter’s Place is located at 140 North Center Street in downtown Northville. Hours are noon to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday; and Monday, Friday-Sunday by appointment. For more information, contact her at (248) 348-9544.

Northville author Jessica Hatchigan specializes in writing family and company histories. Visit her website at PersonalHistorianPlace.com. She can be reached at (248) 773-5198 or jessica@hatchigan.com.

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Even in a troubled economy, credit unions are well-capitalized

and have almost \$190 billion for consumers to borrow while many other lenders are tightening their lines of credit. Credit unions offer great rates on auto loans, mortgage loans and more, and haven't engaged in the types of dangerous lending practices that have resulted in many other financial institutions requiring bailouts at taxpayers' expense. You also know that your deposits are safe, as the National Credit Union Share Insurance Fund, administered by the National Credit Union Administration, insures deposits of all credit union members up to \$250,000.

It's easier than ever to join a credit union. There are 327 federal and state-chartered credit unions across Michigan, and while some credit unions serve groups that share a profession or a specific place they live or worship, many credit unions now are open to all local consumers through a community charter.

Credit unions are also embedded in the communities they serve and have a social mission of improving their members' quality of life. Through financial education and a wide variety of charity work, credit unions are active in supporting and starting community initia-



tives to bring assistance to those in need, while helping people learn to support themselves financially.

Credit unions do these things not because they are mandated to do so by law, but because it's the right thing to do — an inherent part of their existence. Community involvement is a perfect fit with the credit union philosophy of "People Helping People."

The credit union community is also working to push the Michigan and national economies forward through programs like "Invest in America," which offers discounts for credit union members on American-made products. "Invest

in America" has been rolled out nationwide and helped facilitate the sale of more than 250,000 vehicles produced by GM and Chrysler.

Visit www.lovemycreditunion.org to find a credit union in your area and learn more about what credit unions are doing to help consumers, as well as the "Invest in America" program. Credit union members enjoy better value and superior service, as well as the opportunity to participate in the governance of the credit union as a member-owner, and do business with a socially and fiscally responsible institution that is embedded in its community.

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Sound money management skills are a big part of a safe and successful financial future. Part of the credit union mission is to educate people of all ages on the basics of saving, budgeting and borrowing, so that consumers are well-prepared for each stage of their lives.

There is no better time to learn these lessons than during early development, which is why credit unions have made a large investment in classroom outreach. According to data from the National Youth Involvement Board, Michigan credit unions reached more than 48,000 students with 1,800 financial education presentations over the past year, capping a complete decade that Michigan has led the country in school involvement. Some of these were cooperative efforts through the Michigan Credit Union League's "Financial Literacy Legislative Challenge," in which lawmakers partnered with credit unions to teach students about important

Credit Unions Offer Members Financial Education Resources

financial topics.

Michigan credit unions also have more than 350 student-run branches at the elementary, middle and high school level that give youth and young adults hands-on experience with financial transactions. Students are able to open savings accounts and manage the branch's operations themselves, not only learning good money management habits, but also putting their own skills to practice. Giving young people this experience can instill lifelong financial values and a basic understanding of how banking works.

Credit unions take part in financial education outreach year-round, but also celebrate April as Financial Literacy Month. Working closely with the Federal Reserve initiative "Money Smart Week," credit unions offer a flurry of classes, seminars and classroom presentations during the third full week in April, and work to raise awareness of the importance of financial literacy to lawmakers and the public.

Through seminars and one-on-one counseling, credit unions work closely with adults on a number of important topics vital for financial well-being. Credit

unions often partner with other nonprofit organizations to offer expertise and assistance to as many consumers as possible — including unbanked populations in underserved areas. Most recently, the Michigan Credit Union League and several partners created www.RightAtHomeAnswers.org so that credit unions can work with members on the home buying process and how to avoid foreclosure when times are tight.

Financial education goes hand-in-hand with the credit union philosophy of "People Helping People." Credit unions exist not only to provide a trustworthy depository institution that is member-owned, but also to help consumers avoid the financial pitfalls that have many Americans deep in debt or facing the potential loss of their home or vehicle.

By working to educate their members and other Michigan residents, credit unions are helping to arm consumers with the money management skills they need in a tough economy, from college to a first home to retirement. For financial education resources, visit www.lovemycreditunion.org.

New Small Business Laws

In a landmark move for the credit union industry, the Michigan Commissioner of Financial and Insurance Regulation has signed an order authorizing credit union service organizations (CUSOs) to provide small business equity investments to Michigan credit unions and their members.

"This is an unprecedented step forward for credit unions," David Adams, CEO of the Michigan Credit Union League & Affiliates said. "Business investing authority has tremendous potential benefits to credit unions and to the small business community at large. It is further proof that there is nothing small about the credit union commitment to supporting small businesses. MCUL and CUcorp plan to work aggressively with our credit union community on a structure and business plan that will take advantage of this new opportunity. CUcorp is well positioned to facilitate this."

In his ruling, Commissioner R. Kevin Clinton noted that based on a review of applicable laws, and with all consideration of safety and soundness, "It is necessary and proper for CUSOs to offer small business equity and venture capital investment administration and related services to its member credit unions and their respective members."

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Church's annual Bizarre Bazaar to help women in Third World

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

The First United Methodist Church of Northville will hold its fifth annual Bizarre Bazaar 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20, at the church, located at Eight Mile and Taft roads.

Women in the congregation, from Northville, Novi and neighboring communities, are using the event to reach out to Third World women, helping them to support their families.

"It's just part of our mission group," said chairwoman Norma Kwek of Novi, who's heading up the event for the first time this year. Women from nearby South Lyon and Livonia are also among those involved.

The event raises money for the Foundation for International Community Assistance (www.fica.org), which has existed for 25 years.

"Their premise is credit not charity is the way to bring people out of poverty," said Kwek, who's retired from Comerica securities.

The organization provides micro loans, mostly to women. The loans buy such things as seeds or



Members of the First United Methodist Church of Northville's annual Bizarre Bazaar committee include (back row from left) Judy Poole, Lee Green, Beth Bentley, Sandy Steffke, (front row from left) Connie Qualman, Jan Hotkiss, Norma Kwek, and Karen Demeo.

fabric, which the recipients use in business. Village Banking opens micro banks in Third World countries so that people can borrow mon-

ey to start their own business. Families who receive these loans can then afford health care, nutritious food, better housing and are able to

send their children to school. The Northville congregation has raised to date more than \$60,000 for FINCA, funding 12 banks,

three in Afghanistan, one each in El Salvador, Malawi, and Tajikistan, two in Zambia and four in Haiti. The organization usually asks for help where the need's greatest, Kwek said, with the church women choosing recipients and getting reports on the banks.

"We're quite proud of that," she said of the local total. "We get great support from the community and our parishioners."

The church Men's Club will again serve breakfast on Oct. 20 for donations. There will be a tasty lunch including homemade chili and pizza.

The event will feature more than 50 vendors, along with attic treasures, door prizes and vendor drawings.

"We have a variety of diverse vendors," said Kwek, adding you can check out the event by its name on Facebook where it has a page.

"We have a great group," she said, noting the lunch, bake sale and other elements have gotten easier each year. Planning begins in January.

"It's a yearlong process," Kwek said of the core group of about 12 women involved.

There's also more information on the church website, www.fumcnorthville.org. It has a link to the Bizarre Bazaar.

"The church and the community have just been very supportive in our efforts to help these people," she concluded. "It's just a great feeling."

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OUR VIEWS

Tech bond deserves support

You hear it time and again — one of the main reasons families move to the Northville community is for the school district. Most parents in the district love the schools. And in fact, the district continues to grow, adding new students every year — including this year — something that isn't the case with a lot of nearby districts.

However, if there is one deficiency in the district, it is the technology in the classrooms. Parents who pay attention know it. Teachers in the classrooms know it. And the administration and school board admits it. That's why the technology bond proposal on the Nov. 6 ballot is so essential.

The reality is many surrounding school districts are light years ahead of Northville schools when it comes to technology in the classrooms.

If approved, the \$20.87 million bond would replace aging technology with interactive classroom technology to meet the needs of all students at all levels and abilities. Teachers will be able to utilize the most up-to-date technology, including SMART Boards — interactive whiteboards — in each classroom. These boards combine the simplicity of the traditional whiteboard with the power of a computer, and allow teachers to deliver dynamic lessons, write notes in digital ink and save work — all with the touch of a finger.

Perhaps the best part of this proposal is the fact it will not cost taxpayers anything more than they are paying now. According to school officials, the district would maintain the current 4.3-mill rate currently paid by taxpayers through the 2019 tax year. That's because the district has essentially refinanced some of its debt at lower rates.

It is up to voters to maintain their investment in this school district. It is a no-brainer for the families who have students attending school. However, it is also important for those who don't have children, because a healthy, desirable school district increases home values throughout the community. Good schools benefit everyone.

Voters should approve the technology bond when they head to the polls Nov. 6, and make sure Northville children have the best educational opportunities available.

Re-elect Rep. Heise

Voters should give **Kurt Heise** a second term representing the 20th State House District when they go to the polls on Nov. 6.

Heise, elected in 2010, has accomplished much in his first two years.

He's written legislation that would make it illegal to annex developed townships in Wayne County, effectively ending the threat of annexation to Northville, Plymouth and Canton townships. His House Bill 4112 creates a regional authority to operate the Detroit Water and Sewerage system (although the systems problems are more likely to be solved in court).

He's written legislation that would return half of the Wayne County parks millage back to communities, and has written legislation dealing with, among other things, court reform, judicial reductions, moving school board elections to even-year Novembers, selling the Robert Scott Prison and freeing up drug forfeiture money for police budgets.

While he supported repeal of the Michigan Business Tax and its surcharge and the emergency manager law, Heise also opposed Snyder's K-12 education budgets, which cut some \$470 per pupil from public school funding.

Heise serves as vice-chair of the House Judiciary Committee and is a member of the House Education Committee and the Committee on Children, Families and Seniors.

Democrat challenger Tim Roraback, also of Plymouth, is a viable, worthy candidate in his own right. He has a strong knowledge of issues facing the state. He disagrees with Heise on nearly everything, however, he makes his points in a strong, coherent fashion.

Roraback has worked hard to get his message out, and impressed observers from both parties with his performance in the League of Women Voters candidate forum earlier this month in Canton.

But **Kurt Heise** has established himself with his performance during his first two years, and we believe that should translate into a second term when voters cast their ballots Nov. 6.

LETTERS

Vote 'yes' on bond

As the parent of two Northville High School graduates (Classes of 2008 and 2012), I am encouraged to see the Northville Public Schools' technology bond on the Nov. 6 ballot, and strongly encourage residents to vote YES on this critical issue.

The Northville Public Schools provided my children with an exemplary education that allowed them to succeed in college and beyond. Nevertheless, the one deficiency in their educational experience was in the technology arena. This was most evident at the middle and high school levels, where many systems had long exceeded their effectiveness or become obsolete. The Technology Needs Assessment undertaken by district staff and the consulting firm, Wright & Hunter, illustrates the status of Northville's technology systems and suggests improvements that will provide more effective and interactive learning tools for all of the district's students (the summary is available on the district's website at www.northville.k12.mi.us).

Technology is a tool. Today's students cannot compete without the right tools to help them gain needed skills in a vastly changing world. Supporting the technology bond on Nov. 6 will provide Northville students with much-needed and long overdue technology improvements to enhance learning.

Though my children will not experience the benefits of improved technology from this bond issue, its impact on today's students and those in years to come will be a benefit to all in the Northville community. The excellence of Northville Public Schools is one of our community's greatest assets.

Please support the district's technology bond proposal on Nov. 6 to maintain that excellence.

Micheie M. Fecht
Northville

Vote 'no' on Prop 3

I ask everyone to vote against Proposal 3 on the Nov. 6 ballot, the one that sets a high limit of "clean" energy by the year 2025. Without discussing the pros and cons of the windmill/solar panel systems, we simply should not tie the hands of the 2025 lawmakers who should be able to make decisions based on 2025 needs, not 2012 wishes.

This requirement should not be a part of our state constitution, since the reality of 2025 might require greater emphasis on more reliable (and less expensive) traditional energy producers. If future legislators believe that more dependence on expensive and unreliable energy sources are the way to go, I'm sure they'll make it so.

Today, according to the Citizens' Task Force On Wind Power, Denmark has abandoned its North Sea offshore wind farms as being too expensive and not providing enough power and Germany has approved a new coal-burning power plant for construction to meet their energy needs. We don't know now if Michigan may or may not arrive at these same conclusions. Let the lawmakers in 2025 decide.

Definitely, vote no on Proposition 3.

John Colling
Northville Township

Phelps deserved endorsement

I am very disappointed that the *Northville Record* chose not to endorse Adam Phelps for school board. If you truly understood the current makeup of the board and what the parents in Northville really need, Adam is the only candidate you would have endorsed.

Parents are starving for school board members with enough backbone to genuinely represent our views and not merely rubber stamp the superintendent's agenda. We need leaders, not followers, on the school board. Adam Phelps is that leader.

It is unfortunate that you dismissed Adam so quickly before your readers had the opportunity

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

We welcome your Letter to the Editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification. Letters should be 400 words or less. We may edit for clarity, space and content. The Record will not publish letters raising new issues related to the November election in the Nov. 1 paper. Submit letters via the following formats.
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to view his candidate profile that was not printed until this week. Adam is a parent "in the trenches" who is intelligent and acutely aware of the numerous issues facing our district. He will not sit quietly at board meetings, rather he will be a real and loyal voice for parents.

As an active parent at Silver Springs Elementary, I urge all parents in Northville to cast their vote for Adam Phelps. His courage and compassion are exactly what we need on the school board right now.

Marty Testasecca
Northville

Nowhere Bentivolio

I attended the League of Women Voters election forum for the candidates for the 11th Congressional District in Plymouth. Noticeably absent was Kerry Bentivolio. I had been advised in advance that it was almost certain that he would not be present. I find it quite disturbing that this candidate chooses not to engage in debates, appear at town hall meetings, public forums or other open events. It appears his strategy is to stay off the radar, and out of the public and just hope all the Republicans will go fill in the box and vote for him.

We only need to task our short memory to recall the embarrassment and cost to the citizens or the 11th District caused by our last Republican representative, Thaddeus McCotter. He as well was known as an official who was remote, distant, aloof, and detached from his constituents; who rarely held office hours, appeared in public or made himself available to the citizens who elected him. He was clearly more interested in playing his guitar and appearing on TV talk shows than performing the most basic fundamental of getting sufficient signatures to get on the ballot.

The congressional seat for the 11th District is probably the most important position on the local ballots. Whoever is elected will represent 700,000 citizens in Congress. America has complex problems. An economy that is not growing fast enough or creating enough jobs; massive trade and budget deficits; decreasing tax revenues while the cost of health care and entitlements are skyrocketing; falling educational achievement with rising threats of terrorism. One would think that under these circumstances we would want the most educated, most experienced, most accomplished, most competent individual to represent us.

I personally know Dr. Syed Taj. As a physician practicing internal medicine and then as the medical director of Oakwood Hospital, he relates that for over 30 years he was daily presented with complex problems and illnesses; did examinations and tests to lead to a diagnosis, then developed a plan to resolve and cure the problems. He advanced to the position of

overseeing 400 doctors. As a politician, he served successfully and compatibly as the only Democrat on the Canton Board of Trustees. We should be honored and blessed to have such a candidate for the House.

On the other hand, we have Bentivolio. His positions and views are so extreme and radical that his own party rejected him and ran a write-in to try to keep him off the final ballot and regularly called him "Krazy Kerry." Maybe just once, we should forget about being a Republican or Democrat, and just vote for the best candidate: Dr. Taj.

Tom Hess
Northville

Vote for Heise

As a small business owner, I'm casting my vote for state Rep. Kurt Heise. I agree with Kurt that government doesn't create jobs, the private sector does. I have yet to hear an idea from Kurt's opponent, only negative and annoying robocalls that call for more government intervention in our lives — even having the government determine wages and benefits. I know how to create jobs, and Kurt gets it, too.

I'm a woman, a businessperson, and I'm voting for Kurt Heise on Nov. 6.

Juie Van Ameyde
Northville

Welcome to town

A big shout out and appreciation to Begonia Brothers for the fabulous skeletons all around town. You have given us all such a gift of creative fun by matching these whimsical characters with the various places of business. Welcome to downtown and thanks for your unique designs.

Mary Kay Pryce
Northville

No Walmart

In a recent edition of the *Record* you asked for suggestions for the prison property which the township now owns. I would like to suggest a Target store, but certainly not a Walmart.

Hank Lenox
Northville Township

No more subdivisions

I have a couple suggestions for possible uses for the old Scott Correctional property: Rite Aid, Meijer, or a Trader Joe's Fresh produce market like Randazzo's.

I feel the community would benefit by some new retail establishments or restaurants. No more parks or subdivisions.

Pauia Witt
Northville Township

Nichols is right for county

As a citizen of our great State of Michigan, I am frustrated by the lack of quality politicians supporting Wayne County. It's hard to find one that works for us, the public. It seems that most follow their donors' wants and desires. We desperately need a change, and I'm thinking that at least in the Wayne County commissioner's race, there's a fresh face with new ideas for our tax dollars. Susan Nichols is that candidate. An educated woman who is fed up with the establishment, and has her sights set on straightening out the convoluted path the present county commissioners have started down.

A lot of people get fed up, but it's the rare person who decides that if something is going to get done, maybe it's time that they should get out there and do something about it. Susan Nichols is that type of person. She has the education, the experience, is known and respected in the community, and is an active member in the Northville Democratic Club. I want her to have her chance to help direct the county's objectives while eliminating those expenses that are embarrassing to the citizens of the great County of Wayne.

Bob and Jane Bresini
Northville

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Prop 3: Establish standard for renewable energy

PRO: Immediate rate cut for DTE’s residential customers

CON: Say no to protect economic progress

By Hugh McDiarmid Jr.
Guest Columnist

Proposal 3, the “25 by 2025” plan on the Nov. 6 ballot, would result in an immediate rate reduction for residential customers of DTE Energy, long-term savings on utility bills and a healthier, more resilient system. The immediate savings is because Proposal 3 eliminates an unfair DTE rate structure that assesses homeowners 69 percent of the renewable energy surcharge even though they only use 36 percent of the electricity. This represents a savings of \$16 per year for each of DTE’s 1.9 million residential customers.



Hugh McDiarmid Jr.

Restoring fairness to DTE’s residential customers is the most immediate of numerous benefits Proposal 3 will generate. The plan would require that Michigan’s utilities generate one-quarter of their electricity from clean renewable sources by the year 2025. It is a path to a more secure energy future that engages and employs thousands of Michiganders, reduces our crippling reliance on expensive out-of-state fuels and protects the environment and public health. The proposal makes so much sense it has generated broad support from a growing and diverse chorus of important allies. But the utility companies are pouring millions of dollars into Michigan to confuse and scare voters with false and misleading claims. Do not be bullied. Do not be brainwashed. The utilities have a selfish interest in perpetuating the same dirty system that has relied primarily on coal to provide Michigan electricity for more than a century. DTE, the company that owns Detroit Edison, owns nine other companies that make money strictly from moving and processing coal. They own more than 8,500 railroad cars just to move coal. They get federal tax breaks for processing the coal, which allows them to make more than \$60 million a year. Coal may be good for their bottom line, but it is not good for Michigan families. Not for our households or businesses that bear the brunt of rising fuel costs. Not for children hospitalized with severe asthma conditions. Not for our inland lakes that have been poisoned by mercury from power plant smokestacks. It is not working for college stu-

dents in the emerging clean energy field who must leave Michigan to find a job. And it is not working for our economy. Coal — which fuels 70 percent of Detroit Edison’s electricity — is expensive and getting more so. The cost of coal delivered to Michigan has doubled since 2005. It is no coincidence that utility rates have soared during the same time period. All told, Michiganders spend \$1.5 billion annually to import coal from other states. By contrast, renewable energy in Michigan is coming online at a cost cheaper than even the most ardent proponents predicted in 2008, when our current standard — 10 percent by 2015 — was adopted. The Michigan Public Service Commission reports that “the cost of energy generated by renewable sources continues to decline and is cheaper than new coal-fired generation.” Affordable renewable energy is also fueling Michigan’s economy. More than 240 Michigan companies are engaged in the wind and solar supply chains alone, according to a report from the Environmental Law and Policy Center. A Michigan State University study showed that tens of thousands of jobs would be created by Proposal 3 in the construction, manufacturing and operations and maintenance of these facilities. The 25-percent standard would make Michigan competitive with dozens of other states that have renewable standards exceeding ours. And it would position Michigan to become a global leader in renewable energy. There are other ways it could be done. But our governor and state legislators — many of them firmly under the thumb of the utilities’ powerful Lansing lobbying machine — are not interested. So instead, voters will decide whether to amend the Michigan Constitution. It’s a process that has been successfully used more than 30 times since 1963, when we adopted the current version of our constitution. We’ve established policies including the minimum drinking age, tax policy, stem cell research, casino gambling and the Natural Resources Trust Fund. As the constitution states, “All political power is inherent in the people.” If our elected officials are not going to solve the big problems of today, it is up to us. Hugh McDiarmid Jr. is a Farmington resident and communications director with the Michigan Environmental Council.

By Steve Transeth
Guest Columnist

Only now is Michigan’s economy starting to recover from the worst recession America has experienced in decades. This is no time to hit Michigan families and businesses with unnecessary costs, especially for energy from sources that too often are unpredictable and unreliable.



Steve Transeth

And that’s precisely why Proposal 3 is the wrong idea at the wrong time for our state. You may think amending the state constitution to require 25 percent of the state’s electric supply to come from renewable sources such as wind, solar and biomass by 2025 sounds relatively harmless. Unfortunately, you would be wrong. Meeting that mandate would cost electric customers an estimated \$12 billion — that’s billion with a ‘B’ — driving up utility bills for years to come. That’s a staggering burden for working people, families and retirees and seniors on fixed incomes. I support the concept of generating more of Michigan’s electricity from renewable sources. But the price tag for Proposal 3 simply is too expensive. One analysis estimates that meeting Proposal 3 would require the addition of 4,000 to 5,000 megawatts of wind power capacity. That’s equivalent to roughly 3,100 wind turbines, requiring more than 780 square miles of Michigan land. Voters also should consider: • Michigan already has a reasonable, affordable 10-percent renewable energy goal. Consum-

ers Energy (5 percent) and DTE Energy (6 percent) both are on track to meet that mark, in large part because of the six wind farms they are developing separately. Our state should reach the 10-percent standard before reassessing its future energy needs. • The constitution is the wrong place for this mandate. No other state in the country has locked energy policy into its constitution and Michigan shouldn’t be the first. Locking energy policy into the constitution would eliminate the flexibility to meet unforeseen challenges in the state’s energy market and impede our ability to take advantage of emerging technologies. • Today, local communities set their zoning standards and ordinances to govern the development of wind farms and other renewable energy projects. If Proposal 3 is locked into the state constitution, such zoning laws could be challenged on constitutional grounds and potentially overturned, stripping local officials of their authority. Renewable energy is good for Michigan in the right places and in the right increments. Wind, biomass, solar and other renewables can contribute to a balanced energy portfolio, along with conventional sources, that will ensure our electricity remains affordable and reliable. But needlessly pouring billions of dollars into a 25-percent renewable energy requirement that would be locked in our constitution is a bad investment that won’t pay off. Voters should reject Proposal 3 because this costly constitutional energy mandate is bad for Michigan. Steve Transeth is a former Michigan Public Service commissioner and senior energy policy adviser to the Clean Affordable Renewable Energy for Michigan Coalition.

Prop 4: Constitutional amendment for home health care

PRO: Offers safeguards for home health care

CON: Forced unionization of home-based caregivers

By John Hoyie
Guest Columnist

Proposal 4 will strengthen safety, health and independence of persons with disabilities and those who are aging. Those who are aging or have a disability tell us that they want to stay in their own home instead of going to a nursing home or other institution. If that’s their choice, our priority is to ensure that they are safe and healthy in their own homes. On Election Day, voters across Michigan have an opportunity to help seniors and people with disabilities get safe, quality care in their own homes, by voting yes on Proposal 4. Also known as Keep Home Care a Safe Choice, Proposal 4 ensures our loved ones can direct their own care, while remaining independent and healthy in their own homes. Proposal 4 will help persons who need assistance to remain in their home get assistance from screened home care workers who help perform many tasks, from getting dressed to taking their medication. Proposal 4 establishes a registry that requires home care workers on it to undergo strict background checks, an important safeguard to prevent neglect and abuse. Proposal 4 directly impacts the care and safety of countless Michiganders, especially our most vulnerable citizens. Those of us who work directly with seniors and people with disabilities know first-hand what a real difference quality home care makes. When seniors and people with disabilities choose home care, they are happier and healthier. Home care allows our loved ones to live in familiar, comfortable surroundings near family, friends and their communities. By staying in their own homes, seniors and people with disabilities also avoid costly alternative settings, including nursing homes. Proposal 4 contains many important safeguards to protect seniors and people with disabilities. First, it establishes the Michigan Qual-

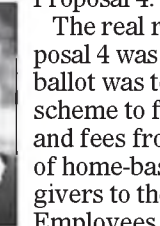


John Hoyie

ity Home Care Council, which would oversee a registry that links home care recipients with pre-screened home care providers in their area. Second, it requires home care providers on the registry undergo strict criminal background checks to ensure safety for seniors and people with disabilities. Third, it connects home care providers to critical job training so they can better care for seniors and persons with disabilities. Furthermore, Proposal 4 will save taxpayer dollars in avoided institutional costs, since home care is significantly less expensive to taxpayers than nursing homes, according to non-partisan studies by the AARP and the conservative Anderson Economic Group. In addition to promoting quality care, Proposal 4 and the registry it creates will also help keep our loved ones safe. By better screening home care workers, we can prevent abuses as well as exploitation, neglect and abandonment of seniors and people with disabilities. According to estimates by the Michigan Department of Human Services, about 14,000 elder abuse cases are reported on average each year. That’s why a diverse coalition of groups endorses Proposal 4 and urges Michigan citizens to vote yes. Michigan’s leading senior and disability rights groups, such as the Michigan Disability Rights Coalition, the Area Agencies on Aging Association of Michigan, Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America, the Arc Michigan and many more have endorsed Proposal 4. Faith leaders, veterans groups and many others also urge a yes vote on Proposal 4. And law enforcement leaders, local police chiefs and prosecutors across Michigan agree that Proposal 4 will promote better care and safety for loved ones. Proposal 4 promotes greater security, it gives those who need assistance more choices and it saves money for them and for taxpayers. Vote yes on Proposal 4 for the health, safety and peace of mind of those we care about. Dohn Hoyie is executive director of the Arc Michigan and co-chair of Citizens for Affordable Quality Home Care.

By Derk A. Wiicox
Guest Columnist

One of the biggest misconceptions about Proposal 4 is that it creates new programs that will assist the elderly and the disabled with independent living. It is on this basis that the proposed amendment to the Michigan Constitution is being sold to voters. An analysis of the proposal, however, reveals that this claim is untrue and so we have to look deeper to see the true motivation behind the promotion of Proposal 4. The real reason Proposal 4 was put on the ballot was to protect a scheme to funnel dues and fees from the pay of home-based caregivers to the Service Employees International Union. The amendment seeks to enshrine in the constitution a dues collection scheme that has already diverted \$32 million away from the caregivers, 75 percent of whom are family members caring for loved ones. Under the Home Help Program, which began in 1981, in-home caregivers had always been considered employees of the care recipients — up until 2005, that is. The care recipient chose the employee, directed the care and had the ability to replace the caregiver, if desired. In 2005, under the administration of Gov. Jennifer Granholm, a local government entity called the Michigan Quality Community Care Council was created and colluded with the SEIU to force tens of thousands of residents into a government union. These two entities claimed that the caregivers were public employees because all or part of their pay comes from public funds. (Given this line of reasoning, doctors who accept Medicaid or Medicare payments, or grocers who accept food stamps, could also be forced into such a union.) Michigan law, as well as federal law, had always excluded in-home caregivers from the definition of who is a public employee for the reason



Derek Wilcox

that the true employer was the one to whom the care was given, not the state. Nevertheless, the scheme moved forward with little to no public scrutiny. When the full extent of what had happened — and the amount of dues and fees that had been skimmed — became widely known, the public was outraged and the Legislature acted to put an end to the dues skim and prevent anything like it from happening in the future. Proposal 4 is an attempt to validate the dues skim and enshrine in the constitution the definition of a public employee that has already been rejected by the courts and the Legislature. The SEIU has already admitted that it is using the skimmed dues “during the upcoming election” to advocate for its position. Given the millions of dollars involved, the SEIU has a strong incentive to try to keep the skim going. Proposal 4 would only consider home-based caregivers to be public employees for the limited purpose of being represented by the SEIU or a subsequent union. It would not extend to caregivers the status of public employees in any other regard, including pensions, benefits or civil service protections. Proposal 4 would not grant the union the power to negotiate higher wages or improved work conditions, either. The actual language of the proposed amendment that does not appear on the ballot specifically states that the Legislature, through the appropriations process, determines the caregivers’ compensation, and since the work occurs in the care recipients’ homes, it cannot affect the working conditions either. The programs promised by Proposal 4, including a registry and background checks, have already been implemented and require no constitutional amendment to continue. The only facet of Proposal 4 that actually requires altering the constitution is the continuation of the dues skim that the Legislature has tried to stop. Derk A. Wiicox is senior attorney at the Mackinac Center for Public Policy, a research and educational institute headquartered in Midland. Access his policy brief on Proposal 4 at www.mackinac.org/17637.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE
NOTICE OF ELECTION
TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 6, 2012

To the qualified Electors of the Township of Northville, County of Wayne, notice is hereby given that a General Election will be held in the Township of Northville on **Tuesday, November 6, 2012** from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the purpose of electing the candidate(s) to the following offices:

President/Vice President of the United States
United States Senator
Representative in Congress – 11th District
Representative in Congress – 11th District – partial term ending 1/2/13
Representative in State Legislature – 20th District
Member of the State Board of Education
Regent of the University of Michigan
Trustee of Michigan State University
Governor of Wayne State University
County Prosecuting Attorney
County Sheriff, County Clerk, County Treasurer, County Register of Deeds
County Commissioner – 9th District
Charter Township of Northville Supervisor, Clerk, Treasurer.
Charter Township of Northville Trustees (4)
Justice of the Supreme Court
Justice of the Supreme Court – incumbent position
Judge of Court of Appeals – 1st District – incumbent position
Judge of the Circuit Court – 3rd Circuit – incumbent position
Judge of the Circuit Court – 3rd Circuit – non-incumbent position
Judge of the Circuit Court – 3rd Circuit – incumbent position
Judge of the Probate Court – incumbent position
Judge of the District Court – 35th District – incumbent position
Board Member – Northville Public School (excludes Precinct 7)
Board of Trustees – Schoolcraft Community College
Board of Trustees – Schoolcraft Community College – partial term ending 12/31/14
Board Member – Northville District Library

And to vote on the following Proposals:
State Proposal 12-1 – A referendum on Public Act 4 of 2011 – the emergency manager law.
State Proposal 12-2 – A proposal to amend the state constitution regarding collective bargaining.
State Proposal 12-3 – A proposal to amend the state constitution to establish a standard for renewable energy.
State Proposal 12-4 – A proposal to amend the state constitution to establish the Michigan quality home care council and provide collective bargaining for in-home care workers.
State Proposal 12-5 – A proposal to amend the state constitution to limit the enactment of new taxes by state government.
State Proposal 12-6 – A proposal to amend the state constitution regarding construction of international bridges and tunnels.
County Proposal – Form of the Wayne County budget and appropriation ordinance.
County Proposal – Independent external auditor.
County Proposal – Membership on the Wayne County retirement commission.
County Proposal – Removal of the Wayne County Executive from office by the Governor.
County Proposal – The Wayne County commission's power to approve compensation.
Local School District – Northville Public School bonding proposal (excludes Pct. 7)

STATEMENT AS REQUIRED BY ACT 278 OF PUBLIC ACTS OF 1964
Amending the Property Tax Limitation Act

1. Raymond J. Wojtowicz, Treasurer of Wayne County, Michigan, do hereby certify that, as of September 20, 2012 the total of all voted increases in excess of the tax rate limitation established by Section 6, Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Michigan, as amended, and the years such increases are effective on property in the County of Wayne are as follows:

Taxing Authorities	Date of Election	Voted Increases	Years Increase Effective
County of Wayne	11/02/2010	1 mill	2015
Wayne County Jail	08/07/2012	1 mill	2021
Wayne County Parks	11/02/2010	0.25 mills	2015
Wayne County Community College	11/06/2009	1.25 mills	2020
Northville Public Schools	November 2011	18 mills	2021*
	September 2004	.25 mills	2012*
	November 2005	3 mills	2012*
	May 2011	1 mill	2012

*Non-homestead only

The full text of the proposals and a "sample" of the General Election ballot are available at the Northville Township's Clerk's department and on the township's website: www.twn.northville.mi.us

You may register to vote at any Secretary of State Branch Office or county Clerk's office during their normal business hours or at the Township Clerk's office; Monday – Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Electors may also register to vote by mail by completing a Michigan Mail-In Voter Registration Application, (forms are available at the local Clerk's office or the Secretary of State's website www.michigan.gov/sos).

TOWNSHIP POLLING LOCATIONS:		
Precincts 1 & 15	Moraine Elementary	46811 Eight Mile Road
Precincts 2, 8, 9, 13	Silver Springs Elementary	19801 Silver Springs Dr.
Precincts 3 & 4	Northville High	45700 Six Mile Rd.
Precincts 7 & 12	Meads Mill Middle School	16700 Franklin Rd.
Precincts 6 & 11	Winchester Elementary	16141 Winchester Dr.
Precincts 10 & 14	Ridge Wood Elementary	49775 Six Mile Rd.
Precinct 5	Kings Mill Clubhouse	18120 Jamestown Circle

Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk
Charter Township of Northville

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Spooky tea

Halloween-themed event will benefit historical society

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Cady House Tea will be featured 6-8:30 p.m. at the Halloween Tea Sunday, Oct. 28, at Mill Race Historic Village in Northville.

"It gives people plenty of time to sit there and talk to their friends," said Pat Allen, a Northville Historical Society archives volunteer who heads up the fundraising committee. The benefit event has a ticket deadline of Oct. 22, but sales are brisk so you're encouraged to call the society at (248) 348-1845 as soon as possible.

Tickets are \$30, \$25 for NHS members.

Allen, a Northville Township resident, noted the tea is decaf.

"You can drink it night and day," she said. It will be served with tea sandwiches, scones and desserts, all on fine china and silverware.

"The more people who become aware of Mill Race Village the better," said Allen, adding the

store which sells tea and other items will be open shortly before the Oct. 28 tea. "That's how we keep the village going," she said of fundraisers.

Costumes for Halloween are encouraged, with judging for prizes by tea goers. "It'll be fun to see what they think up to wear," Allen said.

Information is also online at www.millracenorthville.org. Mill Race is at 215 Griswold.

"We have never done a Halloween Tea," Allen said, adding the Christmas Tea sold out in one day. Organizers aim for four teas a year, and will do a murder-mystery theme in February.

"I have fun doing it too," Allen said. "I like to show off the village to people who have never

been here before. That's our No. 1 goal."

There will be a medium Oct. 28 in the historic 1845 church. An e-mail blast goes out on the teas, Allen said, and response is quick.

"It's another way to fundraise for the village," said Jennifer Luikart of Northville, who works in the Mill Race office. "It's a way to get people in the village."

The teas accommodate around 70, Allen said.

"It is definitely not just about the kids" in Northville for Halloween, Luikart said. "It's a time to just have fun and celebrate the season. All of our trees are red and orange. They're gorgeous."

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HALLOWEEN TEA

- **When:** 6-8:30 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 28
- **Where:** Mill Race Historic Village in Northville
- **Tickets:** \$30 (\$25 for Northville Historical Society members)
- **More info:** To purchase tickets or to find out more, visit www.millracenorthville.org or call (248) 348-1845

Library offers online homework help service for students

Just in time for back to school homework help, Northville students can work in real time with an online tutor with Northville District Library's new online homework help service, HelpNow! from Brainfuse.

Kindergarten through college students can connect via online chat with a Brainfuse-certified tutor for general homework questions. Tutors are available daily from 2–11 p.m. and can be accessed through the Library's website. Brainfuse is one of the nation's leading online education providers and the library is offering the service to anyone with a valid Northville library card.

In addition to general homework tutoring help, students can practice and master core academic skills through state-aligned lessons, get feedback on written papers, practice sample tests (ACT, SAT, GED and more), and get help learning a foreign language.


Students can meet in a virtual meeting room for secure, online study sessions and collaborative projects. A

unique flashcard section features thousands of card sets and tools for students to create their own flashcards and study games. The 24/7 Center allows students to send a question and get expert help.

"We are very pleased to provide Brainfuse to the Northville community," said Julie Herrin, library director. "We selected Brainfuse as our online tutoring service since it offers such a wealth of educational resources, and is very easy to use. It is one of the ways the library helps meet the educational needs of the community. So far, we have had a positive response from school principals and teachers about this service."

Anyone with a valid Northville District Library card can access Brainfuse via the library's website at www.northvillelibrary.org. Call the library at (248) 349-3020 with any questions. The library is open Monday-Thursday 10 a.m.–9 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m.–5 p.m., and Sunday from 1–5 p.m.

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Leaving a mark

Alisa Zhavoronkova, 9, enjoys creating some colorful 'leaves' with some ink and one of her digits during the Northville District Library's Thumb-Print Art session for kids last month.

SOCIAL SECURITY

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

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In addition to practicing only Social Security disability law attorney Bieske has written a book for attorneys about the

subject and has been interviewed on various television programs. Both attorney Bieske and Alfonsi have also been interviewed on radio programs and have given speeches to many groups.

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

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

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Making the wreaths

Northville Garden Club members Carol Leroue (left) and Marjorie Faessler work together on tying some of the hundreds of red ribbon bows the organization is prepping for their annual holiday wreath sale. Last year the group grossed about \$18,000 in their sale and netted about \$6,000, which they used for scholarships for Northville High School and Schoolcraft College students. The effort took place on Oct. 8 at Mill Race Village. The Northville Garden Club meets monthly September through June at the Cady Inn. This is the 37th year the group is selling roping and wreaths to businesses and residents in the community. Their next meeting, a pine cone and bow workshop, begins at 10 a.m., Monday, Nov. 5. For more information, call Mimi Kibbey at (248) 348-2299.



Northville Garden Club members (from left) Colette Vance, Nachi Hirato, and Yoshi Muto work on tying up large pine cones to be used for the group's annual holiday wreath sale.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Books and beyond

Julie Herin will present the program “Books and Beyond: What Your Library Offers Today” at 1:30 p.m., Friday, Oct. 19 at Mill Race Village. For more information, call (248) 921-6892.

Heise coffee hours

State Rep. Kurt Heise is sponsoring coffee hours to give residents a convenient opportunity to meet with him locally. Heise will talk with residents from 7:30-9 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 19 at Panera Bread, located at 20140 Haggerty Road, just south of 8 Mile Road, in Northville. No appointment is necessary. Heise is also available to meet with constituents by appointment either in the district or at his Lansing office. Residents are invited to call toll free 1-855-REPKURT or e-mail kurtheise@house.mi.gov to schedule an appointment.

Voter information

The League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County is providing voters several opportunities to learn about their candidates in advance of election day on Nov. 6:

- Videos of the candidate forums for the 11th District Congressional race, held on Oct. 1, and for the election of the 20th District State Representative held on Sept. 24th, can be accessed on the League's website at www.lwvnnw.org.
- Non-partisan Voter Guides are now available in all of the public libraries. Local candidates are highlighted, as well as statewide candidates. Additionally, the Voter Guides include pro and con arguments on the state

ballot proposals.

- Those who wish to review their election information online, should visit www.Vote411.org. This web-based Voter Guide from the League of Women Voters will provide all of a voter's ballot races and proposals once a street address is typed in. The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan organization whose purpose is to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government. It never supports or opposes any candidate or political party.

Thayer's Corner work days

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.

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Home grown film

Northville High grad wears many hats in production

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

“Papou” is Greek for grandfather. It’s also the name of Michael Angelo Zervos’ upcoming film. Zervos, 24, is a Northville High School graduate who lives in Novi on the Northville line. “It is a film about a very imaginative young boy and his relationship with his grandfather,” said Zervos, co-producer, writer and director of “Papou” through his Mother and Midwife Pictures.

The story has autobiographical elements. “It is a family film. We’re pitching it as a family drama” with elements of comedy.

Demetri is the young boy, around 9, and his grandpa, Archie, is diagnosed with cancer at the film’s start.

“I’m only one of those people that likes to be behind the camera,” said Zervos. He’s excited about Emmy-nomi-



Michael Angelo Zervos of Novi is a Northville High School and Grand Valley State University graduate.

nated actor Basile being cast.

Filmmakers are in talks with others in Hollywood who are talented and will draw people to the film with their acting skills. “They are recognizable names,” Zervos said.

Zervos’ back yard is in Northville, the front in Novi. He studied at Grand Valley State University, graduating in

RAISING FUNDS

Michael Zervos says the budget for his film “Papou” is under \$200,000. He and the others will have 60 days to raise \$50,000 in film-making donations on www.kickstarter.com to help fund his movie, “Papou”. That site is popular with filmmakers and other artists who have projects, he said. If they don’t hit that total, they collect nothing. Additional information is online at www.motherandmidwife.com or on its Facebook pages, where updates are posted.

2012 with a B.B.A. and an additional major in film and video production.

His interest was piqued with a broadcasting class in high school, in which he interviewed



Michael Angelo Zervos is co-producer, writer and director of “Papou” through his Mother and Midwife Pictures.

World War II veterans on D-Day. He continued news broadcasting in high school and attended the University of Michigan one year before transferring to GVSU.

“I knew generally how to tell a story,” said Zervos, who then acquired specific skills. He worked for both Anonymous Content and Cimarron Group in Los Angeles, with work ranging from marketing, advertising to read-

ing scripts.

He’s glad to be back home in Michigan.

“I love this state, I absolutely love it. I wanted to make a movie. I saw a better opportunity in Michigan.”

Recent state film incentive talk led to a perception of a mass exodus of filmmakers, he said, but he finds the economic environment still solid.

“I think that it’s going to incentivize a lot of people to come back,”

Zervos said.

He has a co-producer and a composer for the all-original score. There’s a postproduction house, Kinetic Post, out of Southfield where the film will be edited.

Filmmakers are beginning casting, and he calls the cast “fairly large.” There are 40 people or so in addition to the two leads. Background and extras actors are also likely.

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Wish you were here

Reece Miller took along his Northville Record on a recent trip with his parents and grandparents to Empire in northern Michigan. Reece is standing on the beach of Lake Michigan just outside of a small lighthouse in Empire. “The colors were fabulous,” said his grandmother Carol Thompson of Northville. The next time you go on vacation, take along your Record, snap a photo and e-mail it to Editor Kurt Kuban at kkuban@hometownlife.com.



Residents ‘shred’ 2.5 tons

Workers help unload documents from one of the 197 vehicles that lined up for the second Shred-It event organized by the Northville Township Beautification Commission Sept. 22. Motorists were able to have sensitive documents, including checks and bills, shredded on site for \$3 for the first six bags. Each of the two Shred-It trucks was able to process 2.5 tons of papers. “This shredded paper is sold to other companies. What could have been waste material now becomes a saleable commodity,” said Northville Township Clerk Sue Hillebrand, a Beautification Commission member.

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Chargers romp over Northville

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

Livonia Churchill football coach John Filiatraut said he wanted his team to “come out fast” in Friday’s KLAA Kensington championship game at Northville.

Boy, did the Chargers ever.

Churchill got up 21-0 before anybody could settle into their seats and rolled to an impressive 37-0 win.

The 8-0 Chargers, the South Division champs, have now captured their first regular season football title of any kind since 1979.

“We felt like we’ve got a good group and we wanted to represent the south end of the KLAA and we wanted to come out with a fast start,” Filiatraut said. “They gave us a couple of turnovers. We converted them and that was great.”

Senior tailback Romello Brown, who finished the night with 153 yards rushing on 16 carries, ran a sweep 73 yards for a TD on the second play from scrimmage to get the ball rolling.

The Chargers then pounced on two fumbled Northville kickoff returns — both at the 13-yard line — the first recovery with 11:35 left and the second just 10 seconds later by Adam Sheppard after the ball was jarred loose by Jonny Shatter.

Senior quarterback Seth Suida, who was 13-of-22 passing for 170 yards, hit Jeremy Lewis on a slant for a 13-yard TD and Brown bolted in from 3 yards just 1:32 seconds into the game for the 21-0 advantage.

“The first minute there was a lot of suspense in it,” Churchill senior and two-way starter Riley Moynihan said. “We were all excited to be playing the game. When we scored the first time, we got all excited. And then when we got the ball on the kick-off, we were just beyond thrilled. It was more than we expected. It was really good.”

The Chargers scored again to make it 27-0 with 9:47 left on a 2-yard run by Brown. The TD was set up by Andre Abram’s 47-yard pass off a nifty reverse play to tight end Charlie Yost.

After the strong-legged Brian Alsobrooks missed first-half field-goal attempts of 40 and 26 yards, along with an extra point, the sophomore drilled through a 34-yarder on the final play of the half following an interception by Dwayne Scott to make it 30-0 at intermission.

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Mustang Nate Priebe, left, tries to get a hand on a Livonia Churchill running back during the teams’ Oct. 12 meeting.



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Mustang doubles team members Brendan Sloviskey, left, and Andrew Schafer slap hands as they celebrate a point against a Hartland High team as they play in a regional tournament on Oct. 12.

Northville tennis team headed to state finals

Squad takes second in very tough regional

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

It was the kind of tournament that makes a coach swell with pride, which is no doubt exactly what Matt Stetson was doing as he watched his boys tennis team take second place in the regional tourney last week.

The squad finished behind Novi to qualify for the state tournament, but nearly as impressive was the fact that they finished ahead of a very tough Detroit Catholic Central squad.

“This was a successful tournament for us,” said Stetson. “The last few times that we have qualified for the state tournament, we had to rely on finishing with 18 points or more. This year we were one of the automatic qualifiers by finishing in the top two.”

Stetson said his team’s main goal this year has been to make a return trip to the state tournament and build on the top-five finish from 2011 “to



Mustang Connor Johnston practices a overhead smashes as he prepares to take on an opponent on Oct. 12 as Novi High hosts a regional KVC tournament.

prove that we are a top program in the state.”

“We are still on our way to that goal,” he said.

Tyler Gardiner finished as the regional champion at the No. 1 singles position and will enter

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ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs boys tennis team will be back in action when they head to Midland to play in the state tournament tomorrow and Saturday.

Girls golfers qualify for state finals

Squad doesn’t let cold, wind slow it down

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

In the beginning of the season, Northville girls golf coach Mary Jane Ossola said that her team had the potential to make a trip to the state finals. The only question at that point in the year was if the team would be able to play to that level when the regional tournament came around.

Well, last week when the regional was played, Northville brought some of their best golf of the season as they finished third behind Brighton (347) and Farmington Mercy (359) with a 374 to earn a trip to the state finals tournament. Novi finished fourth with a 384.

Only the top three teams from each regional qualify for the state championships, which will be held at the Forest Akers East golf course at Michigan State University this weekend.

“Considering the (cold and windy) conditions, I felt we played well,” said Ossola. “The big bonus for us has been the improved play of Chloe Page, Shannon Williams and Katie Childers. Their ball striking has been much improved and, as a result, their scores are lower.”

Camilla Zhao, who shot an 89 to tie for sixth overall in the tournament, and Lindsey Matych, who shot a 95, have been solid all season long for Northville, often trading places as the top golfer in any given meet. But in the regional, Williams carded a 93, Page shot a 97 and Childers finished with a 98 to help the team earn the trip to the finals.

Ossola said the scores may look high on paper, but that the girls had to fight their way through difficult conditions that included the longest course set-up of the entire year and winds that reached around 30 miles per hour in gusts.

“Without the improved play of these ladies, we would not be division champs or be going to states,” said Ossola.

Northville will head to the state finals this weekend where they will face similar

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ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs girls golf team will play in the state finals this weekend when they play at Michigan State University.

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A Livonia Churchill QB escapes the pressure of Northville Mustang Kevin Piwowar, left, during the teams' Oct. 12 meeting at Northville.

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Northville took the second-half kickoff down to the Churchill 11, but had to settle for a 28-yard field-goal attempt that was blocked by Hunter Rimatzki and scooped up by Lewis for a 61-yard return down to the Northville 33.

Two plays later, Brown rambled in from 12 yards out and Alsobrooks converted the PAT for a 37-0 advantage to invoke a running clock with 5:49 left in the third.

Northville, minus starting quarterback Joey Hewlett, who injured his

shoulder in last week's overtime win over Novi, was held to a total 192 total yards.

"We're getting better," Filiatraut said of his defense. "Team-wise, we're still searching for that perfect game. I thought we had a little bit of a lull in the second quarter. But a zero against Northville is outstanding because they are a good offensive team every year."

dominated during the first half, scoring three touchdowns and shutting down the Churchill offense enroute to a 26-14 win. The Mustangs relied on receiver Al Gonzales, who also kicked for the extra points. On defense, Mason Pitt and George Matusius tackled Churchill ball carriers at key moments, and Austin Hayek broke up a pass ensuring that the Chargers were scoreless at the half. As the game clock wound down, Churchill was able to score a couple touchdowns, but Northville clearly had the edge and brought home the victory.

By Kristina Dunne

Wildcat harriers win third straight Central Division title

Girls have perfect score in win over South Lyon

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

Talk about a perfect day to be a member of the Northville Mustangs girls cross country team.

Last week, the squad earned a victory over the South Lyon Lions. Not only did they secure their third-straight KLAA Central Division crown with the win, they did so by having a perfect score with a 15-50 victory over their divisional foes.

"I was pleased with the performances today at Cass," said coach Nancy Smith of her team's running at Northville's home course. "Each time we raced there this season, we had improvement, which is all I ask for."

Leading the way was senior Erin Dunne, racing her final home meet of her career. She put on a show as she took first place with a time of 19:17 and secured herself the fourth-best all-time run by a Northville girls harrier at Cass Benton.

Next in was Erin Zimmer, who took second with a 19:17, followed by Nicole Mosteller in third with 19:43 and Hailey Harris in fourth with a 19:50. Rounding out the top five was Lexa Barrott, who ran a 20:42.

Crossing the finish line

ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs girls cross country team will be back in action when they race in the conference meet today starting at 4:25 p.m.

in sixth place was Grace Doolittle, who turned in a 20:49 time, while senior Julia Kassem ran a 21:04 for seventh, Mirai Kobayashi crossed the finish in 21:22 for eighth and Paige Zimmer finished in ninth in 21:24. Taking 11th was senior Alex Rodriguez with a time of 21:27 while Julia Slatin ran a 21:29 for 12th.

Others running their final race at Cass Benton included Katie Vandervoort (15th), Hallie Tyburski (16th), Miki Ishikawa (18th), Alex Draybuk (20th), Claire Courtney (30th), Sami Klutchko (38th), Claire Goolsby (44th) and Anna Kilar (50th). "This year we graduate 11 seniors, out of which eight have been four-year runners," said Smith.

Mustangs boys cross country earns three-peat

Squad captures Central Division title with victory over South Lyon

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

Maybe the Northville Mustangs boys cross country team should have a chat with Miguel Cabrera about how to best wear three crowns at once.

The team, coached by Chris Cronin, earned their third-straight KLAA Central Division crown last week with a divisional victory over South Lyon, giving them the three-peat as champions.

Leading the way for the Mustangs was senior Drew Kanya, who was first overall with a time of 16:45 to help his team secure the championship. His time places him on the all-time best list for boys harriers at 14th — a tie with former Northville standout Clark Paciorek, who ran his time in 2001.

ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs boys cross country team will be back on the course when they run in the conference meet starting at 4:25 p.m. today.

"By running a top 15 time at Cass Benton, Drew has certainly cemented himself into the Northville cross country history book," said Cronin. "He has really stepped up for us this season and his 16:45 is a reflection of what he has given to this team this year. A division title is a group effort, but without Drew the results could have been very different."

Not far behind Kanya was Sean McCullough, who finished second in 17:03. He has been one

of the team's most consistent runners this year, Cronin noted.

"Sean has been solid all season," he said. "I feel he will really shine as we get ready to race at the conference and regional championships."

Freshman Conor Naughton was next in for Northville, running his best race of the season for fourth overall in a time of 17:18.

"Conor continues to improve with each race," said Cronin. "He has a lot of natural speed and he manages each race like a more mature runner. He has an exciting future ahead of him."

Rounding out the finishers for Northville in the dual meet were Rick Momoi and Jimmy Castellano, who both ran personal-best times to help the Mustangs secure the victory.

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distances as they played in the regional tournament. But Ossola isn't sweating where her team may finish. In fact, she said making the tournament alone is an indication of how far the team has come.

"On to the states where the girls can relax and enjoy the experience," she said. "Going to states is a reward for their hard work. We may not be on of the top teams at the finals, but we may have improved as much as any team in the state."

"I am so very proud of these ladies and they are to be congratulated for a job well done."

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Mustang Emily Butler smiles after coming in third in the 50 freestyle during Northville's Oct. 11 meet.

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Mustangs get win over Spartans

Swim team celebrates Senior Night in style

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

Anytime the Northville Mustangs swimming and diving team can get a win over the Livonia Stevenson Spartans, it's a good night.

What made it even more special when they Mustangs earned a 108-78 victory over their rivals last week was the fact that it was Senior Night in Northville.

"This was our Senior Night, so it was a good way to send off our huge senior class," said Northville coach Brian McNeff. "This was a very big and talented class. They have scored a lot of points for us in the past four years and they were a big part of our success."

McNeff said the sad part about Senior Night is the realization that the eldest members of the team would be departing soon.

"They will all be missed a lot, both with their talent in the pool and their leadership outside of it," he said. "They are going to leave some big shoes to fill."

Every member of the Northville team made the best of the night, swimming strong times to earn a spot on the Northville squad for the conference meet.

"It is good to see them step up," said McNeff. "I am going to have a pretty tough decision to make on who I bring."

Northville brought some good late-season times to the win over the Spartans. Leading off was the team of Lia Nagata, Sarah Lohman, Briana Schoenek and Catherine Cui, which took first in the 200 medley relay while the team of Olivia burrows, Lauren Jarzembowski, Brittany Nayh



Northville Mustang Lauren Jarzembowski swims the butterfly in the 200 yard iM during the team's Oct. 11 meet against Livonia Stevenson.



Mustang Hope Miller.

and Shilpi Sharma took third in the race.

In the 200 freestyle swim, Nagata took second place, followed by Alissa Moore in third and Jessica Yan in fourth while Cui took first in the 200 individual medley with Lohman in third and Jarzembowski taking fifth.

In the 50 freestyle, it was Schoenek in the top spot while Emily Butler took third and Riley Bruen finished in fourth place. Northville also captured the top spot in the diving event thanks to Andrea Meister, while Claire Ostrowski took second place and Erin

Aquinto snagged fourth.

Schoenek continued her success with a second-place showing in the 100 butterfly, followed by Bruen and Maria Gutowski in third and fourth, respectively, while Butler, Moore and Maeve Nichols were second, third and fourth, respectively, in the 100 freestyle event.

In the 500 free, Grace LaFreniere led all Mustangs with a second place while Yan took third and Emily Ifversen finished in eighth. In the 200 freestyle relay, the team of Butler, Moore, Elizabeth Hetu and Schoenek took first while Lohman, Sharma, Bru-

ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs girls swimming and diving team will be back in the pool when they visit South Lyon East today at 6:30 p.m. before competing in the MISCA meet this weekend.

en and Sarah Cullen took third. The team of Chandler Hilton, Hannah Mullally, Hanna Sims and Renee O'Connell — all seniors — took sixth in the event.

Nagata earned second place in the 100 backstroke to lead all Northville swimmers while Darby Mroz took fourth and Madison Schulz captured sixth. In the 100 breaststroke, it was Cui taking first place while Lohman finished second and Jarzembowski took fourth overall.

Rounding out the evening was the team of Butler, Moore, Nagata and Cui in the 400 free relay as they took second place, followed by the team of Bruen, Cullen, LaFreniere and Nichols in fourth and the team of Lily Chen, Ifversen, Michelle song and Sharma in seventh.

Stevenson soccer knocks out Mustangs

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

If there was one boys soccer team that proved to be a major thorn in Northville's side this season, it was Livonia Stevenson.

In Monday's Division 1 district opener, the host Spartans got a goal from senior John D'Agostino, who notched his 10th of the year, just 8 minutes and 14 seconds into the match and made it stand up to beat Northville for the third time this season, 1-0.

Stevenson, which improved to 11-3-5 overall, moved into Wednesday's district semifinal to face KLAA Central Division nemesis Novi — also for the third time this season.

Stevenson is 0-1-1 against the Wildcats this season, but that wasn't the case against another KLAA Central rival in Northville.

Stevenson won the two previous meetings against the Mustangs by scores of 1-0 (Sept. 18) and 2-1 (Oct. 4).

And the third meeting proved to be a similar scenario.

Junior Ryan Schifano sent long through ball to D'Agostino, who controlled the feed and tallied the game-winner with a no-doubt shot that eluded Northville goalkeeper Steven Jansen.

And by the time the second half had rolled around, the Spartans went into a defensive mode moving back D'Agostino to help stop any Northville offensive thrusts.

"We kind of knew how that would go," Stevenson coach Ken Shingledecker said. "We knew we had to defend for 40 minutes and that's exactly what we did. The whole team defended their hearts out and took care of business."

"It was time to lock it in and make the one goal stand up."

Northville's best scoring chance came with 22 minutes remaining, but Stevenson senior goalkeeper Zach Verant denied Northville's Colin Watkins on a point-blank shot from eight yards out.

"That was a huge save," Shingledecker said. "Billy Werthman, Tom O'Brien, Brian Smith — those guys have been solid all year, and Gino D'Orazio ... the whole back line has been excellent all year, and today we got it done."

The Mustangs ended their season at 11-7-3 overall.

"It's one play," Northville coach Henry Klimes said of the game-winning goal. "We tried to make some adjustments. They sat on the lead and brought number 17 (D'Agostino) back, but overall we possessed and played a much better brand of soccer. I wish them (Stevenson) luck. They were the better team, I guess, in executing, so we'll see what happens on Wednesday for them."

And if only the Mustangs could have matched their first-half effort during the final 40 minutes, according to the Northville coach.

"I think everyone played well the second half," Klimes said. "I can't think of one standout more than another. They all really played hard the second half."

The best chance came on Watkins' ball midway through the second half.

"I thought that was going to be the equalizer," Klimes said. "But like I said, 'It wasn't meant to be' for the boys this year. I feel bad for our six seniors. We're young and hopefully next year we'll get them."

The match marked the final appearance for Mustang players Troy Dolmetsch, Ben Holbrook, Colin Warner, Nate Baughman, David Lindow and Daniel Kubert.

Meanwhile, Stevenson lives to play another day and will face at Novi team that beat them 5-1 on Oct. 2. The first meeting, on Sept. 14, ended in a 1-1 draw.

Novi advanced on Monday with a 1-0 win over Novi-Detroit Catholic Central.

"Can't wait," Shingledecker said of the impending district semifinal matchup.

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Shamrocks fall to Brother Rice in CHSL final

Soccer team can't overcome lone goal in championship tilt

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks soccer team knew heading into the Catholic High School League final against Brother Rice that they would have their hands full no matter what the outcome of the game might end up being.

When all was said and done, the Shamrocks were proven right and, unfortunately, found themselves on the wrong end of a 1-0 loss to their CHSL rivals.

"Rice came out strong in the second half and scored," said Gene Pulice, Catholic Central's head coach. "(Our team) picked themselves up and pressured Rice until

the end of the game, but couldn't finish any opportunities."

It proved to be a game of two halves for the Shamrocks, too. In the first half, their defensive pressure was dominant while the offense kept the Warriors on their heels. The team, led by Jack Cox, Andrew Trombley, Cameron Dunn and Jake Hackman, played cat-and-mouse with the Brother Rice defense but couldn't seem to find a way to get the ball into the net. The second half found the Warriors sliding through the Shamrock defense for a lone goal early, and despite the team's best efforts the Shamrocks weren't able to even the score.

Shamrocks keep playoff hopes alive

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks football team starts every season with three things underlined on their list of goals: Win the Catholic High School League Central Division title, win the CHSL league title and make the playoffs.

Standing at 4-3 last week with a loss to CHSL Central rival Brother Rice on the record books and one of the best teams in the state in Orchard Lake St. Mary's waiting to play them last Friday, the first two goals were teetering on the brink of being out of reach.

Then Anthony Darkangelo pitched in three touchdowns in the first half — including a pass to

ON TAP

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks (5-3) will play against Orchard Lake St. Mary's (6-2) for the second-straight week when they play for the CHSL title Saturday at 7 p.m. This is the second season the two teams have played back-to-back games.

Jon Malone — and tacked on another in the third quarter to help the Shamrocks accomplish one goal and keep the other two alive with a 35-13 victory over Orchard Lake St. Mary's. The victory split the Central Division title three ways between Orchard Lake St. Mary's, Brother Rice and Detroit Catholic Central with each

taking a single loss in division play this season.

"Without a doubt, the win Friday night was cathartic," said Catholic Central assistant coach Michael Mach. "After all of the on-field highs and lows our team has been through this year — big wins, close losses — we finally came out and played our best game when we absolutely had to have it. Our collective backs were against the wall, and the kids played their best 48 minutes of the season."

The scoring started out in the first quarter when Darkangelo ran six yards for a score to take a 7-0 lead before the Eaglets added a score of their own on a 19-yard jaunt by Parker McInnis to make it a 7-6 game following a missed extra-point

attempt.

And then it became clear that Darkangelo and the Shamrocks were not about to let the game be a close one as the senior running back threw a surprise pass to Jon Malone, who hauled down the field for an 8-yard score, and then ran in a 50-yard sprint for a score to make it a 21-6 game heading into the half.

Darkangelo's next touchdown run came in the third quarter, as he raced 60 yards to cross the goal line for a 28-6 contest. He finished with 150 yards on just 14 carries.

The Eaglets added a two-yard run by Grant Niemiec in the fourth quarter and Catholic Central scored on a five-yard run by Connor Holton to cap the touchdowns.

NORTHVILLE COLTS FOOTBALL ROUNDUP

Varsity falls to Gators

A cold driving rain resulted in seven turnovers in Saturday's Varsity Colts game. The first four turnovers went the Colts' way and gave them an early lead, but the final three stalled their second half efforts and they fell to 1-6 on the year against the visiting Multi Lakes Gators.

Conrad Landis returned the opening kick 15 yards, and the Colts marched steadily down the field on the running strength of Isaiah Popp, Nate Holloway, and Connor Wright before QB Abe Khoury put the Colts up 6-0 on a 5-yard touch-down run.

The Gators misplayed the ensuing kickoff, and Holloway pounced on the ball at the Gators' 32 yard line. Four plays later the Colts went up 12-0 after a pass to Ben Brady set up a 15 yard TD reception by Ty Kilar.

The Gators scored and it was 12-6. The Colts threatened again after a thrilling 55-yard kick-off return by Popp to the Gators' 15 yard line, but their 4th-and-goal pass fell incomplete.

Wright recovered a Gators fumble, and three plays later scored on a 1-yard run to make it 18-6. The Gators' next series ended on an interception by Joe McCormick, who then caught a 27-yard pass from Khoury to put the Colts in Gator territory.

The Gators scored to make it 18-12 at halftime, but a Kilar interception thwarted their opening 2nd half effort. The Colts fumbled the ball back to the Gators, who took a 19-18 lead despite a stubborn Colts defense led by Ethan Moss, Zach Tardich and Marcello Gonzalez.

The Gators next effort was a turnover on downs thanks to tackles by Ryan Figueroa, Anthony Abbott and Max Cooper, but the Colts threw an interception on their next series



Brennan VanRiper of the JV Colts (27) eyes the end zone on one of his two touchdowns in big win last Saturday over the Commerce Chargers.

and the Gators tailback rambled for a 56-yard TD run to make the final score 26-18.

— By Chris McCormick

JV gets must-win

It was a must-win for the JV Colts against the Multi Lakes Gators this past Saturday. The Colts need to win the next two games to solidify their spot in the playoffs.

The Colts' Ryan Silberg came out strong, setting the tone early on. With two tackles and a sack, Silberg forced the Gators to punt on the first pos-

session. The Colts took full advantage of getting the ball by manufacturing their drive with several quality runs by Robert Johnson and Joey Borthwick. Johnson finally made the touchdown with a 20-yard run. Connecting with Nicholas Prystash was Daniel McLaughlin for the extra point (7-0).

On their next possession, the Gators completed a first down pass, but Jake Khoury knocked the ball loose, allowing Isaiah Gash to recover it for the Colts. Leading the offense down the field this time

was Brennan VanRiper with two long, tough runs. Nicholas Prystash finished the drive with a 23-yard touchdown run, and Joey Borthwick pulled the entire Gators defense into the end zone for the extra point (14-0).

Adding to the 1st half score were two more touchdowns, each passes to Silberg. Borthwick and Jeffrey Varner completed tough extra points on the two scores. As the first half entered the final seconds, the Gators connected with a long pass play behind the Colts' secondary. But Khoury was able to catch up to the receiver and strip the ball loose once again. His partner in crime, Gash, was right there again to recover the fumble.

Coming out of the locker room from halftime, VanRiper was hot to keep his stats going. A hole-opening block by Ben Shuart allowed for a long touchdown for VanRiper, pushing the score to 35-7. Intense defense kept

the Gators out of the end zone much of the second half, led by Jackson Weedmark, Ryan Logan, Jimmy King, and Patricio Gonzalez. VanRiper added one final touchdown in the fourth quarter, ultimately claiming victory 41-13, and moving the Colts one game closer to the playoffs.

— By Jillian Rizk

Freshmen win naih-biter

In what was a defensive struggle, the Northville Colts beat the Multi Lakes Gators 6-0 in the cold and rain this past Saturday. The Colts got on the board early in the first quarter, with a 30 yard touchdown run by Nick Lauderback, but it was Adam Harp, Gavin Nafso, Luke Tardich and Alex Condi-no that should be credited with the blocking up front to spring Lauderback to the end zone. Later in the half, Lauderback

ON TAP

The Colts finish the regular season hosting the crosstown rival Stallions on Sunday, Oct. 21. At stake is the Northville Shoe trophy. Games begin at 9 a.m. with Flag; Freshman at 11 a.m.; JV at 1 p.m.; and Varsity at 3 p.m.

connected with Nick Salomone for a 13-yard pass and then again with Jake Willerer for a fantastic catch that brought the Colts to the 11 yard line, but they could not score again before the end of the half.

The second half showcased the efforts of the Colts' defensive unit who were very strong all day led by the front four lineman, Shane Sandhu, Aidan MacDonald, Nafso and Harp. The Gators tried to come back in the final minute when they controlled the ball on the Colts' 38 yard line. After an incomplete pass and a small gain on a pass completion, it was Andrew Hayek on the tackle, preventing the Gators' first down with 29 seconds to go. The Gator's QB was then forced to run but was met by Ayden Oliver sacking him for a loss, causing the Gators to turn over on downs. The Colts then resumed control in the last 25 seconds for a final score of 6-0.

The win puts the Freshman Colts record at 6-1 and places them in the playoffs for the second straight year.

— By Amber Slusser

Flag team comes up short

The Colts Flag team couldn't pull off a win Saturday as they faced the Multi Lakes Gators at home, 56-50. The team was strong throughout the game and Cole McGowan and Jack Davis were both in on touchdowns early due to strong blocking up front by Patrick Kelley and Josh Hess. Adam Herring had a key flag pull to prevent a Gators' touchdown. And late in the game, Massimo Porco intercepted the Gator's attempt at an extra point. The game ended with a big touchdown run by Dominic Bernadelli, but it was not enough to bring home the win and the Colts suffered another loss in a very close game.

— By Amber Slusser

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PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

Notice is hereby given that the Public Accuracy Test for the November 6, 2012 General Election is scheduled for October 29, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. at the City of Northville Municipal Building, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan 48167, (248) 349-1300. The public accuracy test is conducted to demonstrate that the computer program used to record and count the votes cast at the election meets the requirements of law.

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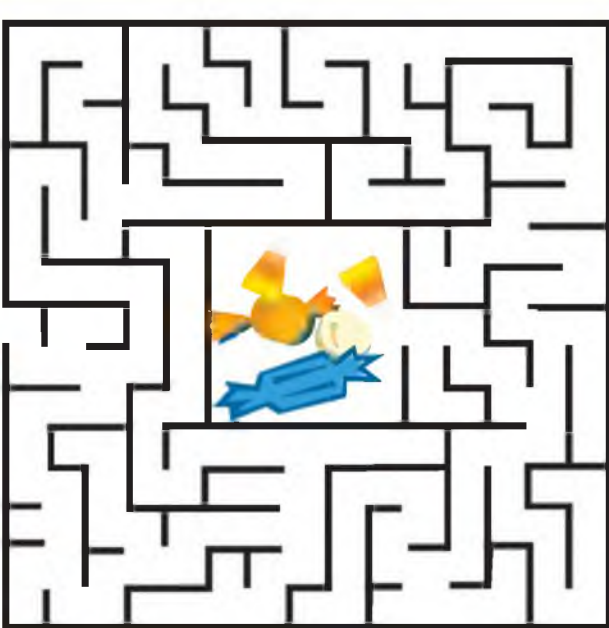
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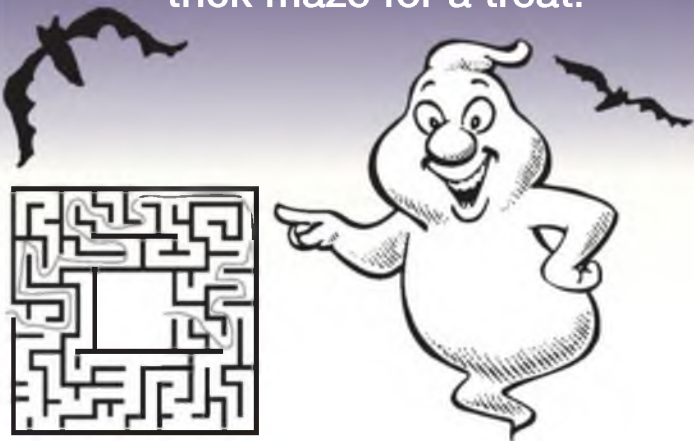
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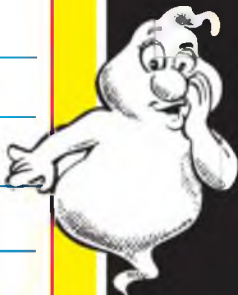
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NORTHVILLE STALLIONS FOOTBALL ROUNDUP

Varsity squad improves to 4-3

The Northville Stallions Varsity squad (4-3) faced a challenge going up against the 5-1 Commerce Chargers on the road on Oct. 14. A good overall team effort in offense, defense, and special teams led the Stallions to a decisive 30-6 victory over the Chargers.

Both teams featured strong defenses in the first half. There was no scoring by either team until mid-way through the 2nd quarter, when the Stallions scored the only points of the half on a 63-yard touchdown run by Brennan Pelland. The Stallions used good defense and special teams play to maintain their 6-0 lead until half-time, with notable efforts including key 4th down stops by Rami Al-Awadi and Jonathan Michalak, a sack by Jaquan Crawford, an interception by Ben Schmidt, and a Tyler Troyer 72-yard punt.

The Stallions' offense began to roll in the 3rd quarter and would not look back. A strong rushing attack featuring good blocking by Crawford, Troyer, Alex Ajlouny, Jordan Grewe, Nolan Ouellette, and others led the way for two more touchdown runs by Pelland with PAT kicks by Jake Moody, giving the Stallions a comfortable 22-0 lead in the 4th quarter. The Chargers could only muster a single 2nd half score with an early 4th quarter touchdown due to stout Stallions' defensive play, with notable efforts including sacks by Crawford and Ajlouny, and key tackles by Crawford, Michalak, Colten Frank, Alex Iafrate, and Brady Leverton. Hard rushing eating up the 4th quarter clock by Shane Rankin



MARTHA MICHALAK

Freshman Stallion Brett Rankin (10) hustles to the end zone with a defender in pursuit. The Freshman team beat the Commerce Chargers, 27-7, on Saturday to improve their record to 4-3.

ON TAP

On Sunday, Oct. 21, the Northville Stallions play the Northville Colts at Tom Holzer Ford Field. Flag begins at 9 a.m.; Freshman at 11 a.m.; JV at 1 p.m.; and Varsity at 3 p.m.

was capped off with his late game 5-yard touchdown run, with the PAT kick by Moody putting the finishing touches on a 30-6 Stallions' victory.

— *By Chad Moody*

JV drops game to Chargers

The Northville JV Stations (3-4) aimed to drain the Commerce Chargers Sunday and Enzo Rodriguez got things started when he scooped up the opening kickoff. Rodriguez blazed downfield faster than a racehorse darting through a maze of Charger defenders and went the distance for a Stallion score. Spencer Thakady then pounded the extra point dead center through the cross bars to put Northville up 8-0 just 16 seconds into the game. This sparked the

fine Stallion defense and Max Barnes set the tone early by placing a thundering hit on a Chargers running back. Defensive linemen Michael Merritt, Joey Bahu, Gabe Xeureb, Luke Smith and Parker Dietrich each followed with spectacular tackles of their own. Eventually the Chargers did get rolling and scored a pair of touchdowns to end the quarter up 13-8.

Northville's offense struggled but Stallion punter Grant Hood had a career day that included a record long 52-yard punt. Commerce man-

aged another score to end the first half up 20-8. The Stallions came back more aggressive in the second half led by safety David Olko who kept placing hard hits on anyone who came his way. The Stallion offense also finally clicked as receiver Alex Karam hauled in a 20-yard pass from Jack Pevovar setting up first and goal on the Chargers 4 yard line. Running back Cooper Leverton then bulldozed his way into the end zone putting the score at 20-14 with 7 minutes left in the third. On the

ensuing kickoff, Leverton showed more athleticism as he dove to recover a fumbled kick return. The Chargers eventually scored again, but the Stallions just never gave up fighting. Late in the fourth quarter, Pevovar ripped off a 33-yard kickoff return and then Leverton added his second rushing score dashing 23 yards for a touchdown. The Chargers later managed one more touchdown and the game ended with Commerce on top 38-20.

— By Greg Baker



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2. “Pennies from Heaven,” collection to benefit Canton Goodfellows, a group dedicated to ensuring every child has a Christmas. Bring your pennies to the Canton Summit (Community Center) from 10 a.m. to noon and meet other Goodfellows and O&E Media staff. The Canton Goodfellows recently lost its leader — Nancy Spencer, a longtime community philanthropist. **The goal is one million pennies.**

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Ava Kaloustian, 13, displays her handmade necklaces and earrings at the Dancing Eye Gallery in Northville, under the name Ava's Accents.

Ava's Accents

Teen artist selling her jewelry at Dancing Eye Gallery

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Ava Kaloustian, 13, a Hillside Middle School eighth grader, is the youngest artist to sell work at Dancing Eye Gallery in Northville.

"I just really like doing it," the Northville Township resident said. "I've been really creative since I was young."

She's the daughter of John and Mary Jane, and has a brother, Harry, in 10th grade. He also enjoys art and photography, and is in the Northville High Photography Club.

Ava Kaloustian calls her business Ava's Accents at the gallery. She worked with her dad to design and build the displays and they did the graphics for jewelry as well.

"They think it's amazing," she said of friends' reaction to her jewelry, among the many media she's worked in. "They love my work."

Ava often gets questions about how she does the work.

"She's really gifted,"

her dad said. "She's interested in other media, too. She's had quite a following."

"She seems to excel at all of them. It's amazing if you saw the paintings. Some really nice pieces she did even when she was as young as 5 or 6."

She likes sculpture, but also has done knitting, sewing, painting, drawing and work with duct tape.

She used to make rings, flowers and wallets from duct tape. "People would just go nuts over them," she said.

She was creating doll clothing as early as second or third grade, and went on from there. She takes art classes in Northville schools, and last year helped her art teacher teach the clay portion.

Dad teaches design at the College for Creative Studies, while mom is an artist with food, a gourmet cook, as well as a gardener and landscaper.

Ava Kaloustian recently started to sell necklaces at the gallery, along with the earrings she's made for several years. A few

years back, she was at a friend's who was working in clay, and she began to make beads.

"I started looking at things around me," she said. Her artwork is done mostly on weekends, in the summer and when homework's done.

She's not competitive in sports or on those teams, but is an active skier. She'd like to pursue art professionally.

"I feel like it's something I could really develop a job out of, a way to make a living," she said.

For now, it's nice to have an income, useful for buying art supplies and down the road for saving for a car, she said.

Kaloustian's Northville teachers recognize her work.

"I think outside the box," she said.

The Dancing Eye Gallery is open seven days a week, and is located at 101 N. Center Street, Northville. For more information, call (248) 449-7086

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NORTHVILLE BUSINESS BRIEFS

Yoga Center open house

Northville Yoga Center, 200 South Main Street (directly across from the Chamber of Commerce) will host an open house from 2-5 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 20.

Everyone is invited to stop in to the studio during the event. Refreshments will be served and there will be chances to win yoga class packages. You'll be able to meet the instructors, who will answer questions. You can also learn about Yoga first hand by trying one of the mini yoga sessions (at 2:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.). Wear comfortable clothing.

For more info send an e-mail to Carolyn@northvilleyogacenter.com.

Oakwood appointment

Northville resident Michele Cameron, BSN, RN has been appointed as the new director of Patient Care Services and chief nurse executive at Oakwood Heritage Hospital in Taylor.

Cameron brings more than 28 years of nursing experience to the position. She graduated Magna Cum Laude from Eastern Michigan University with a Bachelor's degree in nursing and is currently pursuing a Master's of Science in administration with a concentration on health service administration at Central Michigan University.

Known for her strong leadership skills and commitment to providing a superior patient experience on all levels, she is also an active volunteer in the health care community, focusing her energy on individuals and families who are underserved and vulnerable.

In her new role, Cameron will serve as a member of the Heritage Senior Leadership Team, Oakwood Healthcare System Senior Management Team and the Oakwood Healthcare System Nursing Executive Council.

Social Security workshop

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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.

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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.

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NORTHVILLE CHAMBER CHAT

New Halloween event

October is a very special month in Northville and to add to the fun, the Northville Chamber of Commerce is organizing a new event that features Northville's downtown merchants. Kids and parents are invited to participate in the Downtown Costume Parade and Trick or Treat Streets on Saturday, Oct. 27.

The Sidewalk Parade begins at 1 p.m. with staging outside the Community Center (303 W. Main). Special parade escorts will be provided by Preservation Dental's Tooth Fairy, Candy Cops and Miss Sweet Tooth. Following the parade, participants are invited to trick or treat in downtown stores from 1:30-2:30 p.m. A Halloween Magic Show with Jasen Magic at Genitti's Little Theatre concludes the event at 2:45 p.m.

The Costume Parade is sponsored by Preservation Dental, the Halloween Magic Show is sponsored by Mark S. Hunter

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New chamber members

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- Michigan Rehabilitation Specialists, 17783 Haggerty, Northville
- Links of Novi, 50395 W. Ten Mile, Novi
- Mitsubishi Electric Automotive America Inc., 15603 Centennial Drive, Northville
- Tom Borg Consulting LLC, 6426 Kings Mill Court, Canton

For more information about the Northville Chamber of Commerce, call (248) 349-7640 or visit www.northville.org.

County seeks part-time snow plow drivers

The Road Commission for Oakland County is seeking to hire 30 part-time snowplow drivers to augment its reduced full-time staff for the winter this year.

"We have reduced our staff more than 27 percent in the last five years, and many of the workers we have lost served as snowplow drivers in the winter," said Managing Director Dennis Kolar. "The reality is we cannot afford to replace the full-time employees we have lost, but we also cannot provide the level of service our customers deserve with just the remaining full-time staff."

He noted hiring the temporary, part-time

employees was a compromise that he hopes will allow the agency to maintain a reasonable level of snow response service for the winter. "This will not allow us to return to the level of service we were able to provide five years ago," Kolar said, "but we hope it will enable us to provide a higher level of service than we otherwise would have."

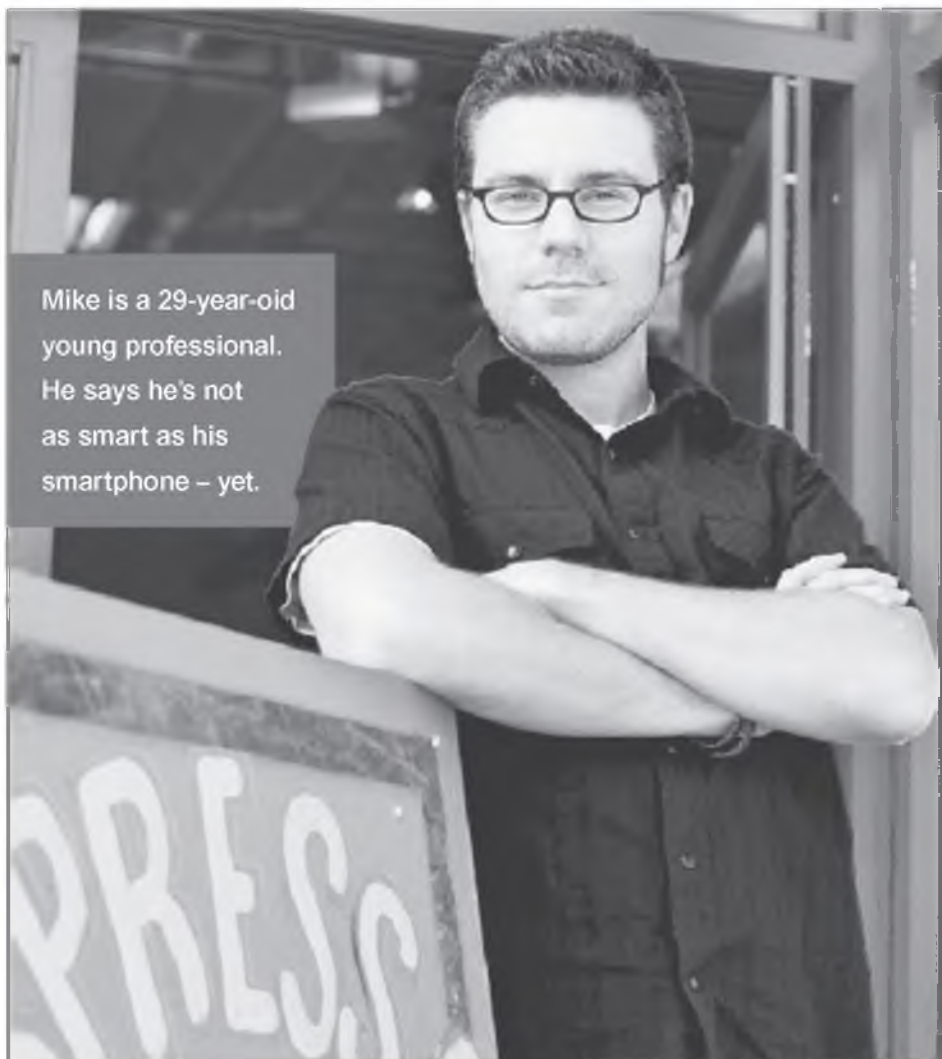
In order to be considered for one of the part-time positions, anyone interested must have a current and valid Michigan Commercial Driver's License (CDL) with an "A" endorsement. The part-time employees will be on call throughout the winter and may

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Industry report ranks metro Detroit tops in affordable housing

By Julie Brown
O&E Staff Writer

Detroit tops the list of metro areas with more than one million households that require the least amount of income to buy a typically priced home. Chicago rounded out the top 10.

Metro Detroit was listed as 70.9 percent owner-occupied, according to the National Association of Realtors. While most of the metro areas listed are from the middle of the country, Tampa, Fla., and Riverside, Calif., also made the list.

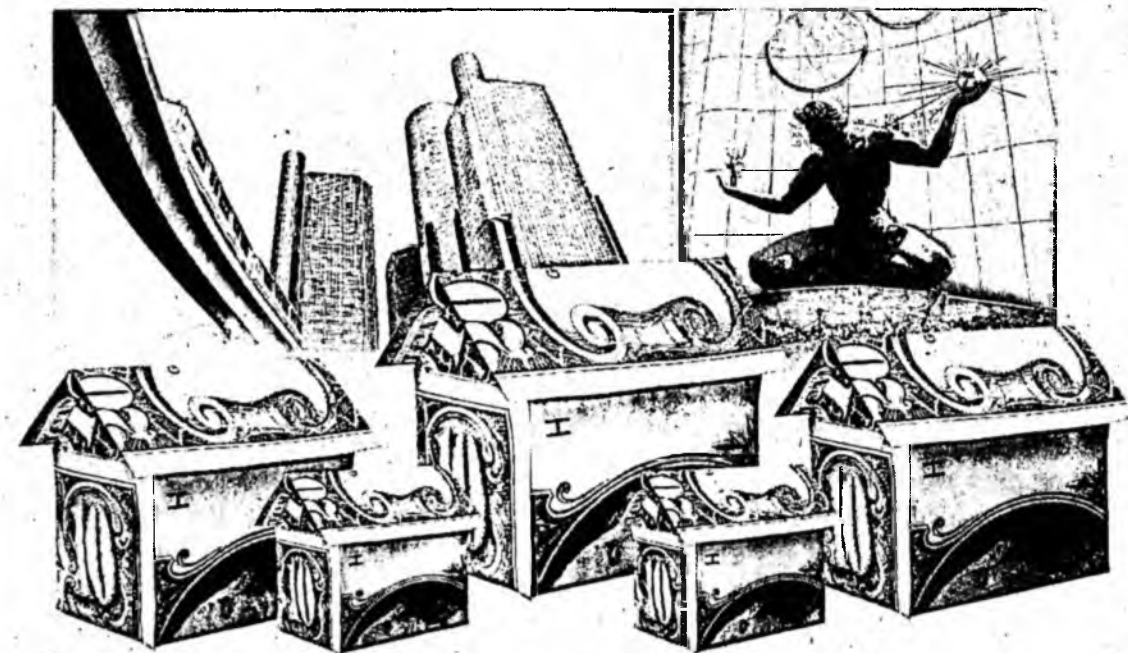
The metro Detroit qualifying income for a down payment with 10 percent down was \$12,533, and for 20 percent down it was \$11,140. Twenty-three metro areas and divisions covered in NAR's initial review of 149 metro areas met the one million household threshold according to Census 2010 data.

Qualifying income is calculated by limiting the monthly principle and interest payment to 25 percent of income. The mortgage payment is calculated for a median priced home in the metro area assuming the given down payment and a 4 percent mortgage rate on a 30-year fixed rate mortgage.

Realtor Tony Schippa, president of the Greater Metropolitan Association of Realtors, and of Coldwell Banker Preferred in Plymouth, said, "It's definitely good news. I believe the market is turning around. We have a shortage of inventory right now so that's bringing the values up, moving forward."

He agreed some major metro areas such as San Francisco are much more expensive for homebuyers.

Schippa has a friend who lived in San Francisco, where a



small condo was \$249,000 about five years ago. "That was for a 600-square-foot condo," he said. "My first apartment was 700 square feet."

Schippa is pleased with the recent direction of the local market.

"Prices are still at a good low. If you're renting, now is the time to buy. There are some good deals for first-time homebuyers."

Greater Detroit's population has declined, he said. "Homes in Detroit were going for \$10,000." The city is now trying to draw younger professionals, including those in Midtown and downtown Detroit.

"I think there's a good movement within the city itself to bring the city back to what it once was," Schippa said.

"We're getting multiple

offers on property. That's just good, positive signs," he said. People bring cash if there's a difference between what the houses appraises for.

"They'll go forward and go ahead with the deal."

Presidential election will be important in his field, Schippa added. "We're just going to have to wait and see." Jobs are a key component.

"The more jobs you have the more opportunity people have to buy homes," Schippa said.

Industry pros also will see if debt forgiveness is extended past Dec. 31 on short sales, he said. "That's another very popular issue at the moment," the Plymouth resident said. He believes extension is likely but not guaranteed.

"I think there's good positive energy in the real estate industry moving forward,"

Schippa said.

Agreeing is Dale E. Smith, chief executive officer for GMAR. "It's really been a remarkable turnaround. The market throughout the Detroit metro area has rebounded nicely. We're pleased with the statistics," Smith said.

The market isn't back to levels of four-five years ago, Smith said. "But it certainly is encouraging."

"It really is and was what the middle class was all about," Smith said of Detroit's housing stock. There's been a demand for affordable housing. "A lot of people came to bat and demanded that kind of housing."

Cities are playing a bigger role with government agencies, Smith added.

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Records usually not private

By Robert Meisner
Guest Columnist

Q: Could you be a little more specific whether a co-owner has a right of privacy in regard to his assessments?

A: Most cases have indicated that an owner does not have an expectation of privacy with respect to whether he or she is delinquent in payment, or, to put it differently, the association does not have an obligation to treat such records as confidential. So, if financial records of an

association contain itemization as to which owners are delinquent, a member has a right to inspect those records.

Of course, liens, motions, complaints and judgments are matters of public records and copies in the association's files and/or records would be discoverable by any co-owner. Under no circumstances should the association voluntarily publish the delinquency list, particularly if there is any question about their authenticity of accuracy.

Q: Our association was just taken over by a group of renegades who kept one of the directors from voting to remove the managing agent and the attorney, and many of the directors have a self-interest in promoting their own businesses as part of the association business. What can we do because of the apathy in this large condominium development?

A: This is not an unusual situation where a group of individuals, who may have an improper motive, seek to take control of the association, because of apathy or naiveté on the part of some of the residents at the condominium. Obviously, you should document your grievances against the Board of Directors through legal counsel, and attempt to take back control of the association, either politically through the association removal process, and/or by the commencement of a member's derivative lawsuit against the Board of Directors on behalf of the association. You may well be able to get reimbursement for your attorney fees, but obviously, a good lawyer is your first course of action in dealing with this problem.

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

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These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of July 9-13, 2012, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON
4035 Berkeley Ave \$90,000
7244 Burgundy St \$225,000
7212 Camelia Ct \$193,000
357 Country Club Ln \$350,000
46144 Hanford Rd \$240,000
3156 Hannan Rd \$27,000
1742 Orchard Dr \$33,000

48421 Red Run Dr \$308,000
1525 Rustic Ridge Rd \$150,000
GARDEN CITY
151 Belton St \$48,000
32985 Brown St \$7,000
6560 Cadillac St \$76,000
32951 Hennepin St \$45,000
LIVONIA
36028 Ann Arbor Trl \$47,000
14154 Arden St \$170,000
15173 Arden St \$98,000
30461 Brookview Dr \$118,000
36291 Clarita St \$155,000
28650 Fargo St \$110,000
18633 Hillcrest St \$85,000
16750 Mayfield St \$197,000
11030 Melrose St \$185,000

16303 Pollyanna St \$139,000
38701 Richland St \$92,000
36732 Sherwood St \$135,000
15142 Susanna St \$149,000
29138 Westfield St \$79,000
NORTHVILLE
18016 Cascade Dr \$410,000
46909 Greenridge Dr \$393,000
9166 Napier Rd \$71,000
48832 Rainbow Ln S \$301,000
39408 Springwater Dr \$124,000
16763 Yellowstone Dr \$437,000
PLYMOUTH
14680 Bettyhill \$325,000
4621 Huntington Dr \$172,000
420 Irwin St \$255,000
12925 Portsmouth Xing \$416,000

101 S Union St Unit 309 \$160,000
11523 Waverly Dr \$165,000
REDFORD
14778 Inkster Rd \$59,000
12801 Lenore \$16,000
19473 Macarthur \$21,000
12027 Royal Grand \$28,000
17381 Wakenden \$37,000
WESTLAND
35751 Florence St \$77,000
34054 Majestic St \$94,000
31139 Merritt Dr \$81,000
34549 Pardo St \$21,000
8440 Shari Dr \$83,000
604 Van Lawn St \$56,000
1216 Woodbourne St \$90,000

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These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of June 25-29, 2012, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS
16011 Amherst Ave \$315,000
16950 Locherbie Ave \$266,000
20245 Ronsdale Dr \$422,000
31475 Sleepy Hollow Ln \$274,000
22240 Village Pines Dr \$333,000
BINGHAM FARMS
23860 Overlook Cir \$240,000
BIRMINGHAM
2528 Derby Rd \$165,000
717 Fairfax St \$420,000
851 Hazelwood St \$685,000
419 Lake Park Dr \$1,438,000
1497 Maryland Blvd \$790,000
795 Mohegan St \$417,000
876 Oakland Ave \$335,000
888 S Bates St \$375,000
1801 Southfield Rd \$75,000
1857 W Melton Rd \$158,000
1789 Washington Blvd \$279,000
644 Watkins St \$545,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS
850 S Pemberton Rd \$175,000
2130 Coach Way Ct \$289,000

2735 Hunters Hill Rd \$470,000
25 Quanton Ln \$795,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP
2679 Bloomfield Crossing \$430,000
5765 Crabtree Rd \$181,000
4072 Cranbrook Ct \$385,000
1085 E Glengarry Cir \$800,000
1141 Fox Chase Rd \$280,000
407 Fox Hills Dr N \$45,000
426 Fox Hills Dr N # A6 \$25,000
1574 Lone Pine Rd \$375,000
1354 N Glengarry Rd \$630,000
5651 S Adams Way \$252,000
810 Shady Hollow Cir \$380,000
2997 Woodcreek Way \$416,000
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP
7977 Flagstaff St \$42,000
2247 Palmetto \$40,000
5163 Parkgate Dr \$355,000
1880 Wexport Ln \$330,000
2833 Windwood Ct \$423,000
FARMINGTON
22840 Frederick Ave \$110,000
36934 Heatherton Dr \$185,000
33615 Hillcrest Dr \$190,000
23000 Maple Ave \$119,000
23551 Prospect Ave \$105,000
24180 Saint Mary Ct \$185,000
FARMINGTON HILLS
27071 Arden Park Cir \$144,000
22271 Atlantic Pointe \$40,000
28229 Bayberry Rd \$125,000
29793 Briarton St \$170,000

33642 Brittany Dr \$285,000
24658 Creekside Dr \$179,000
30215 Fiddlers Grn \$215,000
23033 Glenmoor Hts \$47,000
27039 Hampstead Blvd \$415,000
31997 Olde Franklin Dr \$248,000
32482 Olde Franklin Dr \$226,000
32341 Salvador St \$146,000
30911 Sudbury St \$185,000
23141 Tulane Ave \$65,000
LATHRUP VILLAGE
18610 San Quentin Dr \$129,000
18830 San Quentin Dr \$132,000
MILFORD
1775 Burns Rd \$225,000
811 Canal St \$55,000
915 E Dawson Rd \$155,000
2900 Hidden Pnt \$219,000
422 Riverbend St \$280,000
814 Squire Ln \$73,000
NOVI
24729 Apple Crest Dr \$164,000
45138 Bartlett Dr \$84,000
27343 Beniamins Way \$45,000
25178 Birchwoods Dr \$287,000
24060 Broadmoor Park Ln \$448,000
40896 Coventry Rd \$363,000
25020 Delmont Dr \$345,000
24997 Fairway Hills Dr \$220,000
44454 Gwinnett Loop \$157,000
44492 Gwinnett Loop \$156,000
23851 Harvest Dr \$268,000
25843 Mulberry Ln \$317,000

41801 Primrose Dr \$108,000
24797 Reeds Pointe Dr \$451,000
23059 Shilo Ct \$615,000
25289 Sutton Ct \$50,000
27111 Victoria Rd \$272,000
28285 Wolcott Dr \$84,000
SOUTH LYON
58619 Carriage Ln \$40,000
53789 Edgewood Dr \$218,000
61220 Greenwood Dr \$65,000
913 Hearthside St \$122,000
24585 King Post Ct \$78,000
23915 Lyon Ridge Dr \$61,000
23848 Prescott Ct \$61,000
24878 Purlin Ct \$71,000
1072 Shetland Dr \$249,000
1096 Shetland Dr \$240,000
53851 Springwood Dr \$210,000
357 University Ave \$110,000
SOUTHFIELD
22769 Bell Brook St \$65,000
20990 Constitution St \$125,000
17101 Edwards Ave \$92,000
29662 Farmbrook Villa Ct # 2 \$43,000
29700 Lahser Rd \$70,000
21241 McClung Ave \$73,000
17264 Melrose St \$40,000
18210 Onyx St \$93,000
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Quiz: Do you know when to rephrase your résumé?

Susan Ricker,
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Sometimes a résumé was once good, but now it's stale. Sometimes it was never that good to begin with. Either way, how do you know if it's time to rephrase your résumé? Below you'll find five sentences commonly found on a résumé. Each sentence could be rewritten to better reflect the job seeker's skills. Choose the option you think best describes why and how the sentence should be reworded. Once you've finished, review the results to see if you know how to write a winning résumé or if it's time for some rephrasing.

1. "Objective: To obtain a challenging position in leadership that will allow me to apply creative problem solving to achieve optimum results."

A. The objective is pretty vague; it should also include the company or position title, as well as a desired salary.
B. The space for objective statements could be better used if replaced with a summary of your job-seeker brand, or a one-sentence statement that summarizes your expertise and skills.
C. Simplify the objective statement and use language from the job description.

2. "Summary of qualifications: Maintained strong

business relationships with new and old clients, and cultivated strong connections with team members to create strong communication at our company."

A. This could be separated into three bullet points to make a stronger statement.

B. The repetitive, language should be removed, and there should be individual bullet points with clear descriptions of each qualification.

C. Leave this as is.

3. "Professional experience: Independent business consultant at ABC Co., 2006-present; account executive at JRR Sales Co., September 2000-April 2006; cashier at Jerry's Ice Cream Shop, June 2003-April 2006."

A. Bullet points should follow each title, as well as daily tasks performed.

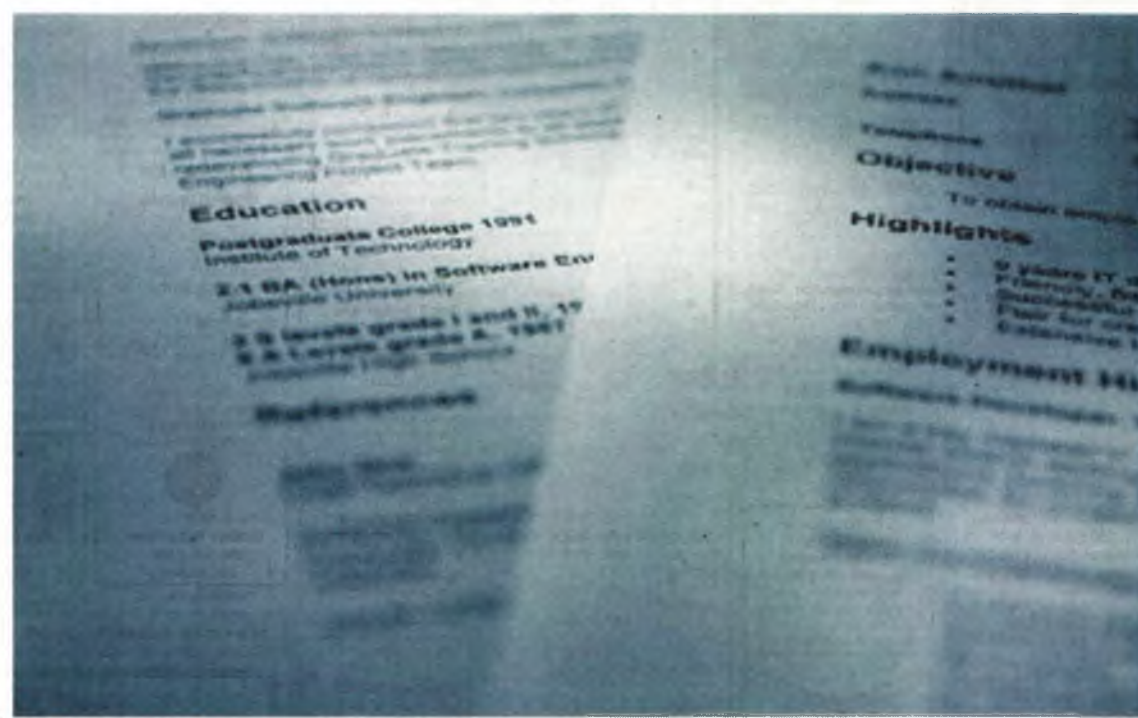
B. The only work experience listed should be relevant to the job you're interested in and should include three to four bullet points of major accomplishments that relate to the position for which you're applying.

C. This is fine, as long as the location of each business is also included.

4. "Education: College University, Class of 1998."

A. Include the school's location.

B. Include the school's location, your degree information and any training or



certificates received. Revise the title to say, "Education and training."

C. Leave this as is.

5. "References: John Baker, supervisor at ABC Co., phone and email included; Linda Cook, manager at JRR Sales Co., phone and email included."

A. Leave this as is.

B. Leave references off of the résumé, and use the space for something else.

C. Use the line, "References available upon request."

Results

Mostly A's: You're on the right path, but most of your answers would make the résumé too wordy or unorganized. You may want to edit your résumé so it's more concise. In each section, ask yourself if the hiring manager would find

that information helpful, relevant and easy to understand. Résumé space is too valuable to be wasted on unnecessary information.

Mostly B's: Your résumé rephrasing skills are top-notch. You clearly took the time to research the position you're applying for, and you're able to communicate your personality and experience in your résumé. You've likely included only relevant information on your résumé and everything included supports why

you're the best candidate for the job.

Mostly C's: Although minimalism can be an attractive quality in business, your answers indicate that you're holding back on your résumé. Hiring managers can go

through thousands of job applications when searching for the right candidate, and it's important that you stand out from your competition by showcasing your individuality, experience and personality. If you don't have much work experience, include information that's relevant to the position of interest, and communicate why you're right for the role.

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Sonic Helps Chevy, Focus Boosts Ford In Small Cars



By Dale Buss

A donnybrook has developed in the robust small-car segment of the U.S. market between Chevrolet Sonic and Ford Fiesta, and between Chevrolet Cruze and Ford Focus. Their competition is helping Detroit brands stake their biggest claim in many years to the fast-growing part of the market.

Sales of the GM subcompact, Sonic, rose to more than 7,000 units in September, up more than 400 percent over a year earlier when the car was just rolling out to Chevy dealers in significant volumes. For the year, Sonic sales reached nearly 65,000 units.

And while there are other new and overhauled entries in the subcompact segment — including an improved Honda Civic — clearly there are a lot of car-on-car comparisons going on these days between Sonic and Fiesta.

Fiesta sales have been slowing lately. Since a slam-bang introduction two years ago featuring some innovative social-media marketing, Fiesta sales have lagged increasingly over the last 18 months. Sales were flat in September, and for the year to date, sales of the subcompact Fiesta trail those of a year earlier by a significant 24 percent, down to just 43,000 units.

But Ford executives said that Fiesta sales have been falling off only because of the impressive, simultaneous rise of sales of the new version of Ford Focus. It took a while for Ford to deliver the substantially changed Focus in volume last year, but “now that it is” up to full production,

there’s just a natural running rate” on sales of Fiesta, said Ken Czubay, Ford’s U.S. sales chief.

Focus sales rose by 91 percent year over year in September and have burgeoned by 36 percent, to nearly 187,000 units, for the year to date.

“The year-to-year increases are so dramatic on Focus, and down a little bit on Fiesta,” Czubay said in a recent call with reporters. “This is on our plan.” He further explained that “there are a finite number of ‘B’ [subcompact-segment] cars that are sold in an urban area, where parking and traffic problems are greater. But demand is [greater] for a ‘C’ car [like Focus] where you can get a little more size, and fuel economy is every bit as good and in some cases better.”

So, specifically, the “plan” is that once customers get into a Ford showroom, more and more are opting for Focus over Fiesta because it is bigger and more highly contented. Yet the price of Focus versions begin at a sticker of around just \$16,200, according to Edmunds.com, while Fiesta stickers begin at about \$13,200. And Fi-

esta notches only 1mpg more in highway mileage than Focus, 37mpg to 36 mpg.

“People come in and really like the fuel economy and styling of Fiesta,” Czubay explained, “and then they look at Focus. And where people may not have done on the internet to do that much [research on the two cars], they come in and see the payments — and vote for Focus.”

Fiesta’s declining sales levels are “on plan,” he repeated. “We’ll sell more Focus. There will be a natural water level for Fiesta and Focus, but we’re relying on the power of choice for Focus offerings going forward.”

So Ford’s argument basically is that they’re OK with how Fiesta sales have slumped badly as long as Focus sales continue to pick up smartly,

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