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#### **Halloween** happenings

Everyone knows Northville is the place to be around Halloween. There are all kinds of spooky-related events around town. Here are just a couple:

• Costume Parade/ Trick-or-Treat Street, 1-3 p.m., Oct. 27 in downtown Northville. A children's costume parade will start at 1 p.m. at the Northville Community Center, 303 West Main Street. Children will parade around the downtown sidewalks, followed by trick-or-treating the local merchants from 1:30-2:30 p.m. A magic show, by Jasen Magic, will take place from 2:45-3:30 p.m. in Genitti's Little Theatre.

112 East Main Street. • Trick or Treating & Costume Contest, 6-8 p.m., Oct. 31 in Northville and Northville Community Center. At 7:30 p.m. the community center will host the costume contest

• Northville Township have given notice to all residents that official trick or treat hours will be from 6-8 p.m., on Halloween, Oct. 31.

#### Lighted **Parade** entries

The Northville Chamber of Commerce is now accepting entries for the annual Holiday Lighted Parade, which will take place on Friday, Nov. 16. The 2012 Parade theme is "It's a Wonderful Northville!" and entries are invited to follow the theme in order to compete in three award categories. Bands, floats, dancers and entertainers are welcome to perform in the evening parade that kicks off the holiday season in downtown Northville.

Applications are available on the Chamber of Commerce website at www.northville.org.

The Holiday Lighted Parade begins at 6:30 p.m. and travels through the streets of downtown Northville. If your group would like to be a part of this annual tradition, please contact the Northville Chamber of Commerce at (248) 349-7640 or visit www.northville. org.

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#### **Boo-tiful treats**

Staci Ciric, co-owner of the Northville Township bakery Rumi's Passion, located at 41120 Five Mile Road, shows off some of their Halloween-themed cupcakes. She and her husband, Steve, will be donating proceeds from all their sales on Oct. 27 to Northville Civic Concern. The bakery has been kind to Civic Concern in past — last year they gave the charity \$1,000 from proceeds of a Groupon sale. For more information, call (734)

# Five candidates vying for 3 seats on school board

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

The three openings on the Northville Board of Education make this an important election for school district voters. After Nov. 6, the voters could give the board a whole new look.

Five candidates are competing for the three openings on the Northville Public School Board of Education. The school board plays a big part in a school community's learning environment. With the school district continuing to be fiscally challenged, its leadership will be essential going forward.

The stated primary functions of the school board are to lead the district by establishing a balanced budget, setting policy, hiring personnel and giving leadership to the over arching mission/vision for the schools.

**Current Board Pres**ident Dottie Garrity, whose term is up this year, did not file for reelection while current board members Matthew Wilk and Cyndy Jankowski are running for the first time to retain the seats they were appointed to in the past year, while the other candidates — Roland Hwang, Michael Barrett and Adam Phelps — are looking to bring a new perspective to the positions. School board members serve fouryear terms and earn no salary.

Wilk and Jankowski were selected to fill in for the departed Anita Bartschat and Joan Wadsworth, whose term was up this year. Elected along with current member Scott Craig last year, Bartschat left her position early due to having to move away because of her husband's work assignment. Jankowski filled Wadsworth's spot early

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# **Heart of Northville**

# Longtime public servant Abbo named Citizen of the Year

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

To honor his longtime leadership and dedicated service, the Northville Chamber of Commerce selected outgoing township Supervisor Mark Abbo as the 2012 Citizen of the Year.

At the annual Chamber of Commerce meeting, held at the Inn at St.

Johns on Oct. 17, an array of local dignitaries, business leaders and friends gathered to pay tribute to Abbo for his 20 years of service. For Abbo, the honor was a surprise.

"I'm shocked, really" he said afterward. "This is a great honor and it means a whole a lot to me because my heart will

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Northville Township Supervisor Mark Abbo (right) was honored with the 2012 Citizen of the Year award, presented by the Northville Chamber of Commerce. From left, State Rep. Kurt Heise, Northville Board of Education Vice President Ken Roth, Mayor Chris Johnson, and Wayne County Commissioner Laura Cox all praised a surprised Abbo at the Chamber's annual meeting held last week at the inn at St. Johns.

# Northville's Zahra wants to hold on to Supreme Court seat

By Jill Halpin Correspondent

Michigan Supreme Court Justice Brian Zahra has spent 18 years of an almost 25-year law career serving on judicial benches throughout the state of Michigan.

From clerking for the U.S. District Court to serving as a Wayne County Circuit Court judge to an appointment on the Michigan Court of Appeals and, most recently, an appointment by Gov. Rick Snyder to the state's highest court, Zahra has had a unique

opportunity to make his mark on Michigan's judicial sys-

tem. "I feel like I have made a difference. I love my job and I am passionate about it,"



Zahra, a Northville resident, said of his long career.

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# Women dominate high court ballot

Connie Kelley

By Jill Halpin Correspondent

Area women are making a place for themselves this fall in the annals of Michigan's judicial

Four women are running the state's highest court — three who were nominated by the Democratic Party and one nominated by the Republican Party.

Connie Marie Kelley of Redford, Bridget Mary McCormack of Ann Arbor and Southfield's Shelia Johnson are all running for seats on the state's Supreme Court, marking the first time ever that three women have been nominated by the Democratic Party for Michigan's highest court. Republican nominee Colleen O'Brien of Rochester Hills rounds out the group of female candidates.

"This is a very important moment in history, not only for our state, but for our entire country. It shows that women have really reached a pinnacle level. It really speaks volumes to a level of equality women have achieved," said Johnson, a judge in Southfield's 46th District Court



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Colleen O'Brien



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since 2002.

McCormack, a law professor and dean for clinical affairs at the University of Michigan Law School, also discussed the significance of the nominations.

"This is the first time one of the parties has nominated three women for the state Supreme Court and I am honored to be part of that," she said. "This may not have been possible even a generation ago.'

The nominations are notable on many different levels, noted Mark Brewer, chair of the Michigan Democratic Party.

"While it is true this is the first time the Michigan Democratic Party has endorsed a slate of three women candidates, what is truly historic about the occasion is the fact that we have



Shelia Johnson

nominated these three women Judge Connie Marie Kelley, Judge Shelia Johnson and Bridget Mary McCormack. These

three women come from different backgrounds, but they all have devoted their lives to protecting Michigan children and families. Michigan deserves a Supreme Court that protects our kids, and that's the real historic opportunity we have in 2012," he said.

#### Connie Marie Kelley

According to Kelley, the nominations "seem to have energized people — both men and women -across that state."

Kelley is used to making his-

As the second of six children in an Irish-Catholic family, she was the first child in her family to attend college, paying her own way through the University of Michigan then law school at

Wayne State University. As an attorney in the Troy law firm of Powers, Chapman, D'Agostino, Meyers & Millia, P.C, she was only the second woman to be appointed partner since

Kelley currently serves as a judge in Wayne County's Third Circuit Court.

"It is really exciting — it's an historical moment. As I travel the state talking to people, they seem really energized by it. It's not just women, either; it's the men, too," Kelley said.

Despite the significance of the achievement, it is Kelley's work with litigants within the circuit court system's Family Division, as well as her efforts with at-risk young women in Detroit, that she finds most rewarding.

Kelley has been a circuit court judge since 2009, after a 27year career as an attorney dealing with everything from family law and sexual harassment to wrongful termination and personal injury — "and everything

in-between."

The mother of two grown sons, Andrew and Kyle, she is married to Kevin Kelley, director of senior and veteran services for Wayne County and a former Redford Township supervisor.

#### **Shelia Johnson**

The first African-American female to serve as a district court judge in Oakland County, Johnson is currently serving as chief judge pro tem of the court, presiding over a variety of cases ranging from ordinance violations and traffic matters to criminal preliminary examinations and misdemeanors.

A Southfield resident for more than 23 years, Johnson was born and raised in Detroit, graduating from Cranbrook Kingwood High School before attending Dartmouth College, where she majored in history. A 1984 graduate of the University of Michigan Law School, Johnson was the first African American in history to be elected as president of the Law School Student Senate.

A two-term district judge, John-

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November election, one of three candidates nominated by the Republican Party for the high court, along with current Michigan Supreme Court Justice Stephen J. Markman and Oakland County Circuit Court Judge Colleen O'Brien.

#### Judicial appointment

Appointed by Snyder in 2011 to fill the vacancy left by former state Supreme Court Justice Maura Corrigan, Zahra is running against Oakland County 46th District Court Judge Shelia Johnson to complete the final two years of Corrigan's term.

Corrigan left her position on the court to join Snyder's cabinet upon his election to the governor's office.

A 1987 graduate of the University of Detroit Law School, Zahra grew up in Dearborn and attended Wayne

State University. A member of the Law Review while in law school, he also served as an editor of the State Bar of Michigan's Corporation and Finance Business Law Journal.

Upon graduation from law school, Zahra spent two years clerking for the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan before joining the law firm of Dickinson, Wright, Moon, Van Dusen & Freeman.

#### Circuit court

Zahra was serving as a Wayne County Circuit Court judge when he was appointed to the Michigan Court of Appeals in 1999 by then-Gov. John Engler. He served on the court for 12 years before he was tapped to fill Corrigan's vacancy on the Supreme Court.

Seeing the legal process from the "bench side of the law," as well as his time spent as a practicing attornev, has proved to be very enlightening and provided valuable insight into the judicial process, said Zahra, the married father of two.

"As I tried and litigated cases, I saw judges unwilling or incapable of ruling without injecting their personal perspective," he said, "I thought I could make a difference in the law on the judge side of the law."

He is clearly ardent about the concept of equal justice, referring to himself as a "rule of law" judge, meaning it is his role as a judge "to determine what the law is, not what it should be."

"Every judge brings their life experiences to the bench with them, but the most important thing is to discern what our law is and then apply with without bringing in our subjective feelings," he said. "I believe in equal justice under the law, where everyone's claim is decided exclusively on the law."

Zahra has also served on various community organizations, including the Novi Youth Hockey Association and the Kiwanis Club International.





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It's been 6 months since one of the owners Tony Vulaj has transformed the restaurant into a place now known for its beautiful decor and an extensive menu with reasonable prices. When you enter Tavern 131 you will see a fresh new look from the acid stained floor to new seating. To design that "just right" atmosphere, Vulaj selected a color scheme of deep earth tones, large screen TVs and a unique two way fireplace for inside the restaurant and outside viewing on the patio which can accommodate up to 60 people. "We gutted the place — all new booths, flooring, new bar and new bathroom. We wanted a different feel, a different look. After I got started, it was hard to stop," he said. "I just wanted it perfect."

Tavern 131 is what Vulaj, and his family envisioned, for more than three years before opening the restaurant. They have a knack for successful restaurants they own the Americus Coney and Grill in Milford along with the popular Ciao Amici's Italian Restaurant and Americus Grill both in Brighton.

Yet Vulaj knows there's another vital element to draw folks in and bring them back again and again. "This is a place that is fun to be in, fun to work in, where the customer has a good time," he said. "When people enjoy themselves, when they know they have something to do here, they come back." Offering lots of live entertainment from local bands and DJ's on the weekend's customers can play pool or a few video games, plus karaoke and trivia night.

The menu is very extensive with something for everyone from fine dining to burgers. Look for 20 appetizers, 10 salads, 10 sandwiches and 8-10 mouth

watering burgers. They feature over 20 dinner entrees that are one of a kind and won't disappoint the discriminating palate. Favorites are Tavern Chicken a la Gorgonzola, Salmon, Tortellini Diablo, and One Pound of Beef Tips, Chicken Fettuccine Alfredo Pizza and their signature dish Sirloin Gorgonzola.

You don't just give customers what you want. You give them what they want," Vulaj said. "Otherwise, they'll just go down the street to eat." The bar area seats approximately thirty patrons. With over 20 domestic and craft beers on tap you're sure to find your favorite brew. The bar has an extensive selection of liquor and they make their own sour mix in house for the freshest taste. Daily there is happy hour between 11am - 6pm and late night specials 9pm till close. It is a very comfortable place to catch a game with around 20 TVs throughout the restaurant. Saturdays watch ESPN college game day plan and the ever popular Sunday NFL ticket. On game days they have a special menu where you can get 10 items for \$5 a piece. Thursdays are date night at Tavern 131 giving couples 2 dinner entrees and a bottle of wine for only \$40 plus tax. That is an incredible value when you consider that you may have your choice of any entree including filet mignon!

Visit Tavern 131 and enjoy the seasonal Halloween decorations. They have really

gone all out for their Halloween Bash on October 27 from 9 pm till close. The pumpkins, eerie Halloween lighting, cob webs and spooky ghouls make the place look "spooktackular". Have fun while you listen to the

DJ play favorites like the Monster Mash to Thriller and best of all the Halloween Bash has no cover charge. There will be cash prizes for the scariest costume, sexiest costume and the best overall costume.

Tavern 131 believes in supporting the community and this year is sponsoring the Halloween at the Carl' YMCA in Milford by buying all the candy for the kids. Toni Vulaj stresses community support. He feels it is your duty to give back to the community. "The community supports me,

so I have to support the community". Living and being involved in Milford for over 10 years he has been involved in fundraisers all the time. Vulai says, "We have an open door to help others". Both Tavern 131 and Americus Coney & Grill are co-sponsoring the Christmas Parade held

the Saturday after Thanksgiving in Milford.

Looking around Tavern 131, Vulaj is unmistakably proud and quite satisfied with the results. "I'm looking forward to having a place like 'Cheers' -



3) On the left is Gorgonzola Sirloin. Our 12oz choice sirloin with sauteed onions and gorgonzola cheese topped with our house zip sauce. Served with mashed potatoes and vegetables. On the right is our tortellini Diablo with sausage. Cheese filled tortellini in a chipotle cream sauce with pepper, onion and

where everybody knows your name" he said, smiling.

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Tavern 131 is a great new addition to Milford and

quickly becoming a local favorite. Mike & Toni are active throughout the Huron Vailey community participating in Chamber events such as Brewed in Michigan, the Annuai Christmas Parade and hosting several networking events. The Chamber has truly enjoyed working with them and look forward to our continued partnership in the community and wish them great success.

Joell Beether, Executive Director Huron Valley Chamber of Commerce





# Downtown businesses will pass out goodies to trick or treaters Saturday

By Julle Brown Staff Writer

The Northville Chamber of Commerce and downtown merchants will feature trick or treating for local children on Saturday, Oct. 27, in downtown Northville.

The Downtown Costume Parade and Trick or Treat Streets will begin with the 1 p.m. parade with staging outside the Community Center, 303 W. Main.

Parade escorts will be provided by Preservation Dental's Tooth Fairy, Candy Cops and Miss Sweet Tooth. After the parade, participants will trick or treat in downtown stores 1:30-2:30 p.m. A Halloween Magic Show with Jasen Magic at Genitti's Little Theatre will follow at 2:45 p.m.

The costume parade is sponsored by Preservation Dental, the Halloween Magic Show by Mark S. Hunter Orthodontist. Trick or

tral Business Association.

The downtown merchants offered trick or treating last year, said Traci Sincock, chamber associate director. It's been redefined a bit and organizers are eager to welcome families.

"If we get 100 kids, I think that'd be awesome," Sincock said of the event aimed at children and their parents. It's another reason to dress up, she said, and

The city and township will continue with traditional trick or treating on Oct. 31, with this done in addition, she said.

"Northville knows how to do Halloween better than many people," including events and the skeletons downtown. "October is a very busy month."

She's not sure what she'll dress as. "I have an array of costumes." Her choice will depend on weathnice fall weather.

Husband Paul, Plymouth city manager, is set to dress as Tigger and work as the event crossing guard. Businesses will provide candy.

"We encourage Northville families to come and celebrate Halloween," Traci Sincock said.

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#### Flu shots

Deanna Karoub gets her seasonal flu shot from RN Linda Gottleber on Oct. 9 at the Northville Community Senior Center. The center held a flu shot clinic that day, staffed by the Visiting Nurses Association, and offered shots that were covered by insurances and would last the entire flu season.





**Pumpkin** time

Jeanne Jund loads the second of three pumpkins she purchased Oct. 11 at the Northville Farmer's Market. The market, located at the corner of Sheldon and Seven Mile Roads, will close for the season after its Oct. 25 session.

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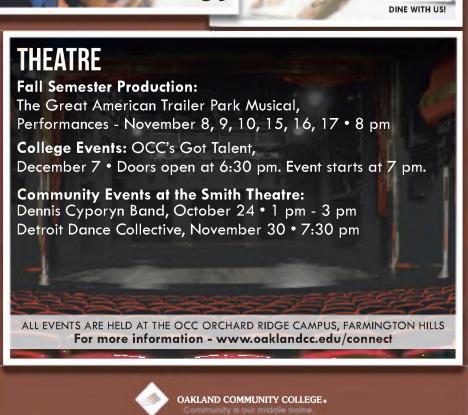


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# **Thornton Creek parents out to make** playground 'welcoming' for all children

By Lonnle Huhman

A group of mothers have come together under the name A Cause for Play in the effort to help make the playground at Thornton Creek Elementary School a place that can be enjoyed by all kids.

This plan to upgrade the playground got a serious boost last week after the school was awarded a \$50,000 prize for winning an essay contest about the benefits of inclusive playgrounds, which was written by the group of par-

Parents Karen Wang, Amy Vertes, Claudia Ordonez, Michelle Coe, Emily Vitale, Lori Leneschmidt and Amy Scotto DiVetta are leading the group. The idea to take on this project started in May and for these mothers. They say it's all about making the playground the best it can be.

"We want it to be place that welcomes every child," Ordonez said.

The playground hasn't been updated or improved upon since the school was built in 1994. Wang, whose son is autistic and attends the school, said things have evolved since then and newer playground equipment now takes into account safety precautions



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Thornton Creek Elementary's "A Cause for Play" playground organizers pause on the school's current playground that they hope to replace in 2013. From left, Karen Wang, Amy Scotto Divetta, Lorei Leneschmidt, Principal Alison Epler, and Claudia Ordonez.

and the various abilities/ needs of individual students.

The new equipment, which will highlight accessibility, movement and turn-taking, will replace the school's current playground, which doesn't meet the needs of Thornton Creek's diverse student population. It will enable students of all levels and stages of development to use the playground as a place to learn, play and grow together.

School administration is completely behind the effort and Principal Allison Epler said they also have the support of the district's central office staff.

"This type of playground considers everyone,' Epler said. "We are more

than happy to support this effort."

The school, which is located on Nine Mile Road, was chosen as the top winner of the national "School Grounds. Playgrounds. Common Ground" contest for its essay submission describing how the school would benefit from an inclusive playground, which will bring children of all abilities together to learn, play and grow.

The school still needs to raise another \$50,000 toward a playground that should, if fund-raising efforts work out, be built by the start of next school

According to Landscape Structures Inc. spokesperson Jane Jenewein, the prize money will go

toward inclusive playground equipment, which will be supplied by Landscape Structures, in partnership with the National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP) Foundation. She said what made Thornton Creek stand out among the over 200 other essays is its overall commitment to all of its students.

"A school is a microcosm of the world and like the world there are many students of varying abilities," Jenewein said. "An inclusive playground will help kids overcome biases as they come together on common ground to have fun filled experience."

To reach the overall goal, there will be a variety of fund-raising efforts coming up including a family concert with the Swingset Mommas in January and a Walkathon next spring. In the meantime, a birthday club has been set up at the school and with a donation to the cause a family can have a special birthday celebration at the school.

To help with the cause or get more information, e-mail them at acauseforplay@gmail.com or check them out on Facebook at A Cause for Play.

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this year, while Wilk was pegged to fill Bartschat's spot during the summer.

Although running for the first time, neither Hwang nor Barrett are strangers to the selection process. Both competed with Jankowski and Wilk for the appointment fillins. Phelps, a seven-year resident of Northville, is running in an election for the first time as well.

Each brings a wealth of experience and knowledge, making this vote a tough one.

#### Cynthia Jankowski Jankowski brings the perspective of a parent.

A resident of the Northville



Cynthia Jankowski

school district for eight years, Jankowski had been an active parent

teer at Silver Springs Elementary School while her son was there. It was then that she became involved in Northville's Legislative Action Network. LAN is a standing committee within the Northville Area Council of PTAs, Northville Public Schools, whose stated goal is to protect the interests of our children's education in Lansing and Washington.

She has also served as an officer and treasurer for the Quail Eight Homeowners Association.

Relying on 25 years of experience as a paralegal, first in litigation and now in real estate, she believes her background serves her well in analyzing and evaluating the various issues confronting the school board. In addition, she believes this professional experience allows her to bring practical, unbiased resolutions to the table.

"When my family decided to move to Michigan, we chose Northville as our home because of the reputation of the Northville school district. We wanted our son to reap the rewards of an education in the public school system," she said. "It will always be my goal to maintain our district's reputation of excellence. Each decision will be made with an honest and fair evaluation of the facts; and I will work to implement creative, thoughtful solutions. My passion is our children — to provide each and every one of them with the skills necessary to compete locally, nationally and globally in the future of their choice."

#### **Matt Wilk**

A nine-year resident, Wilk brings with him family experience in

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Matt Wilk been employed as vice president of Huntington Bank in Troy

since 2009. A native of

Sterling Heights, Wilk has a Bachelor of Arts Degree and Law Degree from the University of Michigan.

"As a trustee of the Northville Board of Education, I am applying my financial and legal expertise, as well as my experience as the son of two long-time educators, to resolve the pressing challenges facing the school district," he said. "As the parent of twins entering Winchester Elementary, I am a parent that understands and endures the challenges of parents raising children in this modern world. 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 family to Northville in the first place — the exceptional school experience provided to our children."

#### Adam Phelps

A seven-year resident of the Northville school district with two children currently



**Adam Phelps** 

enrolled at Silver Springs Elementary School, Phelps has worked for Ford

Company for the last 12 years in a variety of areas including purchasing, program management and human resources. He is currently a purchasing manager in the Interior Department. He is also an active member of the Silver Springs Dads Club, as well as a volunteer with Junior Achievement and the Gleaners Community Food Bank. He's a youth soccer coach in the

Northville Recreation

"The insight I will bring to the Northville Board of Education is the perspective of a local resident who is deeply invested in the success of the school district," he said. "I have over a decade of experience managing complex budgets and staffing and policy administration, but my number one priority is to be an advocate for our students and teachers. As the father of young children who attend Northville Public Schools, my primary interest is to make sure the quality of education in our community continues to be among the best in Michigan."

#### **Roland Hwang**

A 24-year resident of the Northville school district, Hwang is the father



**Roland Hwang** 

of two children currently enrolled at Northville High School. He is an Assistant Attorney

General in the Michigan Department of the Attorney General with 24 years with the department. In addition, he is an adjunct instructor at the University of Michigan — Ann

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#### **Bond voter information**

With the November 6th Election just a few short weeks away, voters are encouraged to learn more about how the Northville Public Schools Technology Bond will benefit students and teachers in the classroom — while also maintaining the existing millage rate for taxpayers — by visiting www.voteyesnps.org.

The website is sponsored by Vote Yes! For NPS, a citizen-led ballot question committee comprised of about 15 Northville school parent and community volunteers, who have joined forces to get the word out about the Technology Bond, which will raise \$20.87 million for technology improvements across the school district over the next nine years if taxpayers are willing to maintain the existing 4.3-mill rate they currently pay.

By logging on to the website, visitors can get more in-depth information about the Technology Bond Proposal, which will support the district's technology plan for at least the next 12 years by issuing bonds through two separate series. Series 1 would be issued in 2013 to implement the technology improvements and Series 2 in 2017 to "refresh" the initial investment allowing for classroom technology to be up to date over

the entire length of the bond.

The website also offers information on upcoming community events where voters can learn more about the Technology Bond, as well as voting information, and details on how community members can help support passage of the Technology Bond Proposal. In addition to the website, the Vote Yes! For NPS Committee is reaching out to voters with its message via neon yellow lawn signs, postcards mailed to absentee ballot voters, postings on social media sites such as Facebook and Twitter, and by encouraging supporters to write letters to the editor for publication by local media

#### **NHS drama production**

The Northville High School Drama Club will present "A Christmas Story" Nov. 15-17, at Northville High School. Show times are 7 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, with an additional 2 p.m. matinee on Saturday. General admission tickets for A Christmas Story are \$10 for adults and \$8 for students and seniors age 55 and over.

To order tickets, visit www.showtix4u.com/boxoffice.php?submit=Sear ch+for+Events&begin=1542968&curre nt\_client=0401451209101148&ts=13496

Tickets are also available at the Northville Public Schools Central Office, 501 West Main Street, Room 307 from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. weekdays. Additionally, the Box Office at Northville High School will be open one hour prior to each performance.

For more information on the Northville High School Drama Club and our 2012-2013 season, please visit www. nhstheatre.com.

#### **BOARD**

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Arbor, in the Department of American Culture, which is a position he has held for 17 years.

Outside of work, he is secretary and a past president of the Maple Hill Homeowners Association and for more than 20 years he has been the Scholarship Committee chair for the Association of Chinese Americans-Detroit.

"As a parent of two Northville Public Schools' students, as a labor lawyer, and college instructor teaching in American culture, I would bring to the Northville school board my diverse professional and community experience," he said. "I would concentrate on further improving our high quality education within funding limits. I seek enhanced teaching quality, continued development of core curriculum, and retention of our educational staff."

#### **Michael Barrett**

A resident of the Northville school district for nine years, Barrett is

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preneur. **Barrett** He has worked as a middle school physical education teacher, a substitute math teacher, a Division 1 college women's basketball head coach,

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assistant coach and academic coordinator (all at University of Detroit-Mercy), and a high school athletic director. He has also managed a mechanical contracting company, and has managed and turned around an insurance adjusting company.

"I have a varied background that would serve the Northville Board of Education in many areas from marketing and counseling to construction issues," Barrett said. "We moved to the Northville area because of the community and the strong school district. If you have a strong district, then property values remain solid and strong, and the entire community wins."

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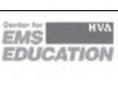
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# GVSU senior honored as top intern

By Julie Brown Staff Writer

Carissa Patrone, 22, a senior at Grand Valley State University, is glad to have grown up in North-

"The variety of classes made me choose what I wanted to go into," said Patrone, a 2008 Northville High School graduate. She encourages incoming college freshmen to "just focus on what you like, not what's going to make you a lot of money. And just to try everything that's interesting to you."

The Northville woman. who'll graduate in December, was named Outstanding Intern of the Year at Grand Valley State University by Career Services. She was chosen out of some



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Carissa **Patrone** 

50 interns for the honor. She has been on the dean's list at GVSU

every semester since starting there as a freshman.

Patrone has a double major in Spanish and communications, and a minor in advertising and public relations. She did internship work

gan Butterflies, a nonprofit based in Jenison, Mich. "It was more public relations, communications," she said. "I did their Face-

throughout 2011 for Michi-

book and Twitter accounts." She went and worked at events such as a butterfly release at the zoo in Grand

Rapids.

As an intern, Patrone also did press releases and created a logo. For the Intern of the Year honor, students' supervisors requested they be candidates.

Rachel Becklin, assistant director of Career Services, said in a statement Patrone was chosen as top intern because "she showed initiative, went above and beyond, and made an overall positive impact on the organization."

Patrone's looking forward to serving internationally in the Peace Corps after college graduation. "I haven't gotten my placement yet. It could be anvtime after December when I graduate."

In the Peace Corps, she'll focus on education efforts.

Volunteers get a region and a "broad overview of what you'll be doing." She'll have three months of training before the two-year commitment.

Patrone is the daughter of Steve and Sheri, and has an 18-year-old brother, Brandon, a senior at Northville High who's on the football team.

After the internship, she went to Spain to study its language and culture.

She's thought about the Peace Corps for a while. "In high school, I had

heard about it. It's always been in the back of my mind. I love traveling and learning about other cultures." She also studied in Mexico in the summer of 2010.

Her step-grandma is from the Dominican Republic, and Patrone wanted to be able to speak with her. "She's like a grandma to me. She's the one who inspired me to learn the language."

Patrone says she feels right at home at Grand Valley. She likes contact with professors and being involved in organizations on campus.

"I just like the small class size," she said.

Patrone does volunteer work, including with a group that helps Hispanic adults get their GEDs. She's also volunteered in a Jenison school system immersion program for kindergartners to learn Spanish.

Patrone is in the Public Relations Society of America and is an international student mentor.

After the Peace Corps, she'll apply for graduate work.

"I would like to get my master's, I think, in international communications." She'd like to work for a global nonprofit organiza-

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#### **HIGH COURT**

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son also has 18 years' experience in private practice focusing on civil and criminal litigation.

The 2008 recipient of the Powerful Woman of Purpose Award from the Rhonda Walker Foundation for professional achievement in the legal field and for commitment to community service, Johnson has also been recognized by a variety of organizations for her leadership and community service.

#### **Bridget Mary McCormack**

McCormack graduated from New York University Law School and spent the first five years of her legal career trying cases in New York City's trial courts with The Legal Aid Society.

In 1996, McCormack became a faculty fellow at the Yale Law School, where she taught advocacy and professional responsibility. She joined the University of Michigan Law School faculty in 1998.

For the past 14 years, McCormack has conducted and supervised many types of civil and criminal litigation at all levels of state and federal courts in Michigan.

McCormack has been recognized by a variety of professional organizations for her work with the university's clinical programs, including the Michigan Innocence Clinic, in which students represent the wrongfully convicted and resulted in the exoneration of six people as of June 2012.

#### Colleen O'Brien

Currently serving as judge of the Oakland County Circuit Court, a position she has held since winning election in 1998, O'Brien was born in Pontiac and attended college at the University of Michigan.

A 1981 graduate of the Detroit College of Law, she spent 17 years in private practice, gaining experience in both civil and crim-

inal matters. O'Brien said she is honored to be a part of this historic group.

"I have always been excited about Michigan's rich history of women in the law," said O'Brien.

"There has been a woman on the Michigan Supreme Court every year since 1973, and we have had five female chief iustices since then. In fact, in 2010, Michigan was one of only three states in the country with a female majority. So I'm not too surprised by the fact that we have so many women on the ballot this year, and I'm proud to be one of them.'

As a practicing attorney, O'Brien served on the Rochester Hills Zoning Board of Appeals, and received the Oakland County Bar Association Pro Bono Award for providing volunteer legal services. She has also served as a circuit court mediator in Oakland, Macomb and Wayne counties, as well as serving as president of the Oakland County Women's Bar Association.

O'Brien also serves as an adjunct professor at Thomas M. Cooley Law School, and in 2011 received the Frederick J. Griffith III Adjunct Faculty Award from Cooley Law School, which is awarded to faculty members who best display excellence in teaching, passion for advocacy and compassion for law students. O'Brien is also on the Advisory Board for Baker College. She also serves on the boards of both the Restore Foundation and Crossroads for Youth.

In 2011, O'Brien was the recipient of the Oakland County Bar Association's Distinguished Public Servant Award.

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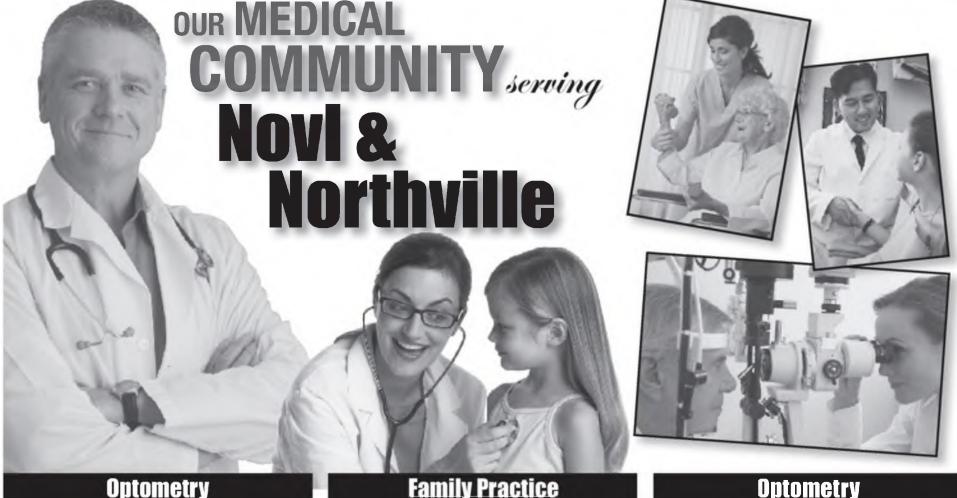
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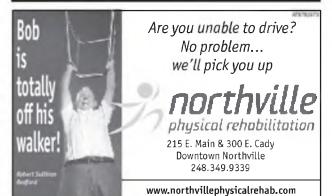
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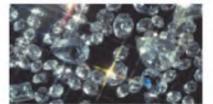
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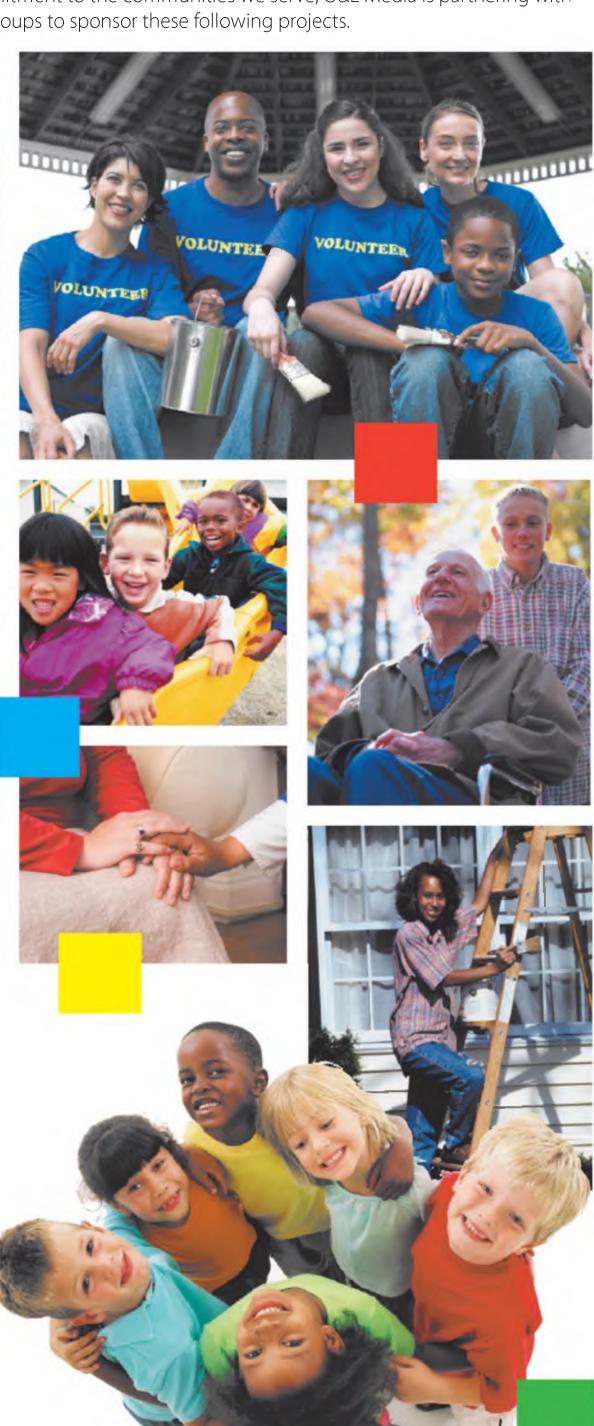
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# Two vie for seat on county commission

By Karen Smlth Staff Writer

Democrat Susan Nichols is running Nov. 6 for Wayne County Commission because she is fed up and thinks she can do a better job than incumbent Republican Laura Cox representing Livonia and Northville residents in the 9th District.

"I am tired of corruption, sweetheart pensions, no-bid or sole-source contracts, budgets padded with appointees," the 55year-old legal assistant said, listing some of the issues that concern her. "Who's representing the taxpayers?"

She said Wayne County residents can't open up a newspaper without reading about more scandals involving County Executive Robert Ficano's administration.

A lifelong resident of Wayne County who lives in Northville Township, Nichols said she wants Wayne County to be the ideal place to live and work. "I think we can do a lot to change it," she said.

Nichols said this is her first bid for public office, other than as precinct delegate, and she is running only to make a difference.

"I'm quite content in the job I have. I'm not looking to build my resume; I'm not looking to move to higher position," she said, adding she works in her husband's law firm.

As a Democrat, Nichols believes she can build an alliance with the other commissioners to "stand up to the executive branch." Currently, Cox is the only Republican. "I do think I can do better," she said, adding that commissioners are asking good questions, they just need a "ring leader" to bring them together.

However, Cox said Nichols's suggestion she can do a better job because she is a Dem-



Cox

shows how little she knows about Wayne County politics. Being

the lone Republican on the 15member commission gives Cox the unique ability to speak her mind, the 47-year-old Livonia resident said: "And politically, they can't do anything to me. If they're all Democrats, who would be speaking out?"

#### 'Different voice'

Cox said voters want a different voice. "I have the ability to say what I say because I am a different party," she said.

Cox, who has served on the commission since 2005, said she works well with her Democratic colleagues, who elected her as vice chair pro tem, the No. 3 position.

Cox said after the \$200,000 severance payment made to former Wavne County Economic Development Director Turkia Mullin was revealed last fall, she requested the formation of the Special Committee on Appointee Compensa-

"I stood up and took hold of the bully pulpit and said these are the things we should do, and they happened," she said. "I stood out as a leader and voice for the voters of Wayne County."

She also submitted a resolution in May calling for Ficano to resign for the "good of the county."

But Nichols, who agrees with Cox that Ficano should resign, said Cox "chimed in" too late. "Where was her voice when the sweetheart pensions were going down?" Nichols asked.

Cox said she is running for re-election to continue the work she started

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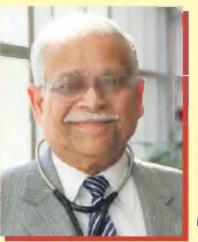
parency and to serve as chair of ways and means again, if the lead-

ership allows. She said if the county checkbook were online, the check to Mullin never would have been written. "When people can see what you're doing, you're going to follow the rules," she said.

In March 2011, the commission approved an ordinance introduced by Cox to establish an electronic filing and Internet disclosure system for campaign finance reports and

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Mike Mohr of The Painted Garden paints a dog portrait on a piece of slate during the Oct. 12 Handcrafters show at the Northville Community Senior Center. Halloween tea

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

A Medium awaits you in the historic 1845 church. What spirits linger? What is a Medium? Can they really speak to spirits? Will there be a message for you? How does all this paranormal stuff work? Or is it all hocus pocus? All this and more will be waiting for you on this eerie evening.

Costumes optional. Prize awarded for best costume.

This event is a fund-raiser for the Northville Historical Society. Tickets are \$30 (\$25 for NHS mem-

bers). The deadline to get tickets is Oct. 22. Call the NHS at (248) 348-1845 or visit www.millracenorthville.org.

#### Bell ringers needed

The Salvation Army is seeking volunteer bell ringers for the 2012 Red Kettle Campaign to fill shifts in the Northville area from Nov. 9 to Christmas Eve. Those interested can visit www.ringbell. org to register for a location, date and time of their choice

#### Wicked Halloween Run

The Kona Running Company, organizers of the Kona Run (was Solstice Run) and long-standing contributor to the North-ville Educational Foundation, will host the Wicked Halloween Run on Sunday, Oct. 28 beginning in Kellogg Park in Plymouth.

Participants are encouraged to sign up and wear a costume. The event will feature 10K, 5K run/walk, and Monster Mile races.

To sign up, visit www. WickedHalloweenRun. com. All entrants will get a L. Jordan brand long-sleeve tech shirt if registered before Oct. 23. There will be finisher medals, embroidered hats given to all 10K and 5K finishers, a costume contest, live entertainment, a Monster Mash Party and more.

#### **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.lwvnww.

• 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 on-line, 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

to Mary Gans at (734) 751-1567.

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

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

#### Jazz at the Elks Lodge

The Plymouth Elks Lodge #1780 in Plymouth has Jazz @ The Elks in a beautiful club setting on the last Tuesday of every month from 7-10 p.m.

On Tuesday, Oct. 30 for the first time at Jazz @ The Elks, the Latin group, Nuevo Jazz Detroit, will perform. The artists are Duncan Jones on keyboard, Don Lewandowski on bass, Patrick Fitzgibbon on vibes, Chuck Golemba on drums and Jerry LeDuff on congas. There is a \$10 donation at the door which includes hors d'oeuvres. For more information, please call (734) 453-1780 or e-mail plymouthelks1780@yahoo.com. The Lodge is located at 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth.



#### **DAR Founders Day**

On Oct. 11, the Northville-Plymouth chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, whose namesake is Sarah Ann Cochrane, celebrated DAR Founders Day by laying a wreath at her grave in Rural Hill Cemetery. Led by Regent Kathleen Ripley Leo, a reverent ceremony was conducted where several Sarah Ann Cochrane chapter members were in attendance as well as William Litzinger, a recent enlistee in the Marines, and his father James Litzinger. Pictured in the photo are (from left) Deb Davis, Marie Pleuss, Nancy Kemper, William Litzinger, Nancy Marshall, Barbara Hudgins, James Litzinger, and Kathleen Ripley Leo.



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#### **ABBO**

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always be here in North-

Abbo has been the supervisor since 2000, and first began serving the community as a Trustee in 1992, but is not running for re-election because he wants to devote more time to fam-

Although originally from Detroit, he has been a resident of Northville for more than 30 years. He's seen the community grow and been part of some big decisions that have made it what it is today — a great place, "to live, work and play."

"Mark has always demonstrated a determination as well as a persistence of vision and leadership to help guide Northville Township," said Township Manager Chip Snider, who has worked alongside Abbo for many years. "He has meant so much with everything he has brought to the township board and the many difficult decisions they've had to make over the vears."

In addition to his public work, he has worked over 30 years in the private sector as a chief financial officer, among oth-

Jody Humphries, director of the Chamber of Commerce, announced the honor and cited the many accomplishments Abbo has been part of, from commercial and residential growth to leading a year after year financially well run local government. She said there were 12 other great nominees, but picking Abbo made sense.

"He will retire next month with the knowledge that he led the township to its greatest period of expansion," Humphries said. "And will leave it as one of the most successful and fiscally stable communities in our state."

Northville City Mayor Chris Johnson, School Board Vice President Ken Roth, State Representative Kurt Heise, Senator Patrick Colbeck and Wayne County Commissioner Laura Cox were all on hand at the meeting, and felt Abbo is deserving of this selection. All of them have had a long working relationship with Abbo and spoke about his talents as a leader and partner, but also more importantly of his deep commitment to the com-

munity's well being. As a further tribute, Johnson said Oct. 21 was designated as Mark Abbo Day in the City of Northville.

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# Making a difference in your community has its rewards

ow have you tried to make a difference in your community?

That is a question we should all be asking ourselves. I realize we are all busy with our personal lives. Believe me, I've got three kids. Let's face it — our jobs, our fami-



Kurt Kuban

lies, and even our hobbies take up so much time and energy. Add it all up and it doesn't leave us much time to devote to making our communities better. That's unfortunate, because I think there are far too many of us who

don't know how rewarding such an endeavor can

Let me share with you how I have made a difference in my community. I live less than a block away from the Rouge River, which was once one of the most polluted waterways in the nation. About a dozen years ago, I got involved with the annual effort to clean up the river. Along with hundreds of volunteers, we have pulled a mountain of trash out of the river over that time. At the same time, governments around the Rouge River watershed have banded together to make major improvements to the water quality of the river that we once treated as a sewer. That is no longer the case.

The river has improved so much, a couple years back a group of us began to look at the recreational possibilities of the Rouge, including canoeing and fishing — activities that were considered preposterous 25 years ago when the effort to clean up the Rouge began.



Some of the Detroit Zoo employees, who helped pull a mountain of trash from the Rouge River early this month. The Zoo employees organize several community service trips annually.

We have been so encouraged that earlier this year, we set a goal of opening up all the logjams in a six mile stretch of the river through the city of Wayne, so we could canoe it without ever having to get out to portage around obstacles. Beginning in the spring, we have gone down to the river armed with ropes, shovels, garbage bags and chainsaws, and we slowly but steadily hacked our way to that goal. Along the way, we have had a number of groups, which wanted to be part of or efforts, show up and be part of the solution.

And guess what? Two weeks ago, roughly 50 people came out for a canoe trip hosted by Friends of the Rouge, an organization that is at the very heart of restoring the Rouge River. We enjoyed beautiful fall colors while paddling down the Rouge River. And it was right in our backyard. When I think of how much work went into making that a possibility, I'm amazed.

One of the groups that helped make this goal a reality included about three dozen employees from the Detroit Zoo, who showed up on a dreary, cool day earlier this month. Despite the fact that none of them lived in Wayne, they worked as hard as any group I've ever seen, pulling boatload after boatload of old tires, shopping carts, bicycles, and just about everything imaginable out of the river. It was hard, nasty work. By the end of the day, they were dirty (an understatement) and tired. I felt bad, because I don't think they knew what they were getting themselves into. I thanked them again and again for their efforts. I was a bit floored, however, when they actually thanked us for inviting them to help out. Some even asked if they could return when we have another work day. They saw what a difference they had made. That is a rewarding feeling.

It makes me think of President Kennedy's famous challenge to his countrymen: "Ask not what your country can do for you - ask what you can do for your country."

Making a difference in your community can come in many ways, big and small. It can be an individual act, such as picking up trash in a nearby park, or part of a larger group, such as helping deliver meals to home bound seniors. I realize some people can't participate in physical activities. In that case, maybe the way you can help is by donating to a food pantry or another charity doing its best to help those in need. Just make a commitment to make your community better. It has a bit of a ripple effect. The community will benefit. And believe it or not, so will you.

Kurt Kuban is editor of the Northville Record. He welcomes reader feedback at kkuban@hometownlife.com or at (248) 437-2011, ext. 245.

#### **COUNTY**

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statements filed with the Wayne County clerk. A proposed charter amendment on the Nov. 6 ballot would give the commission the authority to set the format of the county budget as either line-item or lump sum. Cox said a line-item budget would allow the commission to look at all portions of the budget, saying Ficano probably isn't the only one with "too many appointees." Currently money is appropriated to the executive branch in lump sums.

Nichols said her volunteer work as a legislative liaison for a nonprofit benefitting people with hereditary hemorrhagic telangiectasia, a genetic disorder that causes abnormalities of blood vessels, has given her experience advocating for people and securing funding. She said she had worked with Republican Congressman Mike Rogers and former Congressman Thaddeus McCotter. "I like to make a difference," she said.

Cox is running on her record, which also includes successfully lobbying to get the Haggerty Road resurfacing project moved up from 2014 or 2015 to this year, and getting more money for parks projects in Livonia and Northville.

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# **Who Else Wants to Get Rid of** Sclatica, Bulging Discs, Neck, Arm and Leg Pain...Once and for All?

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- Neck pain
- Herniated/buiging discs
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If you've suffered from any of these annoving conditions, you may have Sciatica if the pain is in your leg, or

Radiculopathy if the pain is in your arm. Sciatica is a compression of the sciatic nerve, usually by the L4 or L5 disc herniations. Radiculopathy is the compression of the nerves coming off the neck. As you know, Sciatica and Radiculopathy can be a very painful

problem, even crippling at times. Nothing's worse than feeling great mentally, but physically feeling held back from life because your back or sciatica hurts and the pain just won't go away! Fortunately, if you are suffering from any of these problems, they may be relieved or eliminated by non-surgical spinal decompression.

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# Township looks to tightens budget despite increased property values

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

Northville Township's 2013 budget reflects an increase in taxable property values, but it also takes into account a 'tightening of the belt' mentality.

The Board of Trustees approved the annual budget at its Oct. 18 meeting. According to Northville Township manager Chip Snider, even though the property values increased depart-

ment heads still set out to make some reductions in the upcoming budget.

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The 2013 budget approved by the board anticipates expenditures to be \$21,020,761 while revenue from property taxes, state sources, fees, etc. will be \$20,001,761. That means the township is anticipating taking \$1,018,846 from its fund balance — also known as a rainy day fund — to balance the budget. The fund balance will still have an anticipated \$12,259,709.

According to the Equalization Office of Wayne County, for the last year the average residential assessments for Northville Township had risen by 4.89 percent. Even with the good news, township planners took precaution when putting the latest budget together.

"Northville Township was the top community in Wayne County for residential growth," Snider said. "Having said that, all department heads were asked to make difficult choices on what areas they found could be reduced in spending."

Snider said the administration saw opportunities through the following: limiting capital expenditures, eliminating purchases of non-essential equipment and personnel, and employees will be increasing their contributions for health care. He said they will also be searching for any and all grant opportunities and continue to seek partnerships, which increase service and diminish costs.

The Public Safety Department, one of the bigger departments, has expenditures

exceeding revenues by \$996,641, with a projected ending fund balance of \$2,283,430.

"This budget will provide a fiscal guide map for the board to use in the upcoming year," Snider said. "For the board, the cornerstone of good decision making judgment is an appreciation of realistic options."

Snider said the township is on the right track because of the planning and work of its staff. He said the township has weathered the recent economic downturn for several reasons, which includes a shared vision with the unions.

"First, the budget has a significant and certainly conspicuous role in managing crisis. Secondly, a lack of political rivalry prompted a good understanding of good public policy. Unions want to know what management is thinking, and want to be heard," he said. "Our shared sacrifice of furlough days and compensation freezes was a direct result of our labor environment. Trust was imperative in order to have the unions buy into our fiscal strategy."

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#### AUDA, ALEXANDER A.

Age 86, of Milford, and formerly of Redford Twp., passed away in the care of his family October 21, 2012. Mr. Auda retired from Detroit Edison after 50 years and served 20 years as a Reserve Police Officer in Redford Twp., retiring as Lieutenant. Preceded in death by his wife Elizabeth "Betty" Auda. Survived by daughters Lynne Auda, Judy Hewelt, and Sharon (David) Lehr; grandchildren Nicole, Cara, Ryan and Matthew. Funeral Service will be held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty St., Milford, on Thursday at 7 PM. Friends may visit Thursday 2-9 PM. In lieu of flowers, donations to: National Pancreatic Cancer Foundation or Angela Hospice. For further information,

phone 248.684.6645 or visit LynchFuneralDirectors.com

#### COLEMAN VIVIAN I.

Age 92. July 21, 1920 - October 16, 2012. Beloved wife of the late Lloyd. Dear mother of Donald (Patricia), Shirley (Ronald) Slobodnik and the late Gerald L. Mother-in-Law of Rosie. Loving grandmother of John, Amy, Jeffrey, Eric, Timothy, Michael & James, and great grandmother of 15. Sister of Wesley (Sharon) Nelson. Visitation was at the O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home. Novi (248) 348-1800. Funeral service was Oct. 19th at Novi United Methodist Church with Rev. June Smith officiating. Interment took place at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens, Novi.

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DAVIES, ERNEST W. Age 94, died October 18, 2012. Burial held in Hampton, VA. PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. phillipsfuneral.com

#### **DEERING** LEROY L.

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#### **DUDGEON**

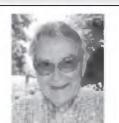
ROBERT JAMES Age 79, passed away in the care of his family October 17, 2012. Preceded in death by Arlene by his beloved wife of over 52 years. Survived by his children Pamela (Ken) Emerson, Deborah (Douglas) Aubry, Linda (Tom) Krumm, Robert Dudgeon, Lisa (John Peterson) Wilson, and George (Anita) Dudgeon; 13 grandchildren and three greatgrandchildren; sister Joyce (the late Jerry) Potvin, also extended family and friends. Funeral Service was held from Lynch & Sons, Milford on October 23, 2012. Fr. Leo Lulko officiated. Memorials encouraged Scleroderma Foundation.

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#### HORST, DOUGLAS F.

Age 79, October 17, 2012. Beloved husband of Lennis. Loving father of Rudy (Suzanne), Paula McNeely, Douglas (Mindy), Russ, Jennifer (Ricky) Harr and the late Victoria. Also survived by 17 loving grandchildren. Dear brother of Shirley Russell and the late Rudy Horst. A memorial gathering will be from 4 to 7 PM, Friday, October 26th at the Northrop - Sassaman Funeral Home, 19091 Northville Rd., Northville. Memorial Mass, Saturday, October 27th, from 9:30 AM until time of Mass 10:00 AM at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church, Northville. A memorial luncheon at the church will immediately follow. In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred

to The Life Raft Group, www.liferaftgroup.org. Donation envelopes will be available at the visitation.



#### JOSEPH F.

96, of Northville, passed to eternal life October 15, 2012 at his home surrounded by the love of his family. Born in Detroit on May 20, 1916 to Joseph F. and Nellie Carbery Dunnabeck, he graduated Cass Tech High School in 1935 and went to work at American Standard Industrial Division for 40 years, retiring in 1975 as Maintenance Supervisor. In 1942, he married Mary E. Holian who preceded him in death in 1972. He was a Northville resident since 1952 and an active member of Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church since then. He was a devout Catholic who prayed the rosary daily. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, the St. Vincent de Paul Society, an usher and extraordinary minister. In 1975, he married Lillian Krezel who preceded him in death in 2011. In addition to his wives and parents, he was preceded in death son, Thomas Dunnabeck; son-in-law, Bruce White; granddaughter, Kristina Hooker; brother, Edward Dunnabeck; law, Thomas Holian. Left to cherish his memory are three children, Joseph (Karen) Dunnabeck, Mary Jo (John) Hooker, and Nancy White; daughter-in-law, Dunnabeck; eleven grandchildren, Laura Chichester, Joseph E. Dunnabeck, Lisa Dattilio,

Sherri (Mitch) Crossley, Janet Dunnabeck, Patti Green, Donna (Bernie) Brosnan, Tim Hooker, Colleen White, Shawn White, and Devin White; 13 greatgrandchildren; one great greatgrandchild; dear sister-in-law, Janet Holian; several nieces and nephews, and numerous friends in Florida and Michigan. A Funeral Mass was held Friday, October 19, 2012 at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church in Northville. Father Denis Northville. Father Denis Theroux officiated the service. Mr. Dunnabeck was laid to rest at Holy Cross Cemetery in Detroit. In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations in Joe's memory to: Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist, P.O. Box 365, Ann Arbor, MI 48106; St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center, 23333 Schoolcraft,

or Fr. Solanus Center, 1780 Mt. Elliot, Detroit, MI 48207. Arrangements entrusted to Casterline Funeral Home of Northville.

Detroit, MI 48223; Food for the

Poor, Inc., 6401 Lyons Road, Coconut Creek, FL 33073;

#### ROE, SALLY

Age 79, passed away October 18, 2012. She was born on July 5, 1933, in Grosse Point, to the late Ronald and Audrey (Winters) Russell. She was Account Manager at Carson Business Interiors in Southfield. Sally is survived by her loving husband Larry R. Roe; children: Gene and Lisa Keyes, Barbara and Donald Tinsley, Carolyn and Tom Gossard, Emery Roe, Carlton Roe; her sister Kay Culp; sister-in-law Shirley Russell; 15 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her sons: David and James; and her brother George. Visitation will be held on Oct. 22, Monday, 3:00 - 9:00 p.m. Funeral service Oct. 23, Tuesday, 11:00 a.m. at Phillips Funeral Home, 122 West Lake Street, South Lyon.

Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

May peace be with you in this time of sorrow.



#### **FISCHER** RAYMOND "JOE"

Age 77, a longtime resident of Northville, passed away October 21, 2012. He was born on August 13, 1935 in Detroit, son of Raymond and Gwendolyn (nee Rudolph) Fischer. He graduated from U of D High School and from the University of Notre Dame with a Bachelor of Science in Commerce. Joe was united in marriage to Mary Lou Ryan on October 4, 1958; they spent 54 loving years together. He retired from the Purchasing Department at Ford Motor Company after 30 years of loyal service. Joe was a hospice volunteer in Michigan and Florida for many years. He loved to play golf and was an avid sports fan. He was a loving, caring and respectful husband, father, and grandfather. Joe was a very genuine man and a great friend to many. He is survived by his wife, Mary Lou; his children, Lynn Fischer, Ray Fischer, and Michael Fischer; his sister-inlaw, Theresa Fischer; and his grandchildren, Ray IV, Jack, Alysse, Michael, and Kit. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brothers Robert and James. Visitation will be held Thursday, October 25 from 4-8pm with a scripture service at 7pm at Casterline Funeral Home, 122 West Dunlap, Northville. The funeral mass will be held Friday, October 26 at 10am, instate at 9:30am at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church, 133 Orchard, Northville. Memorial contributions would be appreciated to the Rose Hill Foundation, 5130 Rose Hill Blvd., Holly, MI

#### GEORGE, EDWARD B. March 4, 1934-October 18, 2012

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#### GREENWELL, DONALD SR.

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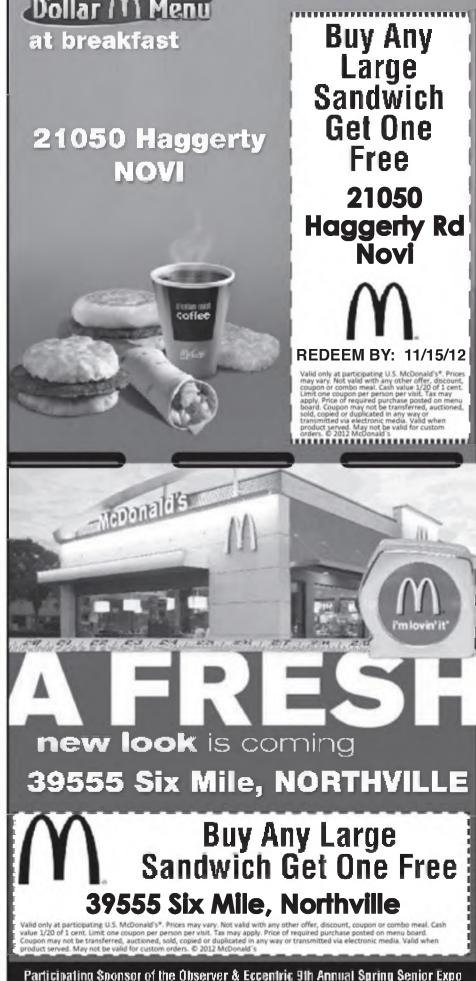
#### ROGERS KEVIN W

Age 46, of Northville, passed away October 16, 2012. He was born in Sudbury, Ontario, Canada, son of Percy and Violet (Malashewski) Rogers. He was united in marriage to Linda J. Townsend on March 31, 2006. Kevin was a caring husband and generous man. He worked as a biomedical technician for Surgitech at Beaumont Hospital after receiving his degree from Schoolcraft College. He was an avid gamer, a computer whiz, and a great handyman. Kevin was a lifelong hockey player; he played for the OHL and any pickup game he could. He is survived by his beloved wife Linda Rogers; his son Jayden Rogers; his parents Percy and Vi Rogers; grandmother Malashewski; his brother Shayne (Jana) Rogers; his step-children Megan and Michael MacLean; his niece Zoe Rogers; and his nephew Ethan Rogers. A memorial service was held at the First Presbyterian Church Northville. Memorial contributions would be appreciated to Henry Ford Liver Transplant, 1 Ford Place Ste 5A, Detroit, Mi 48202. Arrangements entrusted to Casterline Funeral Home.

#### STELZER, **PATRICIA**

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#### NORTHVILLE POLICE BRIEFS

#### Minor in possession

A 20-year-old Livonia man was cited for drinking and possessing beer.

On Oct. 20, the Northville City Police were checking the upper parking deck at Center and Cady streets and found the man along with another person sitting in a vehicle. The 20-year-old exited the vehicle as the police approached and told police the vehicle wasn't his, but the beer they eventually found was his alone.

The owner of the vehicle, who was in the hookah lounge on Center, later came out and said marijuana that police found inside the vehicle was his and he presented his medical marijuana card to the police.

The Breathalyzer did not register for the Livonia man, but police did issue the minor in possession due to the fact he admitted possession and drinking some of it earlier.

#### **Drunken driving**

Erratic driving led to the arrest of a Pontiac woman, who was driving home from a party.

On Oct. 22, a Northville City Police patrol was conducting radar at the corner of Eight Mile and Center streets when the 59-year-old woman was observed driving by and being followed by a Northville Township police patrol. The township officer said the woman had been driving erratically for some time. The city police officer caught up with the woman and later stopped her at Lanthorne Lane.

After smelling intoxicants on her, police had her perform the field sobriety tests. She was unable to complete the one leg stand. The preliminary Breathalyzer registered a .139 percent blood-alcohol content, which exceeds the legal limit.



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

#### Talking TB

Retired Maybury Sanatorium physician John Romanik addresses an Oct. 9 gathering at the Northville Community Senior Center on the history of the town's tuberculosis hospital. Romanik was the facility's children's ward physician from 1964-69, and discussed how all of the TB cases he oversaw were sometimes debilitating, but never fatal due to the advent of the use of antibiotics. Before the mid-1940s, however, quite a few TB cases were fatal — even with Maybury's prescription of rest and fresh air for its patients. The talk was sponsored by the Friends of Maybury.

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**OUR VIEWS** 

# Re-elect Cox

Lone Republican fights for fiscal responsibility, transparency on county board

Republican Laura Cox, who has served on the Wayne County Commission since 2005, is seeking re-election Nov. 6.

We recommend voters in the 9th District, which includes most of Livonia, return her to

As the only Republican on the 15-member commission, Cox speaks her mind without fear of political retribution and maintains the respect of her Democratic colleagues.

After the \$200,000 severance payment made to former Wayne County Economic Development Director Turkia Mullin was revealed last fall, Cox requested the forma-



Laura Cox

dals surfaced involving County Executive Robert Ficano's administration, she submitted a resolution for Ficano to resign for the "good of the

tion of the Special Committee

on Appointee Compensation.

Then in May, after more scan-

Despite being the only member of the minority party, Cox

holds the No. 3 position on the Commission as vice chair pro tem. She also serves as vice chair of the Ways and Means Committee. Cox voted against a proposal to place a \$38

million, 0.97-mill tax for the next 10 years on the November ballot to help cover shortfalls in funding for county public safety operations, noting that Oakland and Macomb counties suffered greater losses in property tax revenue, yet managed to balance their

Cox has been a champion of transparency, introducing an ordinance establishing an electronic filing and internet disclosure system for campaign finance reports and statements filed with the Wayne County Clerk.

She successfully lobbied to get the Haggerty Road resurfacing project moved up from 2014 or 2015 to this year, and has secured money for parks projects in Livonia and Northville including the Bennett Arboretum Educational Pathway in Northville and the Veterans Park at Five Mile and Farmington in Livonia.

We believe Cox has earned another twoyear term in office based on her record of standing up for fiscal responsibility and transparency for all Wayne County residents and working on behalf of the taxpayers in her district.

# Patterson, Bullard, Bouchard our picks

In Oakland County politics, a trio of Republican officials deserve voter support Nov. 6.

L. Brooks Patterson is wrapping up his fifth four-year term as Oakland County executive. Patterson has led the county to create a diverse economy in an effort to better weather the economic woes across the country.

Neither candidate for Oakland County Clerk/Register of Deeds has ever been elected to the position. Current Clerk Bill Bullard was appointed to the position two years ago to replace Ruth Johnson, who was elected Secretary of State.

Bullard assumed the position with plenty of county experience, having been chair of the Oakland County Board of Commissioners for six years. His background includes 20 years as an elected official in Lansing, serving in both the state House and state Senate.

Since becoming clerk, Bullard has focused on increasing efficiency and transparency in the county. Bullard has done well in every elected position he's held. He deserves support in the clerk's race.

Michael Bouchard has been Oakland County sheriff since 1999 and continues to get solid support. As a state legislator and county sheriff, he's had a strong record of public service.

On Nov. 6 we recommend L. Brooks Patterson, Bill Bullard and Michael Bouchard for re-election.



Kurt Kuban, Community Editor Susan Rosiek, Executive Editor

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#### **COMMUNITY VOICE**

#### Do you understand the six state ballot proposals?

We asked this question in downtown Northville.



"Absolutely not. I've read them a couple of times and they are pretty complicated and involved. But I will take another look when it comes time."

Mike Williams Northville



"I do understand them. I've done my research and see the pros and cons to all six."

Ivo Franuiic (with his dog, Lola) Northville



"I'm still reviewing and learning about them." Juiiana Cerra Northville



"Not yet. I haven't read them all they way through yet, but I plan

on it." **Chris Ozog** Northville HKS Architects employee

#### **LETTERS**

#### **Bond is necessary**

I am a very proud resident of the City of Northville, and I am equally proud to serve as a physical education teacher and football coach for Northville Public Schools. The pride I have in my residency and in my profession is a direct reflection of the pride and support that this community has always demonstrated when it comes to our children. I truly love this community, and I cannot imagine that there is a better place to raise a family than Northville.

Over the past few years I have become increasingly troubled with our state's inability to appropriately fund our public school system. It is important to note that this lack of funding is not a reflection of our community's support for education. In fact, our community continues to serve its children well, and I am certain that we will continue to do so in the future. However, our school district has been financially handcuffed by Michigan.

Based on my experiences as a parent and an educator in this community, it has become evident that our school district is lacking the tools and the funding necessary to provide our students with the most up-to-date educational practices. Unfortunately, these hardships have come at a time when we are attempting to educate our children in a society that is constantly changing. I am concerned that our school district does not have the means necessary to continue its tradition of excellence.

It's simple — we need the help of our great community. Please support the Northville Public Schools Technology Bond on Nov. 6. Our children need your YES vote.

Matt Ladach

#### Northville

## **Technology at 'breaking**

As a school board trustee, I have had the opportunity to attend many school-related functions and community forums to give input and support for the upcoming Technology Bond. I have followed the various comments in the local media and at various school and community gatherings, and would like to take this opportunity to respond and express why I am encouraging Northville residents to support the Technology Bond.

Technology has not been brought before the electorate since 2006. At that time, the district placed a two-prong initiative on the ballot that included technology upgrades, along with other building, facility and program improvements across the district. Voters, concerned about the already faltering economy, did not approve the bond proposals. Since that time, school funding has been on a steady decline. In an ongoing effort to protect general operating dollars for the classroom, the district has done an excellent job of maximizing the useful life of the existing technology, despite the fact that needs existed six years ago. Now, however, that technology is at a breaking point and must be replaced with relevant educational technology

With passage of the two-series bond proposal, the district is able to ensure up-to-date technology over a period of nine-plus years, maximiz-

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ing the period of time for which the funds can support the district's technology needs. The two-series format of the proposal also allows future flexibility as new technologies evolve over the life of the bond.

This proposal goes beyond simply refreshing the existing computers in the district. An essential component is the significant infusion of interactive instruction technology in the classroom., something the district has not had in the past. This is a critical piece that leads to meaningful instruction, greater access to instructional resources, not to mention higher levels of student involvement. The excitement within the district's pilot "model classrooms" has been contagious and offers a glimpse of what could be for classrooms across the district.

This investment in our children's future, will give them college ready and workplace ready skills to compete among other candidates. It will keep our community strong and desirable, and will attract businesses to locate to Northville. Northville will continue to provide outstanding opportunities in academics, athletics and the arts, which are synonymous with the Northville Public Schools. Won't you join me in voting YES for the NPS Technology Bond?

Cyndy Jankowski trustee

Northville Board of Education

#### **Support bond proposal**

"The only constant in life is change," a wise man once said. The change in technology happens virtually every day and we must maintain our knowledge of these changes to live and work in the real world. Technology has become an integral part of living, affecting nearly every aspect of our daily lives. The public schools play an important role in assisting our students in understanding and participating in these real life changes whether at home, work or school. The proposed Technology Bond for the Northville Public Schools will assist in preparing students for both a lifetime of learning as well as participating fully in life after graduation. The proposed upgrades in technology will allow Northville Schools to continue to maintain its standing as one of the best schools

districts in Michigan and provide the very foundation of a strong community where we choose to live.

Did you know that the proposed school millage will not change the amount of millage you presently pay in property taxes? Property owners will maintain the current 4.3 mills. I urge you to carefully review the Northville Schools proposal and to vote YES for the Technology Bond.

Richard H. Brown Jr.

Northville

#### Nolta 'excellent choice'

I recently met Mike Nolta, who is a candidate for Northville Township trustee. My discussion with him led me to believe that he would make an excellent choice for the township

He indicated that he is conservative by nature and his feeling toward the township operation would be the same. To prepare himself for a position on the board he has attended every meeting since spring. This indicates to me that he is getting as familiar as he can with township operations and has a real desire to become a trustee.

Richard Henningsen Northville Township

#### 2 protects middle class

Collective bargaining built the middle class here in Michigan. Over the past two years, Lansing politicians have attacked collective bargaining and the middle class. That's why I voted YES on Proposal 2 on my absentee ballot.

When I go to the hospital, I want the nurse who is taking care of me to be able to have time to attend to my needs. I want her to have the training she needs to be able to do her job, because it will affect my recovery. I want her to speak up for me when the hospital may want to limit my care in order to make a profit.

It is sad to see a policeman in an advertisement against Proposal 2. I believe that it is because state police received collective bargaining rights in 1978 when Michigan voters passed an amendment to the constitution. This didn't cause all the chaos that opponents to Proposal 2 are worried about. It's time to protect the collective bargaining rights for all Michigan workers — not just the selective few.

Wages in states where workers don't have collective bargaining rights are much lower than in states where workers have those rights. Collective bargaining puts money in the pockets of working families so they can support local businesses.

I'm worried that the best college students are not going to want to teach in Michigan especially when they see what Lansing politicians are doing to take away retirement security and collective bargaining rights. We need Proposal 2 in order to keep the quality of our public education systems high. That's why I voted Yes on Proposal 2. Collective bargaining built the middle class on good wages and benefits for Michigan workers. Good wages and benefits built a strong Michigan economy. We need to vote YES on 2 to protect working families and Michigan's future.

**Kathy Fox** 

Northville

#### PROPOSAL 6: VOTERS WILL DECIDE NEED FOR NEW BRIDGE

OTHER OPINIONS

# PRO: Too many uncertainties | CON: 'No' vote on Proposal with new bridge proposal

**By Paul Opsommer** 

**Guest Columnist** 

or years, supporters of the New International Trade Crossing between Detroit and Windsor have promoted the benefits a new bridge would bring to Michigan.

As chair of the House Transportation Committee, I have followed this mat-



**Opsommer** 

ter with great interest. After reviewing all of the facts, I am deeply concerned that citizens in my district and statewide will be stuck sending their tax dollars to Detroit for an unneeded and unlawful project. I believe the people of Michigan deserve a sav

on this issue, that's why I support Proposal 6.

In agreeing to indebt the people of Michigan to a foreign power without legislative approval, Gov.Snyder has taken a tremendous gamble on the future fiscal health of our state. There are too many uncertainties, and too much at stake, for taxpayers to be cut out of the decision making process for an infrastructure project of this magni-

The Legislature has tried to be a productive partner in this process. The fact remains, however, that during formal House committee hearings and following Senate Committee hearings, seven concerns have never been addressed:

- 1. No investment grade study has been conducted to support claims that tolls will pay for the bridge.
- 2. No legislative oversight is included in the agreement with Canada.
- 3. No reference to the Michigan "Open Meetings Act" in the proposed agreement. Federal Courts have ruled this is needed to ensure American access to meetings.
- 4. No ban or limit to the creation of a community benefits program for Detroit and Windsor. During House discussion Detroit wanted \$100 million with no strings attached.

5. The Governor's agreement violates PA 63 sec 384 passed by the legislators and signed by the Governor. It states. "MDOT shall not commit the state to any new contract related to the construction planning or construction of the Detroit River International Crossing or a renamed successor unless the Legislature has enacted specific enabling legislation to allow for construction."

6. The agreement has no reference to the Michigan Freedom of Information Act. Federal courts have ruled that the news and media outlets in New York have no standing when requesting information on New York/Canadian bridge

7. The governor's agreement violates PA 236 which was passed by the legislature and signed by the Governor in June

In reference to concern number one, the House Transportation Committee received some additional information.

This past spring executives from the Detroit Windsor Tunnel and the Detroit Windsor Rail Tunnel testified that traffic increases between the two cities will not exceed 1.5 percent in the foreseeable future. This figure is consistent with economic forecasts related to the crossing needs given in both the Michigan House and Senate.

In addition, the "public private partnership" industry admits that projects of this scope and magnitude have large cost overruns and typically over estimate potential future revenue by as much as 50 percent. We have two examples of this happening right here in Michigan: our own Mackinac Bridge and the second span built between Port Huron and Sarnia.

Finally, Gov. Snyder has promised the NITC would bring jobs and enhance industry in our state. But as a Canadian Crossing Authority will control the design and construction of the bridge, and the governor has requested a waiver from federal requirements for the use of only U.S.-produced iron and steel, there is great uncertainty as to whether the project would bring any tangible benefits to Michigan.

Proposal 6 does not stop the construction of the bridge, it simply gives us a say. The governor may believe he can ignore the will of the people's elected officials, but he cannot ignore the people when they voice their will directly.

That is why I will be voting YES on Proposal 6.

Rep. Paul Opsommer, R-Dewitt, represents Michigan's 93rd District in the State House of Representatives, where he serves as Associate Speaker Pro Tempore and Chair of the House Transportation Committee.

# 6 good for jobs, economy

By Gov. Rick Snyder **Guest Columnist** 

roposal 6 is bad for Michigan's future. It asks voters to approve a constitutional amendment that would require a vote of the people before any new bridge or tunnel could be built between Michigan and Canada. Because the proposal is poorly

written, it may impact new bridges needed across the state as well. I am voting NO

because it jeopardizes a binding agreement Michigan has made with Canada for a New Gov. Rick International Trade Crossing at no cost to

our state — threatening the creation of thousands of jobs - and because it could hamper future projects needed to improve our state's infrastructure.

Snyder

A billion-dollar special interest is funding this proposal and is spending millions of dollars to air misleading advertisements to coerce your vote. This special interest actually owns the existing 83-year-old Ambassador Bridge, a trucking company that hauls things across the bridge, and even a gas station conveniently located nearby. It's understandable that such a monopoly would fight so hard to keep things the same. But what's good for this monopoly is not good for Michi-

The importance of the crossing cannot be overstated. It is the single most important trade crossing between the United States and Canada, our country's number one trade partner. Nearly 70 percent of all commercial truck traffic in the region, about 8,000 trucks every day, crosses our two countries at that location. That equated to more than \$120 billion in goods last year alone. About 218,000 Michigan jobs rely on trade with our neighbor. It is significant. But the Ambassador Bridge is outdated, vulnerable and actually limits our economic growth. We need both bridges.

A 21st century economy deserves a modern infrastructure, particularly when it involves America's busiest

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trade crossing. In June, I joined Canada's Prime Minister Stephen Harper in announcing the New International Trade Crossing between Detroit and Windsor. This new bridge will provide direct, highway to highway access for commuters, unlike the existing span that dumps traffic onto city streets.

Also, the new bridge will be six lanes wide and feature dedicated lanes for prescreened commercial haulers. which will benefit the auto industry and is one of the reasons why Ford, Chrysler and General Motors all support the plan. The Ambassador Bridge is narrow, which often causes lengthy traffic backups. A new, more efficient customs plaza will also enable speedy inspections. All of these modern features will allow more products made and grown in Michigan to be marketed and sold faster, and that's good for our businesses and families.

The NITC is all about jobs. It will better support the hundreds of thousands of existing jobs that rely on trade with Canada. In the short term it would create nearly 12,000 good-paying construction-related jobs to build the bridge, and in the long term it will create even more.

Thousands of citizens, major manufacturers and retailers, chambers of commerce, and Republican and Democratic leaders all recognize it is a wonderful opportunity for Michigan and one that will not cost us anything.

The cost of the NITC has been a major focus of proponents of Proposal 6. Misleading ad after misleading ad claims it will cost Michigan. Those ads are not true. The NITC will not cost Michigan taxpayers. Independent reviews have verified this fact. Canada will fund the bridge entirely and a private concessionaire will design, build, finance and operate it.

A "No" vote on Proposal 6 is a vote for Michigan and will help create more and better jobs and a future for our kids.

**Rick Snyder** is serving his first term as Michigan governor. You can reach his office at (517) 335-7858 or at rick.snyder@ michigan.gov. You can find him online at Facebook.com/RickForMichigan or Twitter. com/OneToughNerd.

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#### Wiser women

If the Romney-Ryan ticket were to win in November, we could expect that a woman's right to regulate her own reproductive system would end. Presently, we have four activist, right-wing Supreme Court justices and one other justice who usually votes with them. If one of the remaining four justices out of the nine would have to retire for whatever reason, it would make a solid majority of five justices ready to overturn Roe vs. Wade, the Supreme Court decision that established women's right to choose abortion in the early stages of a pregnancy or later under certain restrictions.

Gov. Romney has already told us he intends to outlaw abortion and wants that case reversed. He would appoint a justice, if a vacancy occurs, who would vote with the other right-wing justices (Scalia and company) to do so. Additionally, he also favors an amendment to the Constitution, making a fertilized egg a human being, thereby making any abortion — and maybe even some contraceptives — into a homicide.

But the Republican Party is also fighting contraception itself, trying to excuse employers from covering their cost to their employees. It wants us to go back to those "good old days", the 1950s when a woman could get her abortion from somebody down the street

with a pair of long scissors or a coat hanger. Yes, some women ended up with complications and dying, but most survived.

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The question is: Why do Gov. Romney and the Republican Party think it is normal for him to interfere with women's rights? The answer is obvious. For centuries, women were considered inferior to men, dependent on them and obligated to obey them. Despite the fact that women now become doctors. lawyers, deans of universities, and occasionally a CEO of a large corporation, old attitudes still linger in some groups, especially today's very conservative Republican Party.

I can see some men, especially the insecure ones, happy to lord over women and deny them their rights. Women are getting wiser; change is unsettling. But what I cannot understand is why any woman with self-respect would accept a position where a bunch of middle-aged men will dictate what she may or may not do with her body. In other words, how can she vote for a man, Romney, who treats her with such disdain? The polls indicate that women are getting wiser now.

Irene M. Piccone Northville

#### Home tour helped by support

As the co-chairs of the American Association of

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We also need to thank all those homeowners who allowed us to tour their homes. And last, but not least, we want to thank all of you who attended our event this year and provided us with lots of positive feedback.

The money we raise at the Home Tour goes to support scholarships for young women in Northville and Novi High Schools planning on attending college, the transition centers at Schoolcraft College and Oakland

Community College, the Mercy Education Project in Detroit, Let's Read Math and a variety of other activities that support education in our area.

Thank goodness for great weather and thanks to all our volunteers for helping us deliver a successful and enjoyable event.

> Karen Zyczynski Jane Hecker

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**Hope crashed** Our nation was formed by the faithful, around wisdom of John Locke and Adam Smith. These English thinkers discovered the framework for a free market economy is set through selfreliance and effort, a freely moving population to seek and find every fertile benefits of competition. Each found personal responsibility ignited powerful engines of opportunity with results and personal satisfaction on scales unknown before. All around the sanctity of

private ownership of stuff. Hope launched in 2008, investments in hope crashed. No evidence of any leadership. Results are limited and defined as a heavy waste of wealth, hopeless green experiments like Solyndra, imperial czars and blatant patronage to friends. Volumes will be written on the cascading drop of confidence in American leadership. We are desperate to renew some confidence for American young to have a future,

then for the international community as well who remember America under different management.

> Jim Nowka Northville

#### Time for a change

There is no doubt the state of the economy has been in decline (and continues to be) since Barack Obama became president. Unemployment has exceeded 8 percent for 40 straight months. We have record numbers of food stamp, welfare, and disability recipients, and many peoples homes are still under water. The estimated expense of Obama's national health care program will further put a drain on our economy. The current estimated cost has tripled since the bill passed.

Despite his dismal record, proponents of the president claim we're on the right track. Yet consider the following: our GDP is 1.3 percent and proponents of Obama claim we are headed in the right direc-

As an independent. I wanted Barack Obama to be a successful president, however, the record illustrates otherwise. He simply doesn't have the skills and experience necessary to truly put the country on the right track.

Consider this, if a new CEO in the private sector failed to turn a fledgling company around while constantly blaming others, he/she would not last nearly four years in that position. Shouldn't we hold the occupant of the most important job in the country to at least the same standard?

Wendy Bernardo Northville

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If you vote for this proposal, you will be giving a rich and greedy man permission to run your life. It's that simple. And, yes, you should decide. You need to say no to Matty Moroun by voting NO in November on his bridge proposal

> **Steve Hoin** South Lyon

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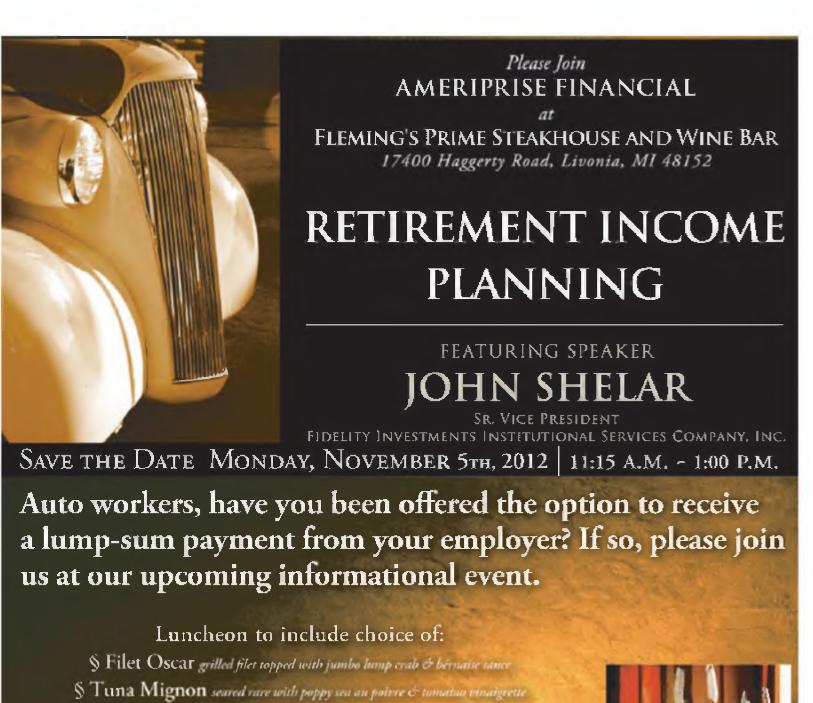
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# Hunt continues for I-96 corridor shooter

By Aiieen Wingbiad Staff Writer

The hunt continues for the suspect in last week's string of shootings at vehicles and one person in Oakland, Livingston, Ingham and Shiawassee coun-

According to Oakland Countv Sheriff Mike Bouchard, tests indicate the same gun was used in seven of the shootings — six in Wixom and one in Livingston County.

Bouchard said an empty casing from a 9mm was discovered at one of the shooting scenes, but that has not yet been forensically connected to the other cases.

In all, 22 reported shootings are believed to be linked. They include two in Commerce, 10 in Wixom, seven in Ingham County, and one each in Livingston County, Perry and Shiawassee County. All took place between



An artist's rendering of shooter.

No injuries have been reported, but several close calls have occurred, police said. At the first inci-

dent reported which hapthe suspected pened outside a Wixom house on **Hopkins Street** a resident

"described it as feeling the shots passing by the top of his head," said Clarence Goodlein, Wixom's director of public safety. In another of the Wixom shootings, a bullet passed through the driver's side door and ended up lodged in the passenger's side door.

Working to solve the case is a task force comprised of staff from the Wixom and Walled Lake police departments, Oakland County Sheriff's Office, Livingston County Sheriff's Office, Ingham County Sheriff's Department, the Michigan State Police, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, Michigan State University Police Department, Michigan Intelligence Operations

A composite sketch released by investigators was obtained from information provided by a witness to one of the Ingham County incidents that took place Oct. 18. Investigators said the witness also described the suspect's vehicle as resembling a 1998 Oldsmobile Alero or 1998 Toyota Camry,

Citizens are encouraged to call 1-800-SPEAK UP if they have information regarding the person or the vehicle that may be involved. They are also urged to remain vigilant in reporting further suspicious

"Typically, someone knows something in cases like these," said Clarence Goodlein, Wixom's director of public safety. "They have to do the right thing and call us."

Goodlein said sometimes people are reluctant to contact police, not realizing that their tip — especially when combined with other tips — could be quite valuable to investigators working to solve the case.

Oakland County Sheriff Mike Bouchard agreed. "Even the smallest tidbits of information are important things for our detectives to run down," he said.

Dennis Powers, 52-1 District judge, said his office at the courthouse just east of Wixom Road has received multiple calls from concerned residents over the past several days. He said he advised those whose commute takes them down Wixom Road to take an alternate route, noting he has done so, as well, from his

Highland residence.

Powers called the perpetrator "a mini-terrorist and a coward."

"It's absolutely a cowardice act to shoot at innocent, unarmed people," he said. "It's obviously someone unbalanced or who has a grudge against society."

Goodlein is confident the shooter will be caught, and in the meantime has ordered extra police patrol in the Wixom area with "special attention at the schools."

"It's just a matter of time before we find who is responsible," he said. "These types of things don't happen in this community - and I take it very personally. Everyone in the department does."

Gannett News Service contributed to this story.

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# Local Romney supporters rally for their candidate



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Northville resident Ronna (Romney) McDaniel, who is Mitt Romney's niece, speaks at the Romney Rally held at the Northville home of Jackie and Clark Lawrence.

**Lonnie Huhman** Staff Writer

A group of Mitt Romney supporters in Northville say this election may be the most important of their lifetimes. That's why they want to get the word out on their candidate.

To get this last second push started Northville residents Jackie and Clark Lawrence, along with Pat and Sue Flanagan, hosted a Romney Rally last week at their home in an effort to reenergize a grass roots effort.

"This is a total grass roots effort. Our goal is to energize people in the area by going door to door, and making phone calls to get the word out," Jackie Lawrence said. "We want to build some more awareness of this country's

needs and how we think Mitt Romney is the best person to lead it."

Lawrence said the idea for this effort came after she heard news reports that Michigan had been written off and would not be won by Romney, but rather by President Barack Obama. It was then she said, "No way, we're fighting back." They have and to get the word out on their support rally they started with their neighborhoods, and around 30 like-minded people showed up at the informal support rally.

"We have to understand that things are spiraling out of control and could become worse," Pat Flanagan said at the event. "This may be the most important election in my lifetime."

During part of the event Flanagan went over several points on why he thinks Romney is the right candidate. He pointed to the National debt and deficit as one big reason. Flanagan said he is a Romney supporter that looks at both sides of the debate carefully, but he doesn't think Obama's policies are fiscally

"I think he's a good politician, but a lousy president," he said of Obama.

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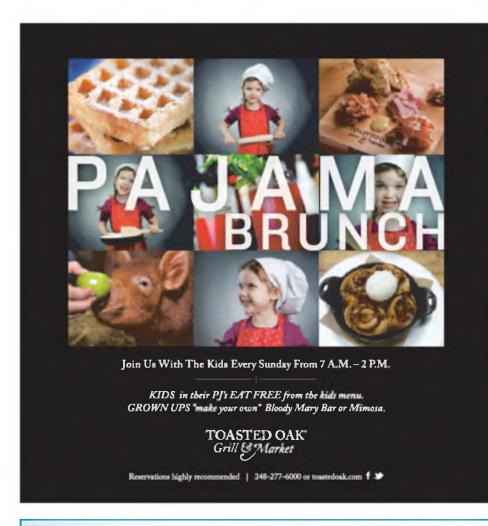
Held before the second presidential debate last Tuesday evening, the rally's special guest was Romney's niece and Northville resident, Ronna (Romney) McDaniel. She said she came out to support her fellow community members and Romney supporters.

"We really do have a chance, and it would mean the world to them (Mitt and Ann Romney) to win this state," McDaniel said at the event.

She talked about the need and opportunities for volunteers in these last weeks before the Nov. 6 election. One great place to get involved is at the Wayne-Livonia Victory Center, which is located at 29635 Plymouth Road and has a variety of volunteer opportunities. McDaniel said she volunteers with the coalition

group Women for Mitt. "Michigan has a lot of great volunteers," she said. "It's made a huge difference in our ground game."

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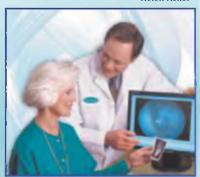
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# Mustangs sixth in the state

# Golf team reaches ultimate goal

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

Mary Jane Ossola couldn't be a happier coach today. Her team, the Northville Mustangs girls' golf team, had already made the entire season a success by qualifying for the state finals. Last week, they added icing to that cake.

The squad, which set a potentially head-in-the-clouds goal at the beginning of the season of finishing as one of the top tier teams in Michigan, went against a field of 15 squads at Forest Akers East in East Lansing last weekend. The end result was better than Ossola could have hoped against such a talented group of opponents as the Mustangs finished sixth in the state.

"I must admit, I always struggle with my emotions on the last day at states, watching our seniors finish their careers" said Ossola. "It was a wonderful two days and a nice reward for a fine season."

The Mustangs shot a 702 total to finish in sixth. Leading the Division I teams was Plymouth with a 659, followed by Farmington Hills Mercy with a 670. Both of the top two teams were in Northville's regional this season. Utica finished third with a 672 while Grosse Pointe South finished fourth with a 677 and Brighton was fifth with a 686.

The first day of competition, in cold, rainy weather, found Lindsey Matych shooting an 86 while Chloe Page and Camilla Zhao each carded an 89. Katie Childers and Shannon Williams ended the first day with a 93 and a 98, respectively.

"We finished the day in eighth place with a score of 357," said Ossola. "I think our ball striking was very good, but we lost way too many strokes on the greens."

On the second day, the Mustangs had a strong showing as Childers, a sophomore, shot an 84, followed by Page and Zhao with 86s, Matych with an 89 and Williams with a 94.

Childers' score was her low round of the season.

"She was relaxed and really enjoyed herself, smiling all day," said Ossola. "That is most likely because she was hitting the ball so well and saved herself when she had to with excellent chipping. It's great that she will be with us two more years and I see her only getting better."

The Mustangs did have some putting woes on the second day of the competition, but Ossola said she was happy with how the team came back to finish strong.

She noted not all players turned in the scores they had hoped to have in the final game.

"I know Shannon was a little disappointed by her play, but without her great play at the conference tourney and regionals, we would not have accomplished our goals at those tournaments," Ossola said.

Williams is one of the seniors who will graduate from Northville in the spring and along with her will be Zhao, Matych, Megan Ye and Amanda Ciccarelli.



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The standout individual in the finals for the Mustangs was freshman Connor Johnston, who finished as the state champion in the No. 2 singles flight.

# Tennis team fourth at state tourney

# Freshman Connor Johnston wins state title at No. 2 singles

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

If you've ever wondered what the talent level of tennis is in the state of Michigan, all you have to do is head over to Midland for the state finals one year to find out that it is indeed topnotch.

The Northville Mustangs boys' tennis team, coached by Matt Stetson, made that trek last week to take on the top teams in the state. When all was said and done, they once again proved themselves to be one of the best in the Lower Peninsula as they earned fourth place in the MHSAA state finals tournament. They finished with 17 points while Ann Arbor Huron took first with 33 and Brother Rice and Novi tied for second with 27 points. Detroit Catholic Central, which was in the Northville regional tournament, along with Novi, finished in 15th place with five points.

"This is the best finish in school history for the boys' team." noted Stetson.

The standout individual in the finals for the Mus-

tangs was freshman Connor Johnston, who finished as the state champion in the No. 2 singles flight. He started the day off as the third seed in his bracket, earning him a by in the first round before going on to defeat Troy Athens' Eric Flewelling in the second round and Port Huron Northern's John Vandeheuvel in the quarterfinals. In the semi-finals, Johnston defeated Ann Arbor Huron's Kevin Mei, 3-6, 6-2, 7-5, to earn a grueling advance to the championship game. There, he took on and handily defeated Jack Hamaty of Brother Rice, 6-1, 6-2.

Northville's Tyler Gardiner, the No. 1 singles player for the Mustangs, was the top-ranked player heading into the state finals and held his ground all the way until the championship round. He advanced with a bye and wins over Troy Athens and Ann Arbor Huron before facing Utica Eisenhower's Ed Covalschi, the No. 2-ranked player in the state. In that title tilt, he fell in a 6-2, 7-5 showdown.

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# Boys win KLAA title for third straight year

Dan Sims leads the way as conference's best individual runner

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

The Northville Mustangs boys' cross country team has yet another trophy to add to their growing collection in the high school display case.

The squad, coached by Chris Cronin, earned the Kensington Conference title for the third year in a row last week, finishing with 47 points to defeat a field that included second-place Salem, which had 87 points, and Plymouth, which was third with 100 points. This marks Northville's sixth

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The Northville Mustangs boys cross country team will be back in action when they run in the regional tournament Saturday at 10:30 a.m. with hopes of advancing to the MHSAA state finals.

conference title, which includes wins in 2000, 2002, 2007, 2010 and 2011. If that weren't enough, the Mustangs also had the best runner in the Kens-

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MARYBETH FERRANT

The Northville Mustangs boys cross country team earned a three-peat as the KLAA champions last week.

## Northville girls harriers win third straight KLAA title

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

Pack running is the key to the Northville Mustangs

girls' cross country team's success this season, and they proved last week that the team that runs together gets crowed champions together. For the third straight year, the Northville girls' cross country team, coached by Nancy Smith, earned the Kensington Conference title. They finished with 36 points, well ahead of Salem's second-place showing with 52

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#### **GIRLS**

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and Churchill's 91. The Mustangs had a dramatic day, watching as their top runner — Taleen Shahrigian — was forced to withdraw from the race after suffering a hamstring injury in the first two miles of the run. That, however, did not stop the Mustangs from stepping up and filling her shoes as Rachel Cole-

man led the entire field of

runners through the fin-

With 200 yards left in the race, Coleman kicked into the lead, passing Salem's Kayla Kaulivich to earn the top spot with a career-best time of 18:29. Not far behind was Erin Dunne, who finished third with her own career-best showing of

18:41.

On the boys' side of the race, Northville also won their title for the thirdstraight season and Dan Sims earned the top spot for the Mustangs. It is the first time in school history that both the girls and boys have the top individual runner in the confer-

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The next four Northville cross country runners came across the finish in the top 16 positions as Nicole Mosteller took 10th (19:14), Erin Zimmer was 13th (19:20) and Emma Herrmann was 16th (19:38), All five Northville harriers earned All-Conference honors with their performances.

"I am so excited about their performances today and the effort they all gave," said Smith. "It is not easy seeing a talented runner go down, but all six girls stepped up with a team effort and did the job. This truly shows how talented we are. This group has worked together all season long to be the best that they can be and carry each other through difficult times."

The Northville Mustangs girls' gross country team will be back in action when they run in the regional tournament Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at Hess Hathaway Park in Waterford with hopes of advancing to the MHSAA state finals.

#### Junior varsity Mustangs win **Kensington title**

The Northville Mustangs junior varsity girls' squad took the top spot in their race with 23 points, finishing ahead of Salem,

#### KENSINGTON CONFERENCE CROSS COUNTRY MEET

**GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS** 

1. Northville, 36 points; 2. Salem, 52; 3. Livonia Churchill, 91; 4. Canton, 136; 5. Livonia Stevenson, 150; 6. Plymouth, 154; 7. Livonia Franklin, 175; 8. South Lyon, 184; 9. Novi, 213; 10. Westland John Glenn, 293; 11. South Lyon East, 309; 12. Wayne Memorial, 389. INDIVIDUAL WINNER

Rachel Coleman (Northville), 18:29.3 (5,000

**TEAM-BY-TEAM RESULTS** 

Northville (36): 1. Coleman, 18:29.3; 3. Erin Dunne, 18:41.4; 9. Alison Robinson, 19:14.0; 10. Nicole Mosteller, 19:14.6; 13. Erin Zimmer, 19:20.2; 16. Emma Hermann, 19:38.7.

Salem (52): 2. Kayla Kavulich, 18:31.1; 7. Lauren Arquette, 19:05.5; 11. Anya Cho, 19:16.5; 14. Natasha Stevenson, 19:24.5; 18. Alejandra Beltran, 19:47.5; 21. Emily Bizon, 19:51.3; 22. Alexis Foley, 19:53.0.

Churchill (91): 5. Sydney Anderson, 18:57.0; 8. Kerigan Riley, 19:12.1; 20. Michelle Azar, 19:48.3; 24. Vivien Okechukwu, 20:24.0; 34. Elyssa Hofmann, 20:48.3; 36. JCanton (136): 4. Mary Galm, 18:48.7; 30. Jessica Siegler, 20:43.3; 31. Samantha McGrath, 20;43.7; 32. Olivia McIntee, 20;44.0; 39. Laura Murphy, 21:02.9; 56. Keara Sullivan, 21:57.5; 59. Marissa Campbell, 22:05.8.

Stevenson (150): 12. Lindsey Gallagher, 19:19.4; 27. Karlie Gallagher, 20:38.1; 28. Barbara Scupholm, 20;39.8; 40. Emily Kwasnik, 21:06.9; 43. Natalie Moore, 21:15.6; 54. Maggie Law, 21:52.7; 74. Emily Chapski, 23:37.7.

Plymouth (154): 6. Marina DeBiasi, 19:03.7;

29. Brianna Lax, 20:41.9; 33. Alexa Chicon, 20:46.2; 42. Renae DeBrito, 21:15.2; 44. Charlotte Clark, 21:18.6; 45. Allison Morren, 21:20.2;

52. Shannon Shaver, 21:51.6. Franklin (175): 19. Natalie Douglas, 19:47.9; 25. Natalie Martinez, 20:35.6; 37. Anna Snider, 20:55.3; 46. Mandy Pokryfky, 21:20.7; 48.

CC Shoemaker, 21:37.1; 49. Katelyn Kovach, 21:38.8; 61. Tina Olter, 22:26.5. South Lyon (184): 23. Meghan Burke, 19:53.8; 26. Katie Beaber, 20;37.6; 35. Gretchen Gorman, 20:49.8; 47. Madison Swaitlowski, 21:21.1; 53. Brady Covert, 21:52.0; 57. Kaylie VanOrd,

22:01.1; 60. Kristen Bronson, 22:20.4. Novi (213): 15. Jackie Mullins, 19:33.2; 17. Hannah Lonergan, 19:40.8; 50. Karissa Koomen, 21:44.6; 64. Summer Mitchell, 22:38.9; 67. Melanie Murphy, 23:11.9; 70. Carrie Subject, 23:13.8; 72. Samantha DeLisle, 23:20.2.

John Glenn (293): 42. Barb Messics, 21:11.9; 51. Shekinah Johnson, 21:50.7; 63. Caroline Michalak, 22:36.7; 65 Courtnie MacQuarrie, 22:49.8; 73. Hannah Mitchell, 23:23.2; 78. Bailey Paddock, 26:53.8; 79. Carissa Root, 27:22.1.

South Lyon East (309): 55. Jessica LaVoie, 21:53.1; 58. Lea Fields, 22:04.6; 62. Devon Fields, 22:28.9; 66. Hallie Hollister, 22:54.5; 68. Erin O'Donnell, 23:12.3; 69. Mackenzie Wolschleger, 23:13.4; 71. Michelle Rinkel, 23:16.8.

Wayne (389): 79. Kendelle Hoods, 23:38.6; 76. Megan Macek, 24:54.5; 77. Kayla Hood, 26:03.7; 80. Kaiserin Macairan, 27:31.4; 81. Victoria Boyd, 29:04.3; 82. Alexanda Arzooyan, 20;15.2; 83. Angeilia Baker, 31:31.4.



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which had 34, and Plymouth, with finished with 104 points.

Leading the way were freshman Lexa Barrot, who was the individual champion with a careerbest 19:39, and freshman Hailey Harris, who finished in second with a 19:42. Both runners would have finished in the top 20 in the varsity race.

Next in for Northville

was Grace Doolittle with at third-place showing (20:11), followed by freshman Paige Zimmer in eighth (20:29) and Katie Vandervoort in ninth (20:33).

#### BOYS

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ington Conference in Dan Sims, who won his second-consecutive individual KLAA crown with a time of 15:55. Sims took the lead after 800 meters and set a pace that no one else in the race could match. Going through the mile in 4:59, Sims opened a sizable lead by the race's mid-point.

"Dan was incredible today," said Cronin. "He clearly showed why his is the best in the KLAA. It's a pleasure to watch him run — I'm glad he's a Mustang."

In 2011, Sims finished the race five seconds

faster than his nearest opponent. This year, the standout harrier was 29 seconds ahead of his closest competitor, who was Zane Berlanger of Plym-

"Dan established himself as a great runner last year, but this year he has raised that bar even higher," said Cronin. "It is going to be exciting watch what he can do over the next two weeks."

Northville had five allconference runners in the Kensington race as Nick Noles — who hadn't run a race since Oct. 6 — finished fourth with a time of 16:27. He was followed by Drew Kanya in seventh in 16:33, Sean

McCullough in 14th in 16:47 and Jason Ferrante in 21st in 17:00. Also finishing the race were Conor Naughton, who was 22nd, and Jimmy Castellano, who was 26th.

Cronin noted that Kanya had a strong race, as did McCullough.

"People often think Drew is having a poor race when they see him at the mile, but for Drew, that is his race. He is a great closer, and he trusts his fitness and knows the competition will come back to him,' said Cronin. "Seany had a great race today. We've done more speed development with him this year, and I think it's really paying off."







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Mustang quarterback Jake Hansen picks up some yards against the Warriors on Oct. 19.

## Northville's football season comes to end

Squad can't find coveted sixth win, loses to Walled Lake Western

By Sam Eggleston Correspondent

As the final quarter of last Friday's football game against Walled Lake Western came to a close, the realization started settling in on many of Northville's seniors — this was the last game they would ever play.

The Mustangs, coached by Matt Ladach, bowed out of the hunt for the MHSAA playoffs when they fell to Walled Lake Western, 28-13. Northville finished with a 5-4 record but didn't have enough playoff points to earn a trip to the MHSAA playoffs. Six wins are needed to guarantee a spot.

"This is a tough way to end the season," said Ladach.

Tough indeed. The Mustangs, who played for the Kensington Conference title just last week and took home a division title, couldn't muster enough points to earn the win over their former rivals from Walled Lake. The Warriors used three touchdowns in the second half and a stout defense to keep the Mustangs from gaining momentum

in the contest. Northville and Walled Lake Western kept the game close in the first half with the Warriors scoring in the first quarter for a 7-0 lead before the Mustangs were able to knot it up on a four-yard run by Thomas Huber. Zach Wilds kicked the extra point to tie the game.

But the second half found the Warriors scoring on a five-yard run in the third quarter, followed by runs of 12 yards and 40 yards to nail down the lid on the Northville coffin

The Mustangs did rally late in the fourth when Jake Hansen connected with Nick Stegmeyer for a 45-yard score. The attempted two-point conversion failed.

Hansen went 12-for-30 on the night, picking up 167 yards in the process and a touchdown, but he threw two interceptions in the second half.

Leading the team on the ground was Huber, who picked up 47 yards on 18 attempts while Hansen picked up 24 on eight runs and Brandon Patrone added 13 on a single carry. On the receiving corps, it was Stegmeyer who snagged three passes for 55 yards, while Huber added 45 on three catches, and Brad VanHulle had 29 on two receptions.

Defensively, RJ Holloway and Kevin Bak had three solo and four assisted tackles each.

#### Freshman 'Stangs top Western, 20-14

The Freshman Mustangs, with one of their two star ball carriers, Alec Coppock, on the bench with an injury, relied on the multitalented Zach Prystash en route to a 20-14 win over Walled

Lake Western last week. In the first quarter, Prystash repeatedly took the ball from QB David Dillon and moved it down the field. Prystash also played defense, using his speed and technical skill. Western quickly targeted Prystash and stuck to him. In the first half the Mustangs scored twice, first when Prystash delivered and then on a Bailey

Edwards interception. In the second half, with intermittent cold rain, Prystash again delivered a touchdown, with help from Peter Dulzo, to keep the Mustangs in the black despite two WLW touchdowns.

As these talented players develop and grow, Northville will be a major contender in the next few years.

— By Kristina Dunne

# Mustangs go undefeated in duals

## Swim team defeats South Lyon to cap perfect season

**By Sam Eggleston** Correspondent

It's always nice to be competitive from the start to the finish during the regular season, but it's downright sublime to go undefeated during the same time frame.

Just ask Brian McNeff and his Northville Mustangs girls' swimming and diving team. The squad defeated South Lyon last week, 96-90, to complete a perfect dual meet record this season.

"It was great to have an undefeated season," said McNeff. "This is the first in a while, if ever, that Northville has done that, so that is pretty impressive. Considering how good some of our competition is, to come in to every meet and perform well is definitely tough. That is something that this team has showed all year is that they are a tough bunch of girls and they will fight every meet."

Despite having an unblemished record this

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The Northville Mustangs girls' swimming and diving team will be back in the pool when they swim in the KLAA Central Division meet this weekend.

season, McNeff is stressing to his team that there is still a lot of work to be

"As proud as I am of the girls for going undefeated, I told them right away that the season isn't over now," he said. "Everyone's record is the same going into divisions and conferences and it doesn't matter who we beat in a dual meet. We still have yet to win a conference championship and that really is a streak that needs to end soon."

Against South Lyon, the Mustangs knew they would have their hands full as the Lions have a roster with as much depth as their own. The two teams were both

undefeated heading into the contest, which was held at South Lyon and was their senior night celebration.

The meet started off with the 200 medley relay, which Northville's team of Lia Nagata, Catherine Cui, Briana Schoenek and Emily Butler took second in with a 1:54.99. They continued their success in the 200 freestyle with Cui taking second, Alissa Moore taking third and Jessica Yan fourth while Lauren Jarzembowski, Sarah Lohman and Darby Mroz swept the 200 individual medley with a first, second and third, respectively.

In the 50 freestyle, Emily Butler took second place, followed by Schoenek and Riley Bruen in third and fourth, while the diving event found Andrea Meister taking first, Erin Aquinto taking sixth, Claire Ostrowski taking seventh and Brittany Maccadino taking eighth.

Northville continued to

capture points in the 100 butterfly with Nagata taking second, followed by Bruen in third and Maria Gutowski in sixth while Schoenek took second in the 100 freestyle and Butler and Maeve Nichols took third and fifth, respectively.

In the 500 freestyle, Moore finished in second place while Grace LaFreniere took third and Yan took fourth while the 200 freestyle relay team of Schoenek, Nagata, Moore and Cui took second place.

Cui earned herself a first-place finish in the 100 breaststroke while Lohman took second and Jarzembowski took fifth and Nagata was second in the 100 backstroke with Mroz in third and Gutowski in fourth.

The night finished off with the 400 freestyle relay as the team of Butler, LaFreniere, Yan and Moore took second, followed by the team of Mroz, Natalie Filipowicz, Bruen and Nichols in third.

# 'Stangs deny Churchill in KLAA volleyball finals

By Brad Emons Observer Staff Writer

There was no doubt

Whenever Rebecca Martin is going to set the ball and Symone Abbott is on the front row, good things are going to happen for the Northville girls volleyball team.

And that potent one-two combination proved to be the difference as the high-flying Abbott finished with 29 kills, while Georgia Tech-bound Martin dished out 42 assistto-kills Oct. 16 as the host Mustangs outlasted Livonia Churchill in five sets, 25-21, 20-25, 25-16, 21-25, in the first-place Kensington Conference crossover match.

The Mustangs, KLAA Central Division champion, improved to 42-2-4 overall and avenged a loss to Churchill in the finals of the Northville Tournament on Oct. 6.

Churchill, which cap-

tured the KLAA South Division, falls to 42-6

"Northville is a great team and Symone is an outstanding hitter ... you can't stop her," Churchill coach Mark Grenier said of the 5-foot-11 junior. "We just came up a little

Northville served 13 aces in the match to Churchill's six.

"Northville serves tough," Grenier said. "They put a lot of pressure on you. Serve receive was difficult for us and we struggled with

Libero Kelsey Knickerbocker paced the Northville defense with 18 digs, while Julia Colasanti and Martin added 10 and nine, respectively.

Cassidy Minghine, Olivia Landis and Martin each contributed six kills.

In the fifth and deciding set, Northville jumped out to a 2-0 lead and never let the Chargers come

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That was the opposite in the finals of the Northville Tournament when Churchill grabbed a 5-0 advantage and went on to hand the Mustangs their first setback of the sea-

"Every time in practice we play sets to five," Northville coach Amanda Yaklin said. "We play sets to five, sets to five because those first five points matter so much in a 15-point set. And we remembered that. They did not forget how hard it was to dig out of that hole, so they really went after it in the beginning."

Northville made a total eight service errors. while Churchill had sev-

"I think our tough jumpserving really gives us an edge," said Yaklin, a former Churchill assistant. "When they're on their heels and they can't put away the first ball, then it gives us a chance.

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Hats off to the servers. They really went out for

"I would say that was the best game we persevered through this year. In that sense I think we got a little bit better.

"Since we dropped that set to them in the finals of our own tournament, that was the lowest hitting percentage day we've had, the whole day, the entire season. So, we've probably taken 1,500 swings at practice since that day and it definitely paid off and showed up today."

Seniors Emily Norscia and Marissa Pomaville paced Churchill's hitting attack with 20 and 17 kills, respectively. Courtney Pietruszka chipped in with seven.

Setter Katie Chartrand racked up 45 assists, while libero Julia Szuba led in digs with 29. Audrey Durocher and Chartrand also contributed 13 digs apiece.

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# Northville Prep Hockey finishes 9-2

If the fall season is any indication, the expectations for Northville Prep Hockey Team's are high in the upcoming Great Lakes Prep Hockey League campaign.

The Broncos, coached by Gerry McGlynn, wrapped up their most successful fall schedule with a 9-2 record. Northville outscored their opponents 50-15 and registered four shutouts, including one against JV powerhouse Brighton JV.

#### Northville 6, Salem 1

The Broncos opened the season Sept. 8 with a convincing 6-1 win over Salem. Christopher Tripi tied the game at 1 midway through the first period when he took a pass from Kellan Flayer. Sam Bradley tapped in a rebound of Henry Chang's shot at 8:28 of the second period. Brett Ridener made it 3-1 when he stole the puck at center ice and scored off a breakaway. Flayer poked in a goal during a scrum early in the third period with an assist to Sean O'Malley. Tripi then tallied his second goal with assists to Cameron Layne and Nick Strom. Bradley closed the scoring with an assist to Randy Stoever. Nick Zalewski stopped 17 of 18 shots for the win.

#### Northville 4, **Shamrock Prep 0**

Jeremy Onofrio turned away all 26 shots as Northville continued its dominance over Shamrock Prep with a 4-0 victory on

Sept. 9. Stoever started the scoring 45 seconds into the game with assists to Anthony Solack and Bradley. Tripi upped the margin to 2-0 midway through the first period off of passes from Layne and Strom. Chang's slapshot at 9:10 of the second period made it 3-0 with assists to Brendan Hicks and Layne. The Broncos capped the scoring on Brett Ridener's goal with assists to Flayer and Alex Ridener.

#### Northville 4, Novi 3

Brett Ridener scored two goals, including the game-winner, as Northville held off Novi 4-3 on Sept. 16. Chang put the Broncos up 1-0 at 6:12 of the first period with assists to Flayer and O'Malley. Ridener broke a 1-1 tie in the second period with a short-handed goal set up by Solack. Layne then broke a 2-2 tie in the third period with assists to Stoever and Bradley. Ridener followed with the eventual game-winner with 5:33 left off of passes from Flayer and Tripi. Zalewski recorded the win by stopping 17 shots.

#### Northville 5, Farmington 0

Defenseman Taylor Turner netted two goals and Onofrio turned away 12 shots to lead the Broncos to a 5-0 victory over Farmington on Sept. 23. Brett Ridener gave Northville a 1-0 lead early in the period off a pass from Bradley. Turner picked up the next two goals to push

the margin to 3-0. Solack, Stoever and Hicks each earned an assist on the goals. Flayer added a power-play goal early in the third period with assists to Marcotte and Adam Balok, and Stoever closed the scoring with assists to Solack and Chang.

#### Northville 6, Salem 4

Tripi and Hicks each scored a pair of goals to help Northville to a 6-4 win over Salem on Sept. 28 in the opening game of the Midwest Fall JV/ Prep Tournament in Lansing. Hicks knocked in a rebound of Flayer's shot midway through the first period to put the Broncos up 1-0. After Salem tied it in the second period, Flayer then set up Marcotte at 11:39. Just over two minutes later, Tripi scored off a pass from Troy Youmans. Tripi then added his second goal when he was set up by Chang to up it to 4 2. Salem responded with two goals to know the game but Hicks scored off a pass from Tripi and Bradley finished the scoring with an assist to Solack. Zalewski notched his third win of the

#### Novi 3, Northville 2

season in goal.

The Broncos fell 3-2 to Novi on Sept. 29 at the Midwest Fall JV/ Prep Tournament. Marcotte opened the scoring in the first period off a pass from Flayer. The Wild responded with three straight goals to go in front 3-1. Northville appeared to have scored in the second period but

it was waved off because the official lost track of the puck. Tripi cut the deficit to 3-2 late in the third period with an assist to Layne but the Broncos could not even the game in the closing seconds.

#### Hartland 4, Northville 2

The Broncos came up short in a 4-2 loss to Hartland on Oct. 7. O'Malley scored three minutes into the game with assists to Brett Ridener and Solack. Hartland came back with two goals before Flayer and O'Malley set up Marcotte's power-play goal in the second period. Hartland sealed the win with two goals in the final period.

#### Northville 7, Plymouth 0

The offense returned on Oct. 8 helping Northville to an 8-0 win over Plymouth. The Broncos picked up first period goals from Hicks, Tripi and Alex Ridener to go up 3-0. Tripi netted his second goal in the middle period while Flayer, Solack and Marcotte finished the scoring in the third period and Onofrio earned the shutout.

#### Northville 2, **Brighton JV 0**

Solack scored two goals and Tripi added two assists as Northville shut out

undefeated Brighton JV 2-0 on Oct. 20. Tripi passed to Alex Ridener who slid the puck over to Solack with 3:25 left in the first period. Solack then followed just before the period's buzzer by knocking in a rebound of Tripi's shot. Zalewski turned away 31 shots in gaining the win.

#### Northville 8, **Hamilton Southeast 0**

Stoever, Bradley and Flayer each netted a pair of goals in an 8-0 rout of Hamilton (Ind.) Southeast on Sept. 29 at the Midwest Fall JV/Prep Tournament. The Broncos jumped out quick with first-period goals from Stoever, Marcotte, Layne and Bradley. Northville added goals from Flayer, Bradley and Stoever in the second period and another from Flayer in the third period. Zalewski netted his first shutout of the year.

#### Northville 4, **Shamrock Prep 1**

The Broncos capped the fall season with a 4-1 victory over Shamrock Prep on Oct. 21. Alex Ridener opened the scoring in the first period and then added the game-winner at 4:21 of the second period. Solack and Chang each added third-period goals as Onofrio picked up the win in the nets.

— By Bob Tripi

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The Mustangs also benefited from points from Nate Albanelli and the doubles teams of Matt Evasic and Brian Manney and Oliver Daniel and Jason Wang. All three flights finished fifth in the state tournament.

Albanelli, who played at No. 3 singles, defeated fifth-seeded Rahul Jain of Rochester Adams, 6-3, 6-0, before falling to Michael Faber of Troy in the quarterfinals. Evasic and Manney, playing at No. 1 doubles, had a bye in the first round and defeated Philip Ma and Aditya Yelamanchi of Troy Athens in the second round. They bowed out in the quarterfinals to Brother Rice's Blake Hildebrand and Gavin McNulty. At No. 4 doubles, Daniel and Wang had a bye in the first round and defeated Grand Blanc's Rahul Deshmukh and Trevor Schick in the second round before falling against Ann Arbor Huron's Austin Luker and Will Brenner in the quarterfinals.

Rahul Raj, Andrew Schafer, Brendan Slovisky, Ben Crabill and Veer Shah all finished ninth in their respective flights to help the Mustangs finish in the top-five.



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## PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

Notice is hereby given that the Public Accuracy Test for the November 6, 2012 General Election scheduled for October 29, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. has been rescheduled to November 1, 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.

CITY OF NORTHVILLE

DIANNE MASSA, CMC, CITY CLERK

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#### SYNOPSIS OCTOBER 18, 2012 – REGULAR MEETING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DATE: Thursday, October 18, 2012 TIME: 7:30 p.m.

PLACE: 44405 Six Mile Road CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Abbo called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. PRESENT:

Mark Abbo, Supervisor Marjorie Banner, Trustee Sue Hillebrand, Clerk Marv Gans, Trustee Richard Henningsen, Treasurer Mindy Herrmann, Trustee

ABSENT (excused) Christopher Roosen, Trustee

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Agendas:

Approve the Consent and Regular Agendas with additions of 2.C, 2.D and 2.E and to add item 5.A-1 to the agenda.

Appointments, Presentations, Resolutions & Announcements:

WTUA Refunding Bond Resolution 2012-48 Progress report and update on Brownfield activities/land bank

Resolution 2012 - 123 Treasurer Richard M. Henningsen

Resolution 2012 - 124 Trustee Christopher Roosen Resolution 2012 - 125 Thelma Kubitskey

State Senator Colbeck and State Representative Heise presented Supervisor Abbo, Treasurer Henningsen and Trustee Roosen resolutions for their years of service.

Public Hearing: None

Brief Public Comments: Mike Nolta wished Treasurer Henningsen and Ms. Kubitskey luck and thanked the entire Board for their service. He congratulated Supervisor Abbo for receiving the Citizen of the Year award. Senator Colbeck announced a meeting at the

**New Business:** 

Township Hall on November 1, 2012, 7:00 p.m. regarding the ballot proposals.

A.-1 DPS – Report on Scott Prison

2013 Budget - approved

Lakes of Northville - Easement - approved

Temporary sign request - Cub Scout Pack 721 - approved

DPS - Power House Demolition - Contract Payment No.1 - approved DPS - Beck Rd. Water System Improvements Payment # 1 - approved

Rezoning Recommendation - approved

Conference of Western Wayne (CWW) dues - approved Public Safety - HeartStart /Defibrillators - approved

**Unfinished Business: None** 

Ordinances: None Bills Payable: A. Bills payable in the amount of \$1,169,369.14 - approved

Board Communication & Reports from the following: Mark Abbo, Sue Hillebrand, Richard Henningsen, Marjorie Banner, Marv Gans, Mindy Herrmann, Chip Snider Any other business or public comment for the Board of Trustees:

Trustee Banner congratulated Supervisor Abbo for being named "Citizen of the Year". 11. ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

This is a synopsis of the meeting. A draft of the unapproved minutes will be available after October 30, 2012

Respectfully submitted: Sue A. Hillebrand, M.M.C.

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of Township Hall, located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan.

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to determine that the program and the computer being used to tabulate the results of the Election, count the votes in the manner prescribed

General Election is scheduled for Thursday, November 1, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. in the lobby

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

**NOVEMBER 6, 2012 ELECTION** NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Public Accuracy Test for the November 6, 2012

The public is welcome and invited to attend.

Sue A. Hillebrand, M.M.C.

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#### **INVITATION FOR BIDS** City of Northville

#### **Downtown Winter Planting Project**

Sealed bids will be received in the City of Northville Council Chambers, City Hall, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan 48167 until 9:00 AM local time on October 31, 2012 for a "Downtown Winter Planting Project" for the City of Northville.

This project consists of the furnishing of all labor and materials for streetscape planting in Downtown Northville. The successful contractor will provide the necessary plant material as designed and presented in the City's contract documents.

Contract documents may be obtained by calling the Northville Downtown Development Authority at (248) 349-0345.

The City of Northville reserves the right to waive any irregularity or informality in bids, to reject any and/or all bids, in whole or in part, or to award any contract to other than the low bidder, should it be deemed in its best interest to do so.

Director, Downtown Development Authority

Dianne Massa City Clerk

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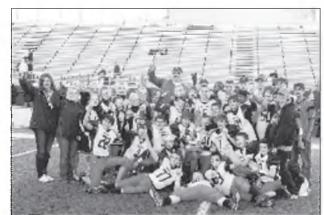
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#### NORTHVILLE STALLIONS FOOTBALL ROUNDUP



The Varsity Stallions players and cheerleaders celebrate winning the 'Battle for the Shoe' trophy from the Colts on Sunday.

#### Varsity team captures The Shoe'

The Varsity Stallions (5-3) ended the regular season with a 30-13 win over cross-town rivals Northville Colts on Sunday at Tom Holzer Ford Field.

The Stallions defense set the tone early as tackles in the backfield by Jaquan Crawford and Shane Rankin stopped the Colts cold. The turnover gave the Stallions a chance to move down the field. Running backs Rankin, Brennon Pelland and Jack Barnes led the drive, resulting in the first touchdown of the game. Kicker Jake Moody added another two points making the score 8-0. The Stallion defense, with key plays by Conner McKee and Tyler Troyer, held the Colts at bay and gave the Stallions the opportunity to end the quarter in position to score again.

The second quarter started off with a bang as the Stallions drive ended in the end zone with a run by Jack Barnes, and two extra points by Moody giving the Stallions a 16-0 lead. The Stallion defense kept the Colts scoreless with stops from Rami Al-Awadi, Jonathan Michalak, Barnes and McKee. Barnes' pass to Troyer resulted in a 70-yard run for the Stallions third touchdown, making the score 22-0. Defensive linemen Joey Minghine and Alex Ajlouny stopped the Colts again, along with Colten Frank's two tackles in the backfield. Strong defensive plays by Nolan Oullette, Moody, Alex Iafrate, McKee, Michalak and Kevin Morris kept the lead. With only 0:39 left, the Colts scored their first touchdown and extra point, 22-7. The Colts recovered the on-side kick, but strong defense by Pelland, Ben Schmidt and Frank stepped in to end

the quarter. The Stallions continued their attack in the fourth quarter making their way down field with runs by Pelland, Rankin and Barnes. Michalak's pass to Troyer added 20 yards, setting up Rankin's touchdown and Moody's third kick, bringing the score to 30-7. The Colts ran back Moody's kickoff to put another 6 points on the board, and the Stallions special teams, led by Michalak and Morris, blocked the extra points attempt. The Stallions defense held the Colts for the remainder of the game, with stops by Jack DeBrabander and sacks by Crawford and Troyer, securing a decisive 30-13 victory to take home the coveted Shoe Trophy for the first time.

— By Maureen Schmidt

#### ON TAP

The Northville Stallions teams will all have playoff games Oct. 27 or 28. Days and times are to be determined.

#### JV comes up short against rival

The second annual "Battle for the Shoe" featured Northville's two JV football teams in their traditional rivalry game. The Stallions (2-6) defense came out pounding as Christian Watkins and Gabe Xuereb teamed up to force a Colt fumble and Domenic Rodriquez later blew up a Colt running back in the red zone. But the Colts led 13-0 at the end of the first quarter. The Stallion offense warmed up as lineman Nikhil Khatiwala pancaked a Colt defender and Alex Gentner, Jack Story, Joey Bahu and Spencer Thakady worked hard in the trenches, allowing running backs Alex Karam and Mitch DeGroff to grind out yards. Grant Hood also made a sideline leap to haul in a long pass from quarterback Jack Pevovar as the second quarter ticked down. The

Colts led 20-0 at halftime. As the second half began, lineman Robert Reynolds was first to put pressure on the Colts quarterback while Pevovar broke up passes in the flat. Parker Dietrich burst through the line for a sack, as did Kevin Townsend. The Stallions needed a big play and Alex Karam answered as he forced a fumble which he then recovered. The Stallion offense stalled but the defense kept swarming as cornerback Jack Rathwell put a hit on a Colts receiver. Big plays continued as Nick Gattoni, Max Barnes, John Hamilton and Dominick Martin all contributed.

Going into the fourth quarter the Stallion offensive cylinders fired up. Quarterback Pevovar pitched to Cooper Leverton who threw a pass across the grain hitting Pevovar, who darted 39 yards to the Colts 21. Karam took the next handoff through a hole opened by Story and Bahu and charged in for a Stallion score. Saaz Malhotra snapped to Thakady, who split the uprights setting the score 20-8. The Colts added another score but with just 34 seconds left in the game, Evan Redwine grabbed a kickoff on the fly and handed a reverse to speedster Enzo Rodriquez who turned on his jets for a Stallion touchdown. Thakady nailed the extra points and this hard fought game ended with a 27-16 Colts victory.

— By Greg Baker

#### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS HALLOWEEN TRICK OR TREAT HOURS

The Charter Township of Northville is hereby giving notice that Halloween "Trick or Treat" will be held on

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2012 BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 6:00 P.M. & 8:00 P.M.

Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk

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#### NORTHVILLE COLTS FOOTBALL ROUNDUP

## Varsity beaten by rival Stallions

LOCAL SPORTS

The "Shoe Award" the horseshoe-shaped trophy given annually to the winner of the Colts-Stallions contest, went home with the varsity Stallions on Sunday as the regular season came to a close in perfect football weather at Tom Holzer Ford Field.

The Colts showed early spark with nice runs by Isaiah Popp and Nate Holloway, and a 14-yard pass from Popp to Abe Khoury, but the Stallions stalled the drives while making good on their own to take a 22-0 lead. Only a P.A.T.-saving tackle by Nolan Scott kept the lead from reaching 24 points.

The Colts' fourth drive began with a 31-yard Popp kickoff return to the Stallions' 44 yard line. The Colts turned the ball over on downs, but got it back four plays later on a fumble recovery by Anthony Abbott.

The Colts started strong in the second half, with Ben Brady making a fine tackle on the opening kickoff. Connor Gibaratz and Marcello Gonzalez combined to force a fumble, then Connor Wright sacked the Stallions for a nine-yard loss and the Stallions were forced to punt.



**Colts JV player Robert** Johnson (21) leaps past a defender in the Colts' playoff-bound win over Stallions, 27-16.

Popp then picked up 16 yards on a screen pass, followed by a 10-yard pass from Khoury to Joe McCormick into the red zone, and a Popp 4-yard TD run to make it 22-6. A high snap created a broken play on the P.A.T. attempt, but placekicker Conrad Landis scooped up the ball and made a scrambling pass to an alert Ty Kilar, who scored to make it 22-7.

The Stallions took a 30-7 lead, but Popp galloped for a 70-yard touchdown return on the following kickoff to make it 30-13. McCormick came up with a second Colts fumble recovery to stop the next Stallions' drive, and Anthony Salamone made a touchdown-saving tackle with time running out.

Colts tacklers were led by Holloway (8), McCormick (7), Popp (6), and Abbott and Khoury (5 each).

— By Chris McCormick

#### JV solidifies playoff position

The Northville Colts JV came into its game knowing that a win would solidify their position in the playoffs, and this excitement was demonstrated right from the start, as they beat the crosstown rival Mustangs, 27-16. The Colts' first possession started with a big run by Nicholas Prystash to take the Colts into the Mustangs' territory, followed by another great run by Robert Johnson. Ultimately, it was punched in by Brennan VanRiper from a few yards out, making it 6-0.

The Mustangs weren't able to pick up the first down on their next possession, and the Colts took back over. Johnson took a beautiful pitch from quarterback Daniel McLaughlin from the 20 and broke through the Mustang secondary for the Colts' second touchdown. Garby led the blocking for the extra point as McLaughlin rushed successfully, taking the score to 13-0. Picking up in the 2nd

quarter where they left off, McLaughlin connected with Ryan Silberg for a 20-yard pass play, earning a muchneeded first down. Jeffrey Varner rushed for the touchdown with Emile Rizk clearing his path. McLaughlin connected with Prystash on the point after to take the score to 20-0.

The 3rd quarter was dominated by strong defense on both sides. Ben Shuart hit his guy so hard he knocked the ball loose and it was recovered by Jake Khoury. Joey Borthwick added to the defensive effort with several tackles for loss.

The 4th quarter was a little dicey, as the Mustangs picked up their offense with a huge pass play, but a determined Jackson Weedmark chased down the receiver to save the touchdown. Prystash wasn't going to give in, and on the Colts' next possession he broke three tackles on his way to the end zone with a 30yard rushing touchdown. Borthwick rushed in the extra point, 27-8.

Despite the Stallions scoring twice in the 4th, the Colts were too strong on offense.

— By Jillian Rizk

#### **ELECTION NOTICE** CITY OF NORTHVILLE RESIDENTS

To the qualified electors, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a General Election will be held in the City of Northville, Counties of Oakland and Wayne, on Tuesday, November 6, 2012. The election will be conducted in all polling places in the City of Northville for the purpose of electing candidates of all participating parties for the following offices:

PRESIDENTIAL CONGRESSIONAL LEGISLATIVE STATE

Deeds,

Electors of President and Vice-President of the United States

United States Senator, Representative in Congress Representative in State Legislature

Member of the State Board of Education, Regent of the University of Michigan, Trustee

of Michigan State University, Governor of Wayne State University COUNTY

Oakland County Only: County Executive, Prosecuting Attorney, Sheriff, Clerk/Register of Treasurer, Water Resources Commissioner, County Commissioner Wayne County Only: Prosecuting Attorney, Sheriff, Clerk, Treasurer, Register of Deeds, County

Commissioner JUDICIAL

Justice of Supreme Court, Justice of the Supreme Court Incumbent position-partial term, Judge of 35th District Court Incumbent position Oakland County Only: Judge of Court of Appeals - 2nd District Incumbent Position,

Judge of Circuit Court - 6th Circuit - Incumbent and Non-Incumbent Positions, Judge of Probate Court – Incumbent Position

Wayne County Only: Judge of Court of Appeals - 1st District Incumbent position, Judge of Circuit Court 3rd Circuit Incumbent and Non-Incumbent Positions, Judge of Probate

 $Court-Incumbent\ Positions$ 

LOCAL SCHOOL Northville Public Schools District Board Member

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And for the purpose of voting 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 Govern-

State Proposal 12-6: A Proposal to Amend the State Constitution Regarding Construction of International Bridges and

 $\operatorname{Tunnels}$ 

Wayne County Proposal: Form of the Wayne County Budget and Appropriation Ordinance

Wayne County Proposal: Independent External Auditor Wayne County Proposal: Membership on the Wayne County Retirement Commission

Wayne County Proposal: Removal of the Wayne County Executive from Office by the Governor Wayne County Proposal: The Wayne County Commission's Power to Approve Compensation

Full text of the above proposals may be obtained from the City Clerk Office, City of Northville, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-349-1300, or on the City's website at www.ci.northville.mi.us. Northville Public School: Northville Public Schools General Obligation Unlimited Tax Bond Proposal for Instructional Tech-

nology and Equipment Purposes in the Amount of Not to Exceed \$20,870,000

Full text of the Northville Public School proposal may be obtained at the administrative offices of Northville Public Schools, 501 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167-1582, (248) 349-3400.

Please take further notice that the bonds of the school district, if approved by a majority vote of the electors at this election, will be General Obligation Unlimited Tax Bonds payable from General Ad Valorem Taxes.

OAKLAND COUNTY TREASURER'S STATEMENT AS REQUIRED BY ACT NO. 62 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 1933 AS AMENDED

I, Andrew E. Meisner, County Treasurer of the County of Oakland, State of Michigan, do hereby certify that according to the records in my office, as of September 25, 2012, the total of all voted increases in the tax rate limitation above the 18 mills established by Section 6 of Article IX of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 affecting taxable property in the City of Northville, in said County, is as follows:

Local Unit	<u>Voted increase</u>	Years Increase Effective
City of Northville	1.00	Unlimited
•	1.00	$\operatorname{Unlimited}$
	1.92	$\operatorname{Unlimited}$
	0.1	2008-2017
	.2415	2012 - 2021
Northville Public Schools	18.00	2012
	.25	2004 - 2012 Incl.
	.2	2011 - 2015 Incl.
	1.0	2011 - 2015 Incl.
	20.91	2012 - 2021 Incl.
County of Oakland	2415	2012 to 2021 Incl.
Schoolcraft Community College	.50	Unlimited
Wayne County Regional		

Educational Service Agency Unlimited WAYNE COUNTY TREASURERS STATEMENT AS REQUIRED BY ACT 278 OF PUBLIC ACTS OF 1964 AMENDING THE PROPERTY TAX LIMITATION ACT

I, 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

all voted increases in excess of the	tax rate limitation establish	ied by Section 6, Article IA 6	the Constitution of the State of
Michigan, as amended, and the ye	ars such increases are effect:	ive on property in the Count	y of Wayne are as follows:
Taxing Authorities	Date of Election	Voted Increases	Years Increase Effective
County of Wayne	November $2,2010$	1 mill	2015
Wayne County Jail	August 6, 2012	1 mill	2021
Wayne County Parks	November $2,2010$	0.25  mills	2015
Wayne County Regional			
Educational Service Agency	August 6, 1974	1 mill	$\operatorname{unlimited}$
	January 8, 1988	1 mill	unlimited
	August 6, 2002	1.50  mill	unlimited
Northville Public Schools	November 2011	$18.00 \mathrm{\ mills}$	2021(non-homestead only)
	September 2004	.25  mills	2012(non-homestead only)
	November 2005	$3~\mathrm{mills}$	2012 (non-homestead only)
	May 2011	1 mill	2012
City of Northville	·		
Street Improvement	March 4, 1997	1.92  mills	unlimited
Northville District Library	May 3, 1994	1 mill	unlimited

**CITY OF NORTHVILLE POLLING LOCATIONS** 

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Northville City Hall, 215 W. Main St. Precinct 1 Wayne County Amerman Elementary School, 847 N. Center St. Precinct 2 Oakland County

The polls will open at 7:00 A.M. and remain open until 8:00 P.M. Polling places are handicapped accessible and each precinct is equipped with Braille and audio voting instructions and ADA compliant voting equipment.

The City Clerk's Office, located in the City of Northville Municipal Building, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 3, 2012 for the purpose of obtaining absentee ballots and receiving absentee ballot applications for ballots to be mailed. On Monday, November 5, 2012, until 4:00 p.m., qualified electors requesting an absentee ballot must appear in person and vote the ballot at the City Clerk's office. Absentee ballot applications are available at the City Clerk's office, on the City's website at <a href="https://www.ci.northville.mi.us">www.ci.northville.mi.us</a>, or by calling 248-

DIANNE MASSA, CITY CLERK

# Photo tips for smartphone users

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**By Jon Gunnells**Guest Columnist

ou don't need a fancy camera to be an amateur photographer anymore. And because most of us have our phones on us at all times, they are a more convenient picture taking option in this digital age.

Here are a few tips to help you take better looking photos and videos from your smartphone or a similar handheld device.

Hold your phone hor-**Izontally:** When taking pictures and especially videos, avoid holding your phone vertically. Holding your phone vertically makes it easier to take a picture or video, but the orientation diminishes the quality upon playback. Much of the screen will be cut off or appear black. By holding your phone horizontally, you can achieve a widescreen effect that provides much better quality

upon playback. **Clean the lens:** This is a no brainer but sometimes we forget how dirty our handheld devices can get from being in our hands and in our pockets all day. To be safe, always clean your device with a soft, fleece or microfiber cloth. Use water if necessary but never any chemicals as they may damage your lenses or other parts of your device. The same method can be used to clean your phone's screen



Tech Savvy

Jon Gunnells

you will regret zooming later. Zooming distorts both photos and videos alike. A better alternative: get closer to your subject. If that's not possible, take the picture and crop it later. You can crop it from your phone by using an application like PhotoShop, Facebook Camera or Insta-

gram.
You can also edit the photos on your computer. Even if you aren't "Tech Savvy" cropping is feasible as it is one of the most basic editing functions. A quick google search can walk you through the process if you are still having trouble.

Shoot In HD quality:
High definition video is
better than standard definition but it also takes up
more space. Many devices give users the option
of which video they want
to capture. Make sure
your HD function is on.

Steady the camera: You don't have to buy a stand or try and hold your breathe. Just take a deep breathe and relax before taking the important shot. Steadying your camera will help reduce

NEUROPATHY

Neuropathy affects over

20 million Americans.

Burning pain in the extremities, numbness, prickling or

tingling sensations, leg cramps, sharp electrical pain, trouble

sleeping due to discomfort, and pain when walking are all

symptoms of neuropathy — a condition that affects the

nervous system — and for years there has been little hope.

blur and help ensure your shot is centered the way you want.

Use the light: This tip might be the easiest one on the list. To make sure your picture isn't dark or covered in shadows, make sure your subject is facing the light. A common mistake from amateur photographers is giving themselves the light.

Test the flash: Flash doesn't always give you the best results. If you have an LED flash on your camera take some test pictures to examine the quality. The results may be surprising.

Fix camera resolution — Just like the HD option, some cameras allow users to take pictures in better resolutions. For best results take photos at a larger picture size and quality. Again, you can always crop them later if needed.

If these tips still don't help, you can always revert to one of the most popular techniques as of late: put the photo through Instagram. Add borders, different color tones and other enhancements to hide your subpar photography skills. That's what I do.

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Northville Township's Massage Envy Spa's manager Stephanie Montera and co-owner Dr. Josh Shields.

# 'A great first month'

# New Massage Envy Spa brings family to Northville community

By Julle Brown

Josh Shields is glad he moved his young family from Georgia to Michigan so he could open Massage Envy Spa near Six Mile and Haggerty in Northville Township.

"It was in line with what I was already doing," said Shields, 38, a chiropractor originally and graduate of Logan Chiropractic College in St. Louis, Mo. "I thought it would be a good way to add on."

Shields likes the service orientation. He and wife Sharon have three young children, ages 5, 3, and almost 1. She's from Leamington, Ontario, and the family wanted to be closer to loved ones. They've relocated to Novi

"I think this is a growing industry," he said of massage and Massage Envy Spa, a franchise operation which started locally and also has locations in West Bloomfield and Rochester. "It's been great, a great first month."

Massage Envy Spa, behind P.F. Chang's on Haggerty Road, opened Sept. 10 under Shields' ownership. It has 15 rooms and 4,000 square feet, with about 18

#### **MASSAGES FOR MILITARY**

Massage Envy announced "Massages for Military" an event honoring military personnel, veterans, and their spouses at participating locations. In appreciation for their service, Massage Envy will provide military participants complimentary one-hour massage sessions. This will take place on Sunday, Nov. 11, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., and those who qualify are encouraged to call Massage Envy (Northville) to pre-book an appointment. A valid military identification must be presented at the time of service and appointments are based on availability. For more information, visit www.massageenvy.com or call (248) 662-0396.

employees now.

"We're here and we're opened," said Shields, who has joined the Northville Chamber of Commerce and visited Rotary. He likes Northville.

"It has that small town feel to it," he said.

He praises the health benefits of massage, as a stress release to lower cortisone levels. It improves circulation, Shields said, as well as energy levels.

"Some people have stress, some people have pain," he said. Massage can be individualized to accommodate the client's needs.

Massage Envy Spa, which also does facials, can accommodate all ages and both genders. It's open 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, and 10

a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday.

The longer hours help clients with different work schedules, he said, adding the membership-based model makes visits more affordable.

Shields is pleased with

the general manager and therapists he's hired, who are praised by clients. "It's a people business,"

"It's a people business," he said. "We're able to create that relationship."

They like visiting his wife's family in nearby Canada. Josh Shields said relocating was a challenge, but better to do at this age.

"It's been an adventure so far this year, that's for sure," he said.

Additional information is online at www.massa-geenvy.com. The business phone is (248) 662-0396.

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#### McDonald's ribbon cutting to celebrate contemporary remodel

The McDonald's restaurant located at 39555 Six Mile Road in Northville soon will reopen its doors with several contemporary changes designed to enhance the customer experience.

The Northville McDon-

ald's, operated by local business owner Teresa Mullins, will host a grand reopening celebration from 3-7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 26, featuring a ribbon cutting ceremony, special prizes for kids, radio remote with

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elected officials, managers and crew. To commemorate the grand re-opening, Mullins also will host a fundraiser for the Ronald McDonald House of Detroit from 5-7 p.m. with 20 percent of all sales donated to the non-profit organization.



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# **Home Builders Association** revamps its name, logo

The Michigan Association of Home Builders (MAHB) has announced that its Board of Directors has approved changing the name of the organization that represents the homebuilding industry in Michigan to the Home Builders Association of Michigan (HBAM).

The name change became effective on Sept. 14, 2012.

"The fact is that whether we are in front of a customer who is building or remodeling their home, or in the halls at the State Capitol, people have always referred to us as the 'Home Builders Association,' said Colin Herren, HBAM president. "It made sense to us to change the name in order to capitalize on the recognition we already have throughout Michigan."

The Home Builders Association of Michigan has also unveiled a new logo to accompany the name change and a tagline, "Professionals Who Care," which will be utilized in a statewide branding effort to educate consumers on the value of hiring HBAM members for building and remodeling projects.

"We have always been an organization that encourages the highest levels of professionalism among our members," said Robert Filka, HBAM CEO. "Our member builders and remodelers are not only licensed, but are leaders in incorporating the latest innovations and technologies into their work, which provides significant value to consumers."

The Home Builders Association of Michigan will also be encouraging the 27 local Home



# **HOME BUILDERS ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN**

This is the new logo of the Home Builders Association of Michigan.

**Builders Associations through**out Michigan to utilize the HBA, Professionals Who Care branding in advertising for home shows and other promotions throughout the year.

'Many of our members conduct business in several counties that often stretch beyond the jurisdiction of their local Home Builders Association,"

46031 Spinning Wheel Dr \$190,000

said Rich Kogelschatz, HBAM Board member who led the name change and branding initiative. "Having common branding throughout Michigan will allow our members to receive the benefits of greater consumer recognition of the brand and the value it means to them."

The Michigan Home Builders

Association is a professional trade association comprised of 27 local homebuilder associations around the state and their builder, subcontractor and supplier members.

HBAM works to positively promote the building industry and impact legislative, regulatory and legal issues affecting housing affordability.

#### HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

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These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of July 16-20, 2012, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

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1503 Tradition Dr	\$375,000
44222 Webster Rd	\$149,000
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36701 Six Mile Rd	\$160,000
14016 Ashurst St	\$170,000
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32128 Barkley St	\$140,000
33000 Brookside Ct	\$272,000
12060 Cardwell St	\$82,000
8915 Cavell Ave	\$138,000
18084 Curtis Ct	\$200,000
37007 Curtis Rd	\$370,000
16984 Farmington Rd	\$120,000
31530 Gable St	\$100,000
9715 Garden St	\$88,000
14531 Garden St	\$65,000
14316 Gary Ln	\$120,000
14711 Gary Ln	\$145,000
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These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of July 2-6, 2012, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

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31424 Old Cannon Rd BIRMINGHAM	\$350,000
1860 Birmingham Blvd	\$385,000
2460 Buckingham Ave	\$164,000
1047 Madison St	\$285,000
1433 Maryland Blvd	\$226,000
1393 Suffield Ave	\$435,000
1331 W Maple Rd	\$375,000
515 Westwood Dr BLOOMFIELD HILLS	\$380,000
15 Cranbrook Ln	\$815,000
100 Linda Ln	\$440,000

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875 Chesapeake Rd	\$228,0	000
825 Coronet Dr	\$136,0	000

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	29324 W 12 Mile Rd	\$106,	
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	121 Austin Dr	\$46.	
	47290 Cider Mill Dr	\$325,	
	24555 Jamestowne Rd	\$230.	
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24921 Sarah Flynn	\$255,000
25822 Shoreline Dr	\$720,000
39734 Village Wood Cir	\$46,000
39411 Westminster Cir	\$ \$88,000
24017 Willowbrook	\$160,000
21924 York Mills Cir	\$423,000
South Lyon	Sen 2
51879 Red Cedar Ct	\$284,000
54211 Shinnecock Dr.	\$380,000
SOUTHFIELD	
30460 Everett St	\$68,000
28474 Fairfax St	\$29,000
17601 New Hampshire	Dr \$85,000
19040 W Nine Mile Rd	\$70,000
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#### REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

#### **Short sales**

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# Dallas shows

**By Robert Meisner Guest Columnist** 

Q: I was recently in Dallas for a footbail game and noted the development in the downtown and Uptown areas. Do you have any information concerning the residential situation there?

A: Downtown Dallas grew substantially in the 1960s and 1970s, but there was almost no additional commercial development until 2010. However, there



Robert Meisner

has been a concerted effort recently to build residential housing in the downtown and

Uptown areas.

Substantial private homes and condominiums have . been and are being built in those areas as the economy has not hurt Dallas as has been the case in many other areas. Indeed, the Dallas suburb of Highland Park looks just like Beverly Hills, Calif., to the casual observer. The Uptown area is filled with restaurants, boutiques, condominiums, apartments and single family homes and, the market is thriving.

Q: Can we charge a rental fee to renters for the sole reason that they are renting a unit?

A: More than likely not. A case out of New Jersey held that an association could charge a rental fee, but only in an amount reasonably related to actual additional necessary expenses incurred by the association for the rental. I think this is a reasonable determination of the status, but each case, of course, depends upon its own facts.

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# 5 attitudes that lead to job search failure Plus 5 that lead to success

Kaitlin Madden, CareerBuilder Writer

Your attitude can make or break your job search. Having a bad attitude -whether that means you no longer care enough to put effort into your applications or you think no one is ever going to hire you -- is one of the fastest ways to fail in your job search. Having a good attitude, on the other hand, can help your cause as much as a bad one can hurt it.

"Attitude is vitally important in a job search, because it's the one thing out of the entire process you can control," says Dave Sanford, senior vice president of business development at Winter, Wyman, a Bostonbased staffing firm. "You can't control if and when someone is going to call you back, or if the person liked you or what the economy is going to be like, but you can control your attitude and how you conduct yourself throughout the process."

Five attitudes that will get you nowhere in your job hunt:

1. "I'll never find a job." OK, so it may sound obvious, but a negative attitude will seriously hinder your job search. It will not only kill your motivation, but like the old saying goes, "If you think you can't, you probably won't."

"A negative attitude can lead to job-search failure right from the start," Sanford says. "If you are sitting in the room anticipating the end of the play before the

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first act, it can be a selffulfilling prophecy. So that's where you have to pump yourself up and not go down the negative road." 2. "Woe is me." Don't fall into the downward spiral of feeling sorry for yourself. No one will want to help you in your job search, let alone hire you if you can't get out of your own way.

"Think about the way you

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ask for help, for example. Sanford says. "Stay away from, 'I know you don't have time for me...' and instead say, 'I have a lot to offer and would love to be able to share what I know and what I can do with you." 3. "I'll take anything." Applying to every job you see is a waste of time. A successful job search is driven by the quality, not quantity, of applications you submit. "Applying for just about any open position may hurt you in the long run," says Heather Huhman, founder of Come Recommended, a digital public relations firm focusing on the recruiting industry, and author of the book "Lies, Damned Lie & Internships: The Truth About Getting From Classroom to Cubicle." "Failing to be focused and specific not only wastes your time and the employer's but can confuse your network of contacts as well if they have the chance to refer you."

4. "I'm not good enough." "Confidence, or a lack thereof, is easily noticed by hiring managers," Huhman says. "Feeling as if you're not good enough can be a deal-breaker in the job



search. You cannot sell what you don't believe in." This is especially important going into an interview, where confidence is integral to success. Remember that if you got the interview, the company thinks you're good enough to be there. Don't change their minds. 5. "When is something going to fall into my lap?" Acting entitled is a sure-fire way to repel an employer. Your attitude signals your mindset, values and possible behavior in the workplace, says Ginny Clarke, president and CEO of Chicagobased Talent Optimization Partners and author of "Career Mapping: Charting Your Course in the New World of Work." "Someone who says, 'When is something going to fall into my lap?' for example, likely has a big ego, is arrogant and lacks self-awareness. These tendencies make

and an ineffective leader." Five attitudes that impress employers:

1. The "can-do" attitude. "If you want to impress your potential employer, think carefully about all of the things going on in his or. her work life, causing stress and anxiety. Talk about how you can go into that job and make things easier and better for the manager. 'I'm here to lighten your burden and lighten your load' [should be the message you send]," Sanford says. 2. "Give me the ball; I don't have to have my hand held."

3. "I'm an awesome team player; not a lone wolf." 4. "I am determined; I run

through walls to get the job

done." 5. "I'm aware of politics in the field of play around me and can navigate effec-

fively." "The job-search process inherently comes with ups and downs," Sanford concludes.

"Moments of excitement and anticipation blended with feeling defeated and beaten down. It's crucial that job seekers do everything they can to keep the negativity of the process from affecting their attitudes and overtaking the job search. If negativity starts seeping into your game, and you start to feel defeated and hopeless, the hiring manager will see and sense the baggage and will likely pass. They want someone who is positive and upbeat; someone who says, 'Give me the ball and let me run through the line."

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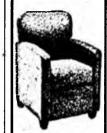
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