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There are still spots available in the morning session from 10 a.m. to noon. Enrollment is \$20 per child — payable by cash or check made out to the Northville Historical Society.
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'A Christmas Story'
The Northville High School Drama Club will present "A Christmas Story" this weekend 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 are \$10 for adults, and \$8 for students and seniors age 55 and over.
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The thrill of victory
A quartet of Northville High School varsity volleyball players seem just a bit excited moments after they beat North Farmington High 3-0 to take the MHSAA Region 6, Class A championship. From left are Megan McCrohan, Isabel Fabacher, Julia Colasanti, and Rachel Zawodny. For more about the match, please see our story in today's sports section.

Curson: 'Nobody ... wants to fall off the fiscal cliff'

By Ken Abramczyk
Staff Writer
David Curson said his election last week was "beyond belief."
The Belleville Democrat defeated Republican Kerry Bentivolio of Milford to complete a six-week unexpired term of Thaddeus McCotter, who resigned July 6, in the 11th congressional District.
Bentivolio, however, won election to a two-year term in the new 11th District, defeating Democrat Syed Taj of Canton.
Curson said he may be sworn in as early as Tuesday, depending on when the clerk for the U.S. Congress receives the results from the Michigan Secretary of State office.
Curson, 64, a UAW activist who has spent several years in contract negotiations as an executive assistant to two UAW presidents and worked with the auto task force representing the UAW on the GM and Chrysler bailouts, said he was humbled by the support he received and appreciated the work it takes to win elections.
"After running for Congress, I have a new respect for candidates," Curson said. "Every word you say, you have to weigh."
On Nov. 8, his phone was ringing off the hook. Curson has received phone calls from well-wishers and media across the nation.
"It was such a goofy election, it's drawn attention from all over the country," Curson said.
Curson referred to the circumstances leading up to the election for McCotter's unexpired term, which will last about six weeks through the end of the year.
A special election was ordered by Gov. Rick Snyder's office after McCotter resigned from Congress. McCotter resigned after petition signatures were deemed to be photocopies by the Secretary of State's office. Attorney General Bill Schuette's investigation eventually led to charges against four McCotter staffers, alleging that they were involved in a deliberate fraud involving a pattern of copying and altering petitions in order to qualify the five-term congressman for the 2012 primary ballot.
Curson expected to leave this past Saturday for Washington, D.C. Once the clerk for the U.S. Congress is officially notified by the Michigan Secretary of State's office of the election results, Curson expected to be notified when he would be administered an oath of office by House Speaker John Boehner.
Curson said he will not be hiring any new congressional staff. Other Democratic congressional offices will lend him staff for his short term.
Curson wants to help address the budget, the "fiscal cliff" facing President Barack Obama and U.S. Congress, he said. "That

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Good fortune smiles on centenarian

Northville woman celebrates 100th birthday
By Julie Brown
Staff Writer
Mildred Madigan of Northville recently went out for Chinese food. Her fortune cookie at the meal's end held the message "Long life with blessings of family and friends is yours."
That's certainly been the case as the retired teacher turns 100 today, Nov. 15. "My blessed Lord," she said of her longevity. "And I must have good genes."
She's lived at the city-owned Allen Terrace for 14 years. She swam at Schoolcraft College for over 30 years, and recommends an exercise program for good health.
Eating well also matters, she agreed, although she has no special secrets and eats what she wants. Her family is planning a party for her 100th, details being kept from the guest of honor in
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Mildred Madigan of Northville attributes her turning 100 to God, and notes good genes help as well.

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Paying tribute
Jim Seager holds the American Flag as "Taps" is played at Northville's Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4012 on Veterans Day. Seager and other veterans were honored at 11 a.m. that day for their sacrifices in combat throughout the history of the United States.

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‘It’s a wonderful Northville!’



The streets of downtown Northville will come alive again Friday for the chamber of commerce’s annual Holiday Lighted Parade.

Chamber’s lighted parade to kick off the holiday season

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

The holiday season kicks off in Northville this Friday with the annual Holiday Lighted Parade. Sponsored by the Northville Chamber of Commerce, the Lighted Parade begins at 6:30 p.m. and travels through the streets of downtown. This parade is a stand out in this season’s holiday gatherings.

“This is a signature event for Northville,” said Traci Sincock, Chamber associate director. “This is really the kick-off event for the holiday season.”

The 2012 parade theme is “It’s a Wonderful Northville!” Sincock said Northville loves their parade, so she expects this one to be a good one. The weather is supposed to be good at the time of the event.

Parade entries were invited to follow the theme in order to compete in three award categories, which are Best Parade Theme, Best Holiday Spirit and Mayor’s Choice. Bands, floats, dancers and entertainers will move through the festive streets during the evening.

“It’s an annual tradition and a lot of fun for the family, so don’t miss it,” Sincock said to the community.

The holiday fun continues into the weekend as well with the Chamber-sponsored event, Green’s Market, which will take place at Town Square from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday. Growers from the Farmer’s Market will be on hand selling holiday roping, wreaths and decorations.

To find out more about the parade and other happenings, contact the Northville Chamber of Commerce at (248) 349-7640 or visit www.northville.org.

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Senior community honors residents who served

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Staff Writer

Northville's Oakmont Senior Community honored some of its residents during a Veterans Day celebration.

On Nov. 9, over 50 residents of Oakmont gathered to honor the veterans among them. There were 25 Vets to be exact, most from the World War II era.

"This is an opportunity to celebrate who they are and what they have done for this country," said Oakmont director Madeline Lipinski.

Northville Mayor Chris Johnson and a representative from the VFW attended to give their thanks. Johnson cited the recent election as evidence of the good these veterans fought for in the past. He said living free is not an accident, but is possible because of

the sacrifices made by these veterans.

"We owe a huge debt of gratitude to you," Johnson said to those gathered. "And this community does not take you for granted."

One Oakmont veteran is Louis Siembor, who fought during WWII's Battle of the Bulge with the 10th Armored Division under General George S. Patton's Third Army. Siembor remembers his time at war as being difficult, but necessary.

"I had enough angels around me to bring me back safely," he said. "There were many who weren't so lucky and they're the ones who deserve recognition for the sacrifices they've made for this country."

Siembor recalled a visit back to Europe in 2010. He said it was one of the highlights of his life to be able to go back

and see where and his friends fought so bravely.

The event included music, refreshments and a poem written by Oakmont's Marie Rumbley honoring the veterans' service. The singing of "God Bless America" as well as the individual service hymns brought out the pride in the gathered crowd.

"We are honored so much by this," Siembor said.

An excerpt from Rumbley's poem typified the event:

"Many experienced combat and saw their comrades fall. Upon being discharged and going home, elation was felt by all.

It is with great admiration to honor these men I write. Patriotism and loyalty, exemplified in my sight."

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WWII veteran Louie Siembor stands as the "Star Spangled Banner" is sung during a Nov. 9 ceremony at Northville's Oakmont senior residence.



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Silver Springs students make care packages for current, former military personnel

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

Fifth-graders at Silver Springs Elementary honored Veteran’s Day by putting together care packages for some former Northville students currently serving in the military and veterans at the Ann Arbor VA Hospital.

On Nov. 9, David Wayne’s class worked to put together a number of care packages consisting of candy, magazines, letters from the students and gift certificates.

“We all know what this day is about, but this is a way for us to give back to those who have done and are doing so much for us,” Wayne said to the class.

The students took to the assignment with great enthusiasm. Each carefully went about filling their packages.

“I think it’s cool to help the people who help us,” said fifth-grader Samantha Ollis.

Thirty one students donated items for this project. Wayne said the packages will be shipped out in the coming days to places as far as South Korea.

“I was really excited today to do this,” said fifth-grader Kevin Zahra. “It will mean a lot to them.”

Each year Wayne tries to make Veteran’s Day a more meaningful lesson for the students and what makes this year so special is that some of the packages were going to former students. Some of these students are attending or have graduated from West Point, Annapolis, or Air Force academies. These Northville grads include John and



Fifth-graders at Silver Springs Elementary put together care packages for a Veteran’s Day project.



Fifth-graders Lilly Gold and Julia Jaafar put together a care package to be sent to some former Northville students currently serving in the military.

Will Bickle, Cliff Peterson, Dittrick Williams and Britten Keep.

Wayne recently received an e-mail from John Bickle from West Point. In it he told him that the care packages would be appreciated.

“I am humbled and flattered at the same time that you all would think of me; I can assure you, too, that my company mates as well as the guys on the swim team with whom I will share the package will be just as appreciative of your kindness. It is always nice to know that

people are still looking out for you, even after all these years,” he wrote to Wayne.

Having this connection with former students who are also serving has been a special thing for the fifth-graders.

“This is very special to me and I’m proud because some of them were in this same class,” said fifth-grader Daniel Liang. “It’s great to be able to send these packages to them.”

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Science comes alive at Silver Springs

Silver Springs Elementary School student Selena Al-Nurri is wowed by a chinchilla presented to her for a petting by Science Alive’s Terri Neill. Neill visited a number of classrooms on Nov. 7, and students got to learn a bit about each mammal, reptile and bird she presented. They learned the chinchilla came from the west coast of South America, has fluffy fur to keep it warm in high elevations and has to be pretty fast to keep away from predators.

NORTHVILLE SCHOOL BRIEFS

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¤t_client=0401451209101148&ts=1349697430.

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.

SADD Halloween party teaches younger students how to have fun safely



Owen Wagel (left) and Lily Wagel enjoyed making crafts at the SADD event held at Northville High School.

Members of Northville High School’s Student’s Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) held a Halloween movie night on Friday, Oct. 26. The free annual event featured crafts, games and snacks — and of course the showing of the kid-friendly Halloween film *It’s the Great Pumpkin Charlie Brown*.

“This event is designed for young children to have some Halloween fun in a safe environment,” said Trevor Glenn, SADD student president, “and a highlight of the night is the movie. Some children even brought blankets and pillows to get comfortable watching the show.”

“We were thrilled that 50 children attended this year’s Halloween event, and a highlight of the night is the movie,” said Lia Busse, a student board member with SADD.

Busse said the group will also be holding a free holiday event for younger children on Dec. 7 from 7-9 p.m. in the NHS cafeteria.

“We hope to have an even bigger turn out. Children of all ages are welcome to come. We are planning games, snacks, and a movie and there will be a special holiday visitor from the North Pole,”

Busse said.

SADD is a peer-to-peer education, prevention, and activism organization dedicated to preventing destructive decisions of all types. For students, positive peer pressure, role modeling and environmental strategies can prevent destructive decisions and set a healthy, safe course in life, which is the why SADD has the goal of reaching students in this

manner.

“Northville High School students participate in many SADD activities including visiting elementary and middle schools to talk to younger children about making good choices,” said Glenn. “It is a great way for teens to show they are making good decisions themselves while they are acting as a role model for younger kids.”



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Getting the timing down

Winchester Elementary School third grader Molly Maloney enjoys some time with the school’s Jump Rope Club on Oct. 30. The club meets Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at the school and was begun by Winchester gym teacher Heidi Haite and Ridgewood gym teacher Angie Phillips. The club will continue through the winter months.

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Time is flying, but you can still get a fresh turkey

By Karen Smith
Staff Writer

If Thanksgiving crept up on you this year, there's no need to get in a flutter.

Local farms are still taking orders for fresh turkeys.

Customers can walk in and purchase oven-ready birds as late as Wednesday, the day before Thanksgiving — as long as there are some left.

Fresh turkeys save time because they bake faster and don't take days to defrost.

Christine Roperti, owner of Roperti's Turkey Farm in Livonia, and Tom Toth, manager of Huron Turkey Farm in Romulus, said some customers were caught off-guard this year by how fast Thanksgiving came.

Thanksgiving is the earliest it can possibly be this year.

Officially designated as the fourth Thursday of November since 1941, the national holiday can vary from Nov. 22 to Nov. 29.

"I think a lot of people don't realize it's already here," Toth said. "We're just getting over Halloween."



FILE PHOTO

it's not too late to pick out a fresh bird at Roperti's Turkey Farm.

And the election. Roperti said personal orders were down 14 percent and business orders were down 28 percent before rebounding after the election.

Roperti said they joked at her farm that the toms were the blues and the hens were the reds because of the colors of their heads.

"They're for America," she said. "Ben Franklin wanted them to be the

national bird."

Franklin argued that the turkey, although "vain and silly," was a better choice than the bald eagle, which he thought cowardly, according to the reference site info-please.org.

Turkeys aren't specified as being on the menu that first Thanksgiving in 1621. Pilgrim Edward Winslow's writings note "fowl"

Yet today, more than

45 million turkeys are cooked and eaten in the United States at Thanksgiving — that's one sixth of all turkeys sold in the U.S. each year, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture,

Roperti's sells about 4,000 turkeys each year, and Huron Turkey Farm sells about 2,200.

Both have been in business for decades, Roperti's since 1948 and Huron Turkey since 1963.

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Fresh turkeys cost more than frozen — Roperti's charges \$3.39 a pound, Huron Turkey, \$3.18 a pound.

"People don't mind spending that money once a year," Toth said, when they can taste a difference.

Roperti said people want a moist and tasty turkey. She feeds her birds a mix of corn, oats and wheat, which gives them their flavor. "I'm a small farmer," she said. "I can afford to feed them the very best. I don't raise hundreds of thousands of turkeys."

The turkeys are free-range, roaming the five-acre farm on Five Mile Road.

Toth feeds his birds

corn and water. "There's no preservatives, no chemicals, no medications. They're the cleanest purest organic turkeys money can buy," he said.

Turkeys at Roperti's and Huron Turkey Farm are processed the day before they're picked up.

People think they're getting a fresh turkey when they buy Amish birds, Toth said, but they're trucked in from Indiana. "Before you get the bird in the oven, it's been on ice 10 days," Toth said. "I think the Amish (turkey) is nothing to brag about."

Nancy Provan of Grosse Ile brags about Huron Turkey Farm and the turkeys she has been buying there for 40 years. "They're just delicious," she said, adding the breast meat is moist, never dry, and the birds cook faster being fresh.

She said the customer service she gets at Huron Turkey Farm is great and "everything about the place is immaculate."

"I wouldn't think of going to a store," she said.

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Vegetarian event offers healthful cooking ideas for the holidays

It started as a way to share healthy holiday vegetarian recipes. Twenty-five years later, more than 650 guests sampled some 50 vegetarian and vegan offerings ranging from appetizers and main dishes to salads and desserts on Sunday, Nov. 11 at the Vegetarian Holiday Tasting Extravaganza sponsored by Better Living Seminars and Metropolitan Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Guests from throughout western Wayne County and west Oakland County sampled home-cooked recipes prepared by volunteer chefs. Smiles, nods and lots of "this taste's great" were heard throughout the gymnasium, which was transformed into a holiday dining room at Metropolitan Adventist Church on Haggerty Road in Northville Township.

Chefs included Jeanie Weaver (event organizer), Ema Roma, Julie Verhelle, Marcia More, Lori Peach, Simone Cross, Rula Karapatsakis, Lucia Modiga, Margi Toppenberg, Heather Arvidson, Maria Matthew, Joy Hyde, Vera Bakewell, Kathy Dukaric, Shirley Brezzell, Stephanie Howard, Connie Vail and Pat Calisti.

Additional chefs were Dolly Dimond, Amber Bayer, Kelli Marquette, Chad and Melissa Higgins, Ellen Higgins, Anna Box, Janet Costew, Sue Parce, Rina Parce, Jonathan Janevski, Yusuke and Mika Kuramochi, Fumio Narita, Yuzuru



Enjoying this year's Vegetarian Holiday Tasting Extravaganza are Plymouth Township residents and family members (from left) Katharine Rzepecki, Patty Rzepecki, Tom Rzepecki, Terry Rzepecki and Dick Rzepecki. Tom, Patty and Katharine marked their 10th year attending the event while Dick and Terry have attended the last three years.



Jeanie Weaver (standing) heads the Vegetarian Holiday Tasting Extravaganza. Also pictured are her father, Dr. Arthur Weaver, of Northville and president of Better Living Seminars, along with taste fest guests Clay and Jennifer Raybourn of South Lyon.

Ito, Ayumi Uchino, Cheryl Gilbert, Jennifer Bark-

holz and Julie Chole. Also contributing food



Natalie Weaver has been a volunteer chef at the event since the taste fest began 25 years ago. Her helper is Ethan Karapatsakis of Canton Township.

was Charley's Deli Grille and the Great Harvest Bread Co.

"The event started because we had a desire

to share recipes of good healthy food with friends from the community," said Dr. Arthur Weaver, M.D., and president of

Better Living Seminars, a nonprofit organization dedicated to teaching the importance of healthy living.

"New nutritional research is being published regularly showing the advantages of a balanced vegetarian diet. Scientists are discovering new photochemicals and antioxidants in fruits, grains, vegetables, and nuts that were previously thought nonexistent. These natural compounds have been shown to be anti-carcinogenic, to lower cholesterol, and to significantly reduce many chronic disease processes such as diabetes, arthritis, and macular degeneration. Every available evidence now indicates that a well-balanced, total vegetarian diet is the best food plan one can choose," wrote Weaver on the group's website.

The event is a family-affair for Weaver. His wife, Natalie, has prepared food for the taste fest since the event started. His daughter, Jeanie Weaver, coordinates the event and also prepared at least four selections at this year's Tasting Extravaganza.

Upcoming events include an International Thanksgiving Vegetarian Potluck at 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 17 in Metropolitan Adventist Church, and A Christmas Potluck on Saturday, Dec. 8 at 15585 Haggerty Road, Northville Township. For information, call (734) 420-3131 or (734) 420-4044.

CC food drive

Detroit Catholic Central senior Jack Malinowski is in charge of the school's annual food drive to benefit "Loaves and Fishes" of southwest Detroit. Students gathered food throughout the week of Nov. 5 and Catholic Central drove the food to the charity on Nov. 9.



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Now that's a wreath!

Janet Young takes a look at one of the massive Christmas wreaths that she and other volunteers with the Northville Garden Club were assembling on Nov. 12 at Mill Race Village. This wreath, and another large one were headed to Rocky's and the Pizza Cutter — both big supporters of the club. The wreaths are a major way that the Garden Club raises funds for its scholarship programs.



JULIE YOLLES

Support for Rose Hill

Northville residents Jennifer and Scott Mullan attended the 20th Anniversary Gala of Rose Hill Center at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham. The event was beyond-sold out, with a long waiting list. The \$45,000 raised at the benefit is to be used as seed money for the new capital campaign "Visiting Brighter Futures: Campaign for Excellence." Scott Mullan is a Rose Hill Center board member.

CELEBRATE

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advance.

She was born Mildred Logeman in 1912 in Rockham, S.D., a small town where she grew up. The mother of four living children lost her son, Michael, three years ago.

"I really miss him," said Madigan, who has 14 grandchildren and 32 great-grandchildren.

Her grandfather wanted her to go to college, so she did two years at Eastern of South Dakota. She finished up college at Eastern Michigan University.

"I taught in a little one-room schoolhouse during the dust storms," she recalled. Her pay was \$60 a month, and earlier she'd paid \$800 for the two years of college in South Dakota. "And I stayed in a dorm, too."

Love and marriage

She met husband William in South Dakota and they married in 1935. They moved from Omaha, Neb., soon when he got a job at the University of Detroit, with son Michael born by that time.

"He was basketball

coach and taught history," she said of her husband, who died in 1980. "We came to Michigan in '37."

They settled in Northville, their home all these years. She was asked to start the Northville Co-op Nursery School and later taught at the Detroit Cerebral Palsy Nursery School in Farmington.

"It was a good experience, that's for sure," she said of her many years teaching, including at Our Lady of Victory in Northville. "I loved those little tots. Now they're grown up and have families of their own. It's amazing."

She started teaching at OLV in 1964 and retired in 1977. She and William traveled, their one son being a TWA pilot a big help with that.

"But he wasn't a good traveler," she said with a smile of William. "He didn't enjoy it like I did."

She has a cabin Up North, and her children were able to get her up there this summer. Madigan took up shooting pool after moving to Allen Terrace, and also plays cards. She still drives.

‘What a blessing’

“I have no complaints at

all. I look back and think
'My word, what a blessing.'"

She recalled her children's fuss at her 80th party and thinking, "Now how did I get here so soon?" She's enjoyed living in Northville

"I didn't know I'd ever become one of the old-timers. I think I've hit it," she said.

Two of her kids are in California, a daughter in Ann Arbor and a son near Jackson.

She loves her family, but thinks the kids are fussing a lot about her 100th.

"I just don't know about them. But they're good kids. Don't know what I'd do without them."

Her son, Bill Madigan, who lives in Jerome, Mich. (south of Jackson), said his mom is "very chipper" and "loves children." He noted how sharp she remains, and still has so much to offer.

"It's amazing to talk with her," he said.

That fortune cookie at the Chinese restaurant did get her thinking. "That tells me the good Lord is on my side," she said.

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CLIFF

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is hugely important to this country," he said. Curson believes he brings negotiating skills to the table to get a legislative package approved by Congress to address the budget deficit.

"I'll be trying to move the parties together so that everyone gets a piece of the pie," Curson said.

When asked what his position was on a tax increase or how the budget deficit would be addressed, Curson said, "I learned a long time ago that you can't negotiate in the media, so I will graciously decline to answer that. But



Curson

Congress will also face veterans, Social Security and job issues in the few weeks before the end of the year.

Curson believes the old 11th District (which included Westland, Garden City and Redford among others) was drawn more favorably to Democrats than the new one, which helped him defeat Bentivolio. Curson believes Taj would have fared better

nobody, not the Democrats or the Republicans, wants to fall off the fiscal cliff."

Curson

in the old district as well.

The new 11th District, which was redrawn last year and becomes effective with the new terms of office that begin in January, no longer includes Westland, Garden City and Redford, but instead has Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills and Troy, along with other central Oakland County communities.

Curson believes Obama defeated Romney because of the president's efforts to help with the auto industry during a time of crisis for the automakers. "Without it, we would still be digging ourselves out, for a long time," Curson said.

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Northville business owners adopt son, seek support for other orphans

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Tiffany and Julian Zendejas of Canton returned from Russia this past June with Alexander, their newly adopted son. Alexander's now 19 months old.

Tiffany Zendejas, who owns Sincerely Yours, a stationery and gift store in downtown Northville, and her husband started the process of adopting Alexander in July 2011.

"We went three times," she said of their trips to Russia. "The first time was in December." The couple returned in April for court, and then in mid-May made their final trip for two weeks to pick him up.

"He's an amazing little boy. He's really loving and affectionate," his mom said. He's doubled his weight, and just about caught up to the U.S. standard, also having grown 6-7 inches in five months.

"It's been a 10-year process for us," Zendejas said, starting with infertility issues. They started adoption in China and the U.S. "Honestly, it's the best thing ever. It's amazing," she said of being a parent.

She's 38 and Julian, who works at Skyway Precision in Livonia and Plymouth as a quality control analyst, is 41.

'Over the moon'

"He's totally over the moon," Zendejas said. "He comes from a really big family of seven children." They've had a lot of family support, especially from her mom and her husband's family.

"Alexander was in a baby home, which is similar to an orphanage," she said. Typically, babies stay there in Russia until age 1.

"I think that the workers do the best they can but they're greatly underfunded. I think they give them just enough (food) to sustain them." Those



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Julian Zendejas is thrilled to be dad to young Alexander, adopted from Russia. Alexander's mom, Tiffany, is conducting a drive for clothing and such needed items as diaper cream at her store, Sincerely Yours, in downtown Northville.

women care, Zendejas said, but can only do so much with limited resources.

The couple got involved with Orphans at Play, information on which can be found online at www.orphansatplay.org.

"They truly have nobody to stand up for the kids," she said of the orphans. A lot of big com-

panies help needy kids here, she said, and there are U.S. government-funded school breakfasts and lunches.

The Canton family wanted to help the kids left behind. "I couldn't afford to adopt them all, obviously," said Zendejas, who is collecting infant through teen clothing at her store, on Center just

north of Main in downtown Northville.

Items needed as donations (new or gently used) included: coats, shoes, hats, gloves, mittens, socks, tights, diaper cream, scarves and other basic baby clothing. Both boys and girls wear woolly tights in Russia, she said.

At 16, Russian youth without homes are released if not adopted or adoptable, such as when birth parents haven't signed the forms. "They really have no job skill training," Zendejas said of the teens. "They're given a very small amount of money and they're on their own."

Religious organizations, mostly in her son's regions, will take suitcases and distribute contents to those young people in need.

"Whatever we can get, we send," she said.

Local effort to help

At Sincerely Yours, she's offering a 20-percent coupon at any time for those who make donation "to kind of jumpstart the holiday season and thank them for helping such a great cause." The 20 percent off is for

all who donate any item of winter wear, infant through teen.

The store website is www.sincerelyyoursinc.com. The telephone at Sincerely Yours is (248) 449-9020.

She and her husband hope to finish the adoption in China if they can. It's harder to adopt in the U.S., they have found. "We're open to that if the opportunity arose too," she said.

Many days, they were able to visit their son in the baby home in Russia. They were never witness to poor living conditions, but know the need is great.

Such facilities funded by the government, but the money never covers their true needs, she said. Just in the region their son is from, Primorsky Krai, there are 26 orphanages and baby homes/hospitals. Many of the children do not have shoes that fit or warm clothes.

Russia has the highest rate of children in the sex trade as well as the highest suicide rate, in part due to their high percent of children that are orphaned, Zendejas said.

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City joins mutual aid group to deal with catastrophic events

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Staff Writer

The City of Northville has adopted a resolution to participate in the Michigan Emergency Management Assistance Compact, which is establishing a system for providing mutual aid to localities in Michigan in the event of a catastrophic event or major disaster where traditional mutual aid agreements become exhausted.

According to Fire Chief James Allen, MEMAC is a voluntary agreement between governmental units in Michigan.

"The agreement sets forth a

system to provide large-scale mutual aid assistance in the event of an emergency of such significance it appears beyond the capability of local resources to handle," City Manager Patrick Sullivan told the city council, which approved the resolution adopting the compact.

In his report to the council, Allen said MEMAC was approved by the Gov. Jennifer Granholm in 2006, and was issued under the authority of Public Act 390 of 1976, as amended.

One reason behind this is the fire department, through the Western Wayne Coun-

ty Fire Mutual Aid Association, is seeking to establish a MABAS (Mutual Aid Box Alarm System) Division encompassing Western Wayne County. Sullivan said a membership in MEMAC is a requirement of this program.

There is no impact to the budget to join the compact, but Councilwoman Nancy Darga wondered about the mutual agreement in regard to the costs of any potential catastrophe. Mayor Chris Johnson said they would bear the costs, but financial help in case of a disaster could be applied for through the Federal Emergency Manage-

ment Agency (FEMA).

MEMAC membership provides a system for requesting and providing emergency assistance with pre-established reimbursement guidelines. It's not a state mandate to provide assistance, but rather a mutual aid system, whereby both the requesting and providing parties agree to terms, according to Allen's report.

It further stated mutual aid can provide rapid emergency assistance from surrounding areas to those in need. Allen said many Public Safety Departments do this already, but usually only in localized areas.

The analysis behind it states since no single entity can afford to maintain all the resources necessary in the case of a large-scale disaster, mutual aid provides for the leveraging of resources. MEMAC is activated upon request by the local government through Compact terms of agreement.

Things like liability issues, reimbursement for assistance, command structure and lines of authority are pre-established and set forth in the agreement before an emergency occurs.

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The Library will be closed on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 22.

- **THANKSGIVING CRAFTS**
4-5 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 20

Details: All ages are invited to make a cute turkey puppet. Just drop in.

- **FABERGE: THE RISE AND FALL**
2 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 29
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- **Thursday:** 9 a.m. Archives open; 7 p.m. "Fainting Couches & Physical Fitness"
- **Friday:** 9 a.m. Archives open
- **Saturday:** 4 p.m. rehearsal; 5:30-10:30 p.m. private party in Church
- **Sunday:** 10 a.m.-4 p.m. King's 8th; 2:45-4:45 p.m. wedding*; 6 p.m. Girl Scouts #473
- **Monday:** 6:30 p.m. Northville Democrats
- **Tuesday:** 9 a.m. Stone Gang; 6 p.m. Girl Scouts #737
- **Wednesday:** 1 p.m. AAUW Bridge Group; 6:45 p.m. Mindfulness Meditation Group



Horse show

Shey Wilson, 12, of Milford, leads Lilly to the show area at the Novi Equestrian Expo at the Suburban Collection Showplace on Nov. 9. The three-day event featured all shapes and sizes of horses, ponies and all the riding tack and feed a horse lover could use.

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CARLTON, WILLIAM E.
Age 90 passed away on November 10, 2012. William was born on December 24, 1921; son of the late Luby and Loretta Carlton. William proudly served in the United States Marines and was a Detroit Police Officer for 25 years prior to his retirement. He is survived by his loving wife Shirley Carlton and his children, Linda (Jim) Chain, Vicki Azzopardi, Lori (Martin) Petrill and William (Cathy) Carlton. He is also survived by 8 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren and was preceded in death by his daughter, Christine Ann in 1949 and his sisters and his brother-in-law. Visitation was held on Monday, November 12 from 11:00 a.m. until the time of the funeral service at 4:00 p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Burial and military honors will take place on Thursday, November 15th at 11:15am at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, Michigan. Memorial contributions in loving memory of William are requested Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society, 875 North Randolph Street, Suite 225, Arlington, VA 22203. Online guestbook at: www.phillipsfuneral.com

CODY, JULIE VENITA
87, of 438 Co. Rd. MU, Suomi Location, died at 12:50 p.m. on Monday, November 5, 2012 at Marquette General Hospital. Julie was born September 23, 1925 in Daniel Boon, KY to Walter and Clara (Franklin) Butler. She graduated from Plymouth High School in Plymouth, MI, and was employed in Northville, MI as a payroll clerk at a State of Michigan Hospital. Following retirement, she and her husband moved back to the Negaunee area in 1986. Mrs. Cody was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Marquette. In her younger years, she was a member of the Red Hats. In her free time, Julie enjoyed going to Curves and Tops. Surviving are her husband of 63 years, Wilfred F. 'Bill' Cody of Suomi Location, 2 sons: William (Dianna) Cody and David Cody, both of Texas, 2 grandchildren: Adam and Justin Cody, 4 great grandchildren: Anthony, Alex, Christian and McKenzie Cody, a sister, Loretta Olson of Plymouth, MI. Julie was preceded in death by her parents, 2 sons: Randy and Steve Cody, and a brother, Alfred Butler. No services are scheduled at this time. Condolences may be expressed online at: www.koskefuneralhome.com



DENEWETH, ROBERT (ROB) POST
Age 46, passed away suddenly on November 10, 2012. Resident of Novi since 2007, formerly of Findlay, Ohio and Farmington Hills. Beloved husband of Julie (Green) Deneweth. In addition to his wife, Rob is survived by his loving children Christopher, Alexander and Natalie. Born May 22, 1966, Rob graduated from Centerline High School in 1984 and was a graduate of the University of Michigan School of Engineering. He went on to earn a Master's degree in Engineering Management from Wayne State University and a Master's degree in Engineering Management from The University of Michigan Dearborn. He enjoyed a long career at Ford Motor Company. Rob's most recent role was with Ford Racing, as the powertrain development engineer for the twin-turbo Mustang Cobra Jet which was recently unveiled at the Specialty Equipment Market Association (SEMA) show in Las Vegas. Along with racing his Mustang and working on engines in his spare time, Rob lived life large and enjoyed a distinguished record in the BMX racing world. He shared his racing expertise as a driving instructor at Waterford Hills Road Race Track. Additional hobbies included spending outdoor time with his family boating, skiing, water sports, mountain biking, and racing slot cars as well as participating in scouting activities with his sons. He was an avid University of Michigan football fan. Along with his wife and children, Rob is survived by his mother, Louise Kay Auriemma of Florida, father Robert Joseph Deneweth and step-mother Dian Wilkins of Birmingham, MI, sister Amy (Herschel) Abrams, step-siblings Andy Wilkins and Sharon (Terry) Konja, and father-in-law and mother-in-law James and Jere Ann Green of Birmingham, MI. Rob is loved by many sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, nephews, nieces, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. His family will gather with friends Thursday for visitation from 2-8 pm at Casterline Funeral Home, 122 West Dunlap St., Northville. The funeral will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday at Oak Pointe Church, 50200 West 10 Mile Road, Novi. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Deneweth children payable to Julie Deneweth in care of Casterline Funeral Home, 122 West Dunlap, Northville MI 48167. To express condolences or share a memory, please visit www.casterline.com.

DOWNS FRANKLIN HALLEN, JR.
Age 61, November 5, 2012. A Memorial Service will be held at Lynch & Sons, Milford, on Saturday, May 11th, at 1PM. Memorials may be made in his name to the PKD Foundation. For further information please phone 248-684-6645 or visit LynchFuneralDirectors.com

DREFFS, RODNEY S.
Age 63, passed away November 4, 2012. He was born on April 27, 1949 in Wyandotte, son of the late Stanley and Veronica Dreffs. He was an elementary teacher with the South Lyon School District for 35 years. He enjoyed duck hunting with his son Brandon and equally enjoyed golfing with his son Neil. He was an avid craftsman of duck decoys. He is survived by his beloved wife, Mary Jo, his sons: Neil (Bethany) Dreffs and Brandon (Cassandra) Dreffs, his grandchildren: Cooper and Avery. He is also survived by his sisters: Patricia (Raymond) Zawacki, Agatha (Bill) Graney and his nieces, nephews and many loving friends. Visitation was held on Friday, November 9th at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. Funeral Mass was celebrated on Saturday, November 10 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 830 S. Lafayette, South Lyon. Memorial contributions may be made to Huron Valley Ducks Unlimited, Active Faith Community Services, 401 S. Washington, P.O. Box 188, South Lyon, MI 48178 or Special Olympics, 1133 19th Street NW, Washington, DC 20036. Online Guestbook at: www.phillipsfuneral.com

KNEALE, BEVERLY
Age 83, passed away Nov. 8, 2012. A private family service was held. Arrangements by Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon.



LaLONDE, RUSSELL A. J.
11-11-1925
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Passed away November 10, 2012. Age 86, a South Lyon resident. Beloved and cherished husband of 64 years to Marian R. LaLonde. He is also survived by his loving children Marie Shepard (Paul), Suzanne Tooman (Daniel), Barbara Tremiere (Robert) Russell LaLonde (Penney) and precious and adored grandchildren Nichole, Amanda, Kelly, Benjamin, Brynne, Stacey, Joshua, Abby, Jacob and greatly loved great grandchildren Nicholas, Lucy, Aubry, Emily, Landon and Lauren. Russell served his country proudly in the U.S. Coast Guard in Alaska and Minnesota. He went to the University of Detroit Business School and became a business owner servicing petroleum equipment to the commercial market. He was active with the Livonia Exchange Club fostering goodwill among businesses in the Detroit Metro area. Russell loved spending time at his cottage in Northern Michigan with his wife and family snowmobiling, hunting, fishing and playing cards. He loved sports, particularly golf and hockey. Russell was the most loving, kind and gentle man who loved the Lord and cherished time reading his Bible. A memorial was held at Solid Rock Bible Church of South Lyon.



ZABOR, BEVERLY L.
Age 96 of Northville, loving daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, died peacefully November 9, 2012. Born September 18, 1916, in Cleveland, OH, Beverly attended Hiram College where she met her husband, J. William (Bill) Zabor, who preceded her in death in 1994. She and Bill lived in eight states during their 54-year marriage. Their longest residences were in Mt. Lebanon, PA; Grosse Ile, MI; Barrington, IL; and Northville, MI. For many years Beverly was deeply involved in Christian education programs of the churches she belonged to. Beverly loved golf, bridge, travel, and reading. She is survived by her three children, Barbara (Albert) Glover of Northville, Stephen (Kathryn Craig) of Hiram, OH, and Douglas (Magda Schijff) Zabor of Chapel Hill, NC; seven grandchildren, Scott (Charlotte) Bassin, Valerie (Chris) Haslett, Ben, Emily, Luke, Rien, and Drew Zabor; and five great-grandchildren. Family and friends will miss her lively wit and loving spirit. A memorial service will be held in Ohio in December.



McFADDEN, RICHARD EARL
Died peacefully in his South Lyon home at the age of 87, surrounded by his family on Tuesday, November 13, 2012. Richard was born to the late Earl and Beulah McFadden on January 1, 1925, in Wyandotte, Michigan. After graduating from Wyandotte High School, where he held track records that stood for over 20 years, he played football for Michigan State before enlisting in the Navy for the duration of World War II. When the war was over he returned to Michigan and married Ila Schwochow, his High School sweetheart. He then became a journeyman electrician, started his own steel slitting business, began a family, bought an eighty acre farm in South Lyon and raised registered black angus beef cattle. Richard is a life member of the Wayne Masonic Lodge, member of the South Lyon Methodist Church and former Sunday school teacher, former member of the South Lyon State Savings Bank board of directors, and former member of the South Lyon Kiwanis. He helped established the South Lyon Football Boosters Club and was a member of the South Lyon community for 62 years. Richard was an avid SCUBA diver, wilderness explorer, hunter and fisherman. He was a commercial lobsterman in the Florida Keys for five years before returning to South Lyon for health reasons. Richard is survived by his wife Ila and four children: Carol Fleischer and husband Mitchell, Robert McFadden and wife Dolores, Loren McFadden, Janine McFadden. He is also survived by three grandsons: Ethan Fleischer and wife Rachel; Daniel Fleischer, and Robert McFadden and wife Whitney, and granddaughter Caroline McFadden. Richard has five great-grandchildren: Alek Fleischer, Henry Fleischer, Zachary Fleischer and Asher McFadden and Scarlet McFadden. Please call the funeral home at 248-437-1616 for visitation and funeral time. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com



MIELKE, DAVID R.
Age 74, passed away November 4, 2012. He was born on October 24, 1938, in Detroit, to the late Otto and Blanche (Roush) Mielke. He retired as a Supervisor from Ford Motor Company after many years of service. He was a Master Mason of the Livonia Lodge and enjoyed watching Western movies. He was an avid hunter and outdoorsman. David is survived by his children: David S. Mielke, Daniel Mielke, Candy Werner; grandchildren: Joey & Crystal Turbett; siblings: Louise Churchill, Thomas, Jonathan, and Robert. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife Carol on Oct. 15, 2012. Visitation was held on Nov. 8, Thursday, from 3:00 - 9:00 p.m. A funeral service was held on Nov. 9, Friday, at 11:00 a.m. at Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com



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Roadway shooting suspect faces 60 counts in Oakland County

By Aileen Wingblad
Staff Writer

Multiple counts of assault with intent to murder are among the 60 felonies Raulie Wayne Casteel faces for the series of roadway shootings in Wixom and Commerce Township, following his arraignment Nov. 9 in Novi's 52-1 District Court. Not guilty pleas were

entered on behalf of the 43-year-old Wixom resident, arraigned via video from the Livingston County Jail, where he's held for shooting incidents there.

District Judge Dennis Powers denied bond on the assault charges, punishable by as much as life in prison. Bond was set at \$25,000 for several of the other crimes, including discharging a weapon from a vehicle and other felony firearms charges.

In his request for bond, attorney Charles Groh said Casteel's family supports him "100 percent," adding that he has no criminal history, is a college graduate and is a stay-at-home father to his

2-year-old child.

Oakland County Assistant Prosecutor Ken Frazee argued that a high bond or no bond was warranted, calling the shootings "acts of terror."

Casteel was arrested Nov. 5 at his in-laws' home, where he had been living with his wife and daughter since moving from Kentucky five months ago. A task force comprised of more than 100 investigators linked Casteel to the shooting spree that began Oct. 16 in Wixom and Commerce, then spread to Livings-ton, Shiawassee and Ingham counties.

All but one of the 24 reported incidents involved motorists. One driver was hit by the gunfire.

Information provided by a Livingston County witness led investigators to Casteel. A 9mm handgun, which has been forensically linked to at least nine of the shootings, was confiscated from the home and a shell casing was recovered from the windshield wiper of Casteel's 2009 Chevy Malibu, police said.

Casteel is reportedly a former employee of the Department of Energy who has been out of work for the past two years.

Clarence Goodlein, Wixom's public safety director, said the reason behind the shootings is a mystery to investigators.

"It's unlikely (we'll learn why) unless he tells us or someone else knows and gives us the information," he said.

Goodlein said the investigation includes "looking into (Casteel's) background and history in Kentucky" but wouldn't comment further on findings at this time.

The size of the task force is what brought a successful conclusion to the shooting spree, Goodlein said.

"Any time you put that many people together, you can move an investigation quickly," he said.

Casteel was scheduled for a pre-exam conference yesterday, after press time, at the Novi court. It hasn't yet been determined if a competency evaluation will be ordered.

An exam conference in Howell's 53rd district court was set for later that day for six felony counts he faces in Livingston County. Charges are also pending in Shiawassee and Ingham counties.

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NORTHVILLE POLICE BRIEFS

On the run

A 29-year-old Detroit man was arrested Thursday afternoon after attempting to steal a pair of sneakers from Kohl's and then fleeing the store when he was confronted by security.

According to Northville Township police reports Rodney Shelton was in the store around 5 p.m. when a Kohl's loss prevention officer allegedly witnessed him take a pair of shoes from a shelf, put them on and then put his old shoes in the box. He also allegedly stuck three pairs of headphones in his pants. When confronted, he took a couple swings at the employee, who then defended himself by punching Shelton in the eye. That's when Shelton fled the store, jumping into his gold Chevy Blazer and heading south on Haggerty Road at a high rate of speed.

Police caught up to him after he lost control of the Blazer and hit a tree. An officer watched as he exited the vehicle and made his way on foot across the Bahama Breeze parking lot. The officer drew his weapon and commanded Sheldon to get on the ground, which he did.

As it turns out, Sheldon was wanted on at least four warrants — mostly for larceny and shoplifting — out of Northville, Novi, Canton and Van Buren Township. He also had his diver's license suspended three times out of Wayne, Westland and Romulus. He was arrested, and charged with third degree retail fraud and driving on a suspended/revoked license. He was given a Nov. 28 date in 35th District Court, and then turned over to Wayne County.

On the run II

Northville Township police apprehended two of three men in connection to a store larceny at The Home Depot on Nov. 7.

According to police reports, the men were in the store located at 7 Mile and Haggerty around 3 p.m. when one of the men purchased five cases of hardwood flooring. A store employee witnessed the man give his receipt to the other two men who proceeded to walk back to the flooring section of the store, load up more flooring (valued at \$397) and then try to exit the store without paying.

When confronted by security, the three men fled the store on foot.

Two of the men were quickly apprehended by police officers. A 20-year-old Detroit man was caught in the AMC parking lot on 7 Mile east of Haggerty. A 19-year-old Eastpointe man was caught walking southbound on Haggerty south of 7 Mile. The third man was not caught.

Both men were cited for retail fraud. When police searched the Eastpointe man, they found him possessing a small scale and two small clear tubes containing marijuana. He was also charged with possession of a narcotic and possession of drug paraphernalia. Both men are to appear in 35th District Court on Nov. 28.

Larceny

A cash register was stolen from Northville Downs Race Track.

On Nov. 2, Northville city police received a report from the Downs that a empty cash register was taken, but it was caught on surveillance video. The incident occurred inside the poker room. The suspect is a tall, white man with dark hair who was wearing a dark 3/4 length coat. The staff at the track believe they know who did this. The case remains open.

Impaired driving

A 23-year-old Novi man was arrested for operating a vehicle under the influence of drugs after hitting a utility pole on Center Street.

The incident happened on Nov. 2 in the 200 block of S. Center. When police arrived they found the driver slurring his speech and he appeared to be intoxicated. He told police an oncoming vehicle had turned its bright lights on and that caused him to lose control. Police could not confirm this.

The police did observe the man dropping and kicking under his car some marijuana he had in his possession. The preliminary Breathalyzer test registered below the legal limit, but police cited the man after he admitted to smoking marijuana earlier and for having trouble with the field sobriety tests.

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OUR VIEWS



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While there isn't a blanket of snow on the ground quite yet, deer will be moving more erratically starting today, the opening day of firearm season for Michigan hunters. Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard reminds hunters to get permission to hunt of private land, treat all weapons as if they're loaded, wear plenty of orange and be careful when using tree stands. Firearm season continues through the end of the month.

Deer hunting opener is a tradition like no other in Michigan

For many people in the state of Michigan, today is an annual holiday like no other. It's not an official holiday, of course, but don't tell that to the people across the state who look just as much forward to the Nov. 15 traditional opener for firearms deer hunting season as children do to Christmas morning.

Beginning this morning at the crack of dawn, and over the course of the next couple weeks, more than a half million hunters will be hunkered down in the forests, swamps and farmlands across the state, with dreams of bagging a big buck. But that is not the only reason hunters from all walks of life look forward to deer hunting. Survey after survey have shown that hunters enjoy spending time with friends and family during their hunting trips, not to mention just getting outdoors and enjoying the state's natural beauty.

Because of the mild winters we have experienced in recent years, wildlife biologists say deer numbers are up around the state. Hopefully that means many of our hunters will have a successful hunting trip.

Deer hunting is particularly important to the rural areas of the state. In fact in many communities, schools are closed down for the day, and many businesses display "gone hunting" signs on their front doors as the proprietors have headed to "camp." There is no question, "Opening Day" and hunting in general are part of the fabric of life in rural Michigan.

It is also big business. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources estimates the more than 750,000 licensed hunters (including all hunters) ranks third in the nation. And they have a tremendous impact, adding \$1.3 billion annually to the state's economy. Of course hunters purchase hunting gear, but they also stay in motels, shop at stores and eat at restaurants while on their hunting trips. That especially means a great deal to small towns in rural Michigan.

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We wish you all good luck, and hope you remember safety is the first priority out in the field.

Happy hunting.



LETTERS

'Team' came together

On behalf of Northville Public Schools and its Board of Education, students, families and staff members, I want to express our gratitude to our community for its support of the Northville Public Schools Technology Bond Proposal. The fact that this issue was given such thoughtful consideration and support during an election with record turnout and a great number of issues on a national, state, county, and local levels is truly a reflection of the work of a tremendous team and a community that cares deeply about educating our students for the 21st century.

Likewise, words cannot adequately capture our heartfelt appreciation for the tremendous work of an incredible team of students, parents, community members, teachers, principals, central office leaders, board members and business and community leaders who helped our community understand the need for the proposal and the importance of technology to support learning, and college/career readiness.

The implementation plan is under way, in partnership with teachers, staff and students for the purchase and installation of these technology improvements with a focus on 21st Century learning experiences for our children. Please look for regular updates on the Northville Public Schools' website at www.northville.k12.mi.us.

It is truly an honor and a privilege to be a part of Northville Public Schools and to be a part of a team that comes together in support of our children, our schools, and our community.

Mary Kay Gallagher
superintendent
Northville Public Schools

The blame game

To all of those that voted for President Obama, I want you to remember this moment. Someday when you are old and can't get the medical care you need, can't find a doctor who will take Medicare patients, or don't have the money to pay out of pocket, resist your natural instinct to blame someone else. Instead, go look in the mirror and remember what you did to yourself for this is what you voted for.

Rachel Davis
Northville

Apology in order

As a community activist and volunteer on election day for state representative candidate Tim Roraback at the Cultural Center polling place in Plymouth, I was appalled with the rude and arrogant behavior of current state Rep. Kurt Heise. He interrupted Mr. Roraback while he was talking to potential voters. Unfortunately, I had to reprimand Mr. Heise in public and remind him that Mr. Roraback has the right to his opinions and vice versa.

I think that an apology to Mr. Roraback and Heise's constituents is in order. Civility and respect for differing views should

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Geri Kiisdonk
Plymouth

A temporary setback

Most of you are already aware that I was not elected to keep my position on the Schoolcraft Board of Trustees in the historic Nov. 6 election.

I may have lost the election, but because of your support I feel like I have emerged as a winner. You were involved in my campaign in so many ways and I will sincerely be forever thankful. As I went about the tasks of putting up campaign signs or talking to voters or planning a mailing or any number of other things that candidates do, those tasks didn't seem so difficult or mundane for two very good reasons. First, I knew I had your support and that made all the difference in the world. And secondly, as a trustee I had the opportunity to ensure the highest quality educational experience for thousands of students at an affordable cost.

Schoolcraft is truly a gem in our community, doing amazing things in preparing students for meaningful, productive lives. Your support may have only been a few words of encouragement but that was important to me and I am sincerely grateful.

Now, let's briefly look at where we go from here. This setback is temporary and it certainly isn't the termination of anything. With your continued support we will live to fight another day. I will continue to serve on the board through the end of the year. Then I will attend all future board meetings as "spectator," preparing for our next campaign encounter in the not-too-distant future. I will keep you abreast of the interesting things that occur, so stay tuned. And once again my sincere thanks for your continued support.

John Eikins
Livonia

Climate is changing

"Frankenstorm" Sandy is one

more dramatic demonstration that climate change and its extreme weather patterns are now part of our future.

Although we're unlikely to reverse climate change, we can still mitigate its effects by reducing our driving, our energy use and our meat consumption.

Yes, meat consumption. A 2006 U.N. report estimated that meat consumption accounts for 18 percent of man-made greenhouse gases. A 2009 article in the respected *World Watch* magazine suggested that it may be closer to 50 percent.

Carbon dioxide, the principal greenhouse gas, is emitted by burning forests to create animal pastures and by combustion of fossil fuels to confine, feed, transport, and slaughter animals and to refrigerate their carcasses. The much more damaging methane and nitrous oxide are discharged from digestive tracts of cattle and from animal waste cesspools, respectively.

We have the power of reducing the devastating effects of climate change every time we eat. Our local supermarket offers a rich variety of soy-based lunch "meats," hot dogs, veggie burgers, soy and nut-based dairy products (including cheese and ice cream) and an ample selection of traditional vegetables, fruits, grains and nuts. Product lists, easy recipes and transition tips are available at www.livevegan.org.

Byron Bunn
Birmingham

McGovern legacy

Recently we lost former U.S. Sen. George McGovern. Although many will recall his disastrous 1972 loss to Richard Nixon and his subsequent leadership in getting us out of Vietnam, his truly lasting legacy will be his war on hunger and malnutrition.

In 1977, following extensive public hearings, McGovern's Senate Select Committee on Nutrition and Human Needs published *Dietary Goals for the United States*, a precursor to today's *Dietary Guidelines*. It marked the first time that a U.S. government document recommended reduced meat consumption.

The meat industry forced the committee to destroy all copies of the report and to remove the offending recommendation from a new edition. It then abolished the committee, voted McGovern out of office and warned government bureaucrats never to challenge meat consumption again (*Food Politics* by Marion Nestle, 2007).

Yet, after 35 years of studies linking meat consumption with elevated risk of heart disease, stroke, cancer and other killer diseases, the MyPlate icon, representing USDA's current Dietary Guidelines for Americans, recommends vegetables, fruits and grains, but never mentions meat and shunts dairy off to one side. (www.choosemyplate.gov/).

And it all started with one brave senator from South Dakota.

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Attorney named to PAL board

Scott Seabolt, a partner at Foley & Lardner LLP, has been elected to serve a two-year term as chair of the Think Detroit PAL board of directors, effective Jan. 1, 2013.

In this role, Seabolt will be responsible for helping to guide the strategic direction of Think Detroit PAL, one of Detroit's leading non-profit organizations dedicated to building character in young people through athletic, academic and leadership programs. He has served in a number of other roles on the Think Detroit PAL board of directors over the past five years, including three years on its executive committee and three years on its nominating committee. Seabolt also supported the organization as interim CEO in 2010, and was subsequently recognized with the Think Detroit PAL John D. Scodellaro Builder Award in recognition of his dedication, hard work and long-term service.

"We are very excited for Scott to serve in his new role," said Tim Richey, Think Detroit PAL CEO. "He has been extremely dedicated to enhancing our (Think Detroit PAL) programs and will continue to do so as Chair of the board."

Think Detroit PAL is a non-profit organization positively impacting the lives of over 10,000 children each year through athletic, academic and leadership development programs. Think Detroit PAL empowers the community by certifying and training volunteer coaches and by creating safe places for kids to play. Each year, Think Detroit PAL trains more than 1,500 caring community members how to be encouraging and effective mentors. Think Detroit PAL has also renovated numerous parks and recreation centers across the city including Maheras-Gentry Park and St. Hedwig Park, transforming them into some of the city's premier athletic facilities.

Northville Square seeks vendors

Northville Square is accepting applications for vendors with holiday-themed gifts, crafts and art for the "Holiday Marketplace" scheduled for Dec. 7-

9. For more information call (248) 773-7664.

Annual holiday event

Craig David Butler Studios will hold their annual holiday event from noon to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 1 at Northville Hills Golf Club, 15565 Bay Hill Drive, Northville. The event theme is "Deck Yourself Out for the Holiday's". The event will provide for a very entertaining afternoon filled with live demonstrations. Salon Domani will demonstrate holiday hair styles and Mi Amore will demonstrate make-up tips for day to evening looks. The Pampered Chef will explain ways to entertain during the holidays. To top off the festivities there will be a live fashion show showcasing holiday apparel from area boutiques.

The silent auction/fundraiser is being held in honor of photographer, Dionne Haglund, who on Sept. 10 was diagnosed with a very rare and aggressive form of breast cancer. She is a mother of two young sons, 13 years and 3 months. She has been told by her doctors that she will be unable to work during her 20 weeks of chemotherapy, which adds additional financial stress along with fighting for her life.

For tickets to the event, visit <http://cdbstudiosdeckyourselfout.eventbrite.com>, or for more information call Bonnie Butler at (734) 560-3220 or email her at bonnielbutler@me.com.

Book signing

Barnes & Noble, located at 17111 Haggerty Road in Northville, will host a book signing from 1-3 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 18 with local authors Cathy Clough and Linda Pouliot. Their book "GRIEVING FORWARD: Death Happened, Now What?" has become a resource for people grieving the death of a close loved one, and discusses the five needs of every griever plus how to deal with normal grief guilt, normal grief anger, normal grief depression and the "dumb" things that people say. Clough is the founder and executive director of New Hope Center for Grief Support in Northville.

Both women will be on hand to sign copies of the book. Also signing his book will be Jim Bloom, author of "A Tithe of Their Own", the story of a humble couple who was led to Vietnam to minister to soldiers for seven years and found God leading them into a broader ministry.

Holiday shopping online saves time

By Jon Gunnells
Guest Columnist

Black Friday deals aren't always the cheapest way to shop before the holiday season. Consumers also don't have to wait until Cyber Monday (Monday after Thanksgiving) to get the best deals online.

Below you will find several sites that will help you find the best prices on electronics, computers and other consumer goods between now and January.

Slickdeals.net — This site is a catch all for the best-priced computers, parts, televisions, DVD players and even other household items like bedding, towels, food and more. The items listed on this site are submitted by consumers and voted on by the community. The deals with the most votes get higher placement on the site — which is always changing, so make sure to check back often.

Newegg.com and Tigerdirect.com

— If you want to save money on a laptop, camera, desktop or computer accessories you don't have to wait in line at the big box store with a yellow price tag. A 500gb external hard-drive, for example, can currently be purchased for \$50 and that's before the holiday fire sales have started.

For those who don't want to buy big tick-



Tech Savvy

Jon Gunnells

et items online, you can find similar deals on similar items at ABC Warehouse.

Daily Deal Sites

— Searching for a night on the town, local activities or half-priced food? Try scoring a deal at any one of the popular daily deal sites. One such destination is dealchicken.com. DealChicken has new deals each day that can save you up to 50 percent on food, tickets and more.

Woot.com

— The most fun you can have spending money is on woot.com. Each day Woot has a deeply discounted item or items that users can purchase (while supplies last). They also have discount wine at winewoot.com, discount shirts at shirtwoot.com and more.

And when the holidays near, the site gets a little hectic as well with an event called a Woot Off. During a Woot Off, the site clears out the warehouse one item at a time, selling goods in their online firesale.

Once an item sells out, the next item enters the Woot off until all the items are sold. Additionally, woot.com has community-sourced deals

that list the best sales at stores in major cities.

Covvboom.com — This Best Buy-owned site sells new and refurbished items online at deep discounts. The inventory is similar to what you would find at a retail store, but doesn't have the hassle of long lines, parking lot congestion, cell phone salesmen and crazy people.

ebay.com — If you don't like bidding in auctions you can search for items with "Buy It Now" options. The majority of eBay items come with free shipping — especially those from professional sellers. eBay users are also given buyer protection to protect consumers from scams and fraud.

Hometownlife.com — While you can't purchase gifts on the newspaper's homepage, you can access local advertisers, big box retailers and more. Hometownlife.com is also a portal to homefinder.com, just in case you feel like being a big spender this year.

Just remember, whenever or whatever you buy, do your research. Just because a Black Friday or Cyber Monday sale is hyped, doesn't mean it is the best deal around.

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'Stangs continue to make history

Squad wins first-ever regional title over North Farmington

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

Every step is a historic one for the Northville Mustangs volleyball team at this point in the season. They are treading on ground that has never been traveled by any other Mustangs volleyball player in the history of the school district.

The Northville squad, coached by Amanda Yaklin, earned its first-ever regional championship last week with a sweep of North Farmington. The squad earned convincing wins of 25-18, 25-21 and 25-19 to earn the championship and a trip to the state quarterfinals.

"We've been working on our energy levels all year," Yaklin said, citing Northville's intensity throughout the games as part of the reason for the victory. "We can be up-down, up-down and sometimes we come out big and take a nap in the middle and let teams catch up. We talked about that a lot, we talked about it on the bus ride here, we talked about it at practice and today was definitely their best day and they kept their energy all of the way through."

The Mustangs began the run to the championship with a 14-9 lead over North Farmington in the first game after unknitting an 8-8 tie earlier in the match. The teams traded points throughout the remainder of the initial

ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs were scheduled to play in the state quarterfinals Tuesday against Fenton, after the sports section went to print. If they won, they will play tomorrow in Kellogg Arena in Battle Creek at 7 p.m. against the winner of the Macomb Dakota and Birmingham Seaholm contest.

game with Northville capturing the victory.

The second game started much the same as the first, coming to an 8-8 tie before the Mustangs eked out a small advantage, 11-8. Following a North Farmington timeout, the Northville spikers pushed forward, turning their small lead into a 16-10 advantage before the Raiders were able to gain some steam and come back to make it a 16-14 contest.

Northville regained composure and used strong hitting and smart play to chase down an errant dig deep off the court to force a final timeout by North Farmington with a Mustangs' advantage, 20-15. The Raiders just wouldn't go away, however, proving they belonged in the regional tournament by pushing the game to 21-18 before the

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Mustang Katie Strunk leaps up to try to block a North Farmington High shot during the teams' Nov. 8 game. Northville won 3-0 to win the Region 6, Class A championship and advance further in the playoffs.

Eight from Northville at state finals

Swimming and diving team hoping for a top 10 finish

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

The Northville Mustangs girls' swimming and diving team has plenty to be proud of this year: a couple of new trophies in the case at the high school for division and conference titles and now eight tankers heading to the state championship meet.

The squad, coached by Brian McNeff, will be heavy with experience, too.

"All but two of the swimmers have been here before, so there should not be any big meet jitters," said McNeff. "These girls all know what to do and how to handle the pressure."

Out of the eight Mustangs, five of them are seniors and three of those seniors have made the trek to the state finals all four years of their career.

Lia Nagata is one of them, and she'll be competing in the team's relays

as well as in the 200 freestyle and the 100 butterfly this weekend. Another four-year state finalist is Catherine Cui, who will swim in the relays as well as in the 200 individual medley and the 100 breaststroke. The final four-year finals swimmer is Briana Schoenek, who will swim individually in the 100 freestyle as well as part of the team relays.

The two other seniors who are making the trek to Holland are Emily Butler, who will swim with the relay teams, and Grace LaFreniere, who will swim in the always-grueling 500-meter freestyle.

"It would be great for them to end their great careers with some fast swims and some medals at the state meet," McNeff said of the seniors.

This year's team also sends two juniors in Sarah Lohman and Andrea Meister. Lohman will swim in the 100 breaststroke and the relays while Meister will compete as a diver. Meister will actually have to pass the regional tournament first in order to make the trip to the state meet, but the event was to be held Tuesday after the sports section went to print.

The youngest member of the Northville contingent is Alissa Moore, who has showcased some impressive ability as a freshman this year. She'll swim in the relays for Northville as well as individually in the 200 freestyle and 500 freestyle races.

"I think we will perform really well this weekend," said McNeff. "We are seeded pretty high in some events, including all three relays."

"It is pretty hard to predict where we will finish, but I am hoping for somewhere in the top 10."

ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs girls swimming and diving team will be competing in the state finals when they travel to Holland this weekend. The meet spans Friday and Saturday.

Catholic Central continues to roll

Squad defeats Plymouth convincingly, 28-7

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

Talk about a prestigious group of high school football teams in the Division I final four.

Detroit Catholic Central will play Rockford at 1 p.m. Saturday in Battle Creek and Detroit Cass Tech will play Lake Orion at the same time but at Troy Athens. All four teams have won the Division I state title in the past four years. Rockford claimed the crown in 2008, while Catholic Central cap-

tured it in 2009, Lake Orion in 2010 and Cass Tech last year.

But prestige doesn't matter when all is said and done. Just ask the Plymouth Wildcats, who came into last week's game with a 9-2 record when they hosted the Shamrocks. When the smoke cleared, it was the Shamrocks who held a 28-7 victory to earn the regional title and a chance to take on Rockford. "Football's really not much more than block-

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ON TAP

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks are slated to be back in action when they travel to Battle Creek Saturday to play at 1 p.m. against Rockford. The Rams are currently 10-2 on the year and the Shamrocks hold an 8-4 record. The winner of the game will play the winner of the Detroit Cass Tech (10-2) and Lake Orion (11-1) game that will be played Saturday at 1 p.m. at Troy Athens.



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Shamrock quarterback Garrett Moores finishes a 55-yard touchdown run to put CC up 14-0 in the second quarter.

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Gardiner swings way to area's best with 30-match streak

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

Discussions of the best high school tennis player in Michigan rarely got far in the past few years without mention of Northville's Tyler Gardiner. The defending one singles state champion in Division I, Gardiner went 30-1 in his senior campaign this year, falling to Utica Eisenhower's Ed Covalschi during the state final attempt at a repeat.

"Tyler is an incredible talent," Northville coach Matt Stetson said. "He is the type of talent that a coach gets only once or maybe twice in his or her career. His tenacity and determination to win every single point sets him apart from his peers. He will graduate with the crown jewel of high school tennis: No. 1 singles state championship."

A regional and KLAA champion, Gardiner defeated many of the other area's top student-athletes throughout the season en route to a second-consecutive No. 1 overall seed at the state tournament for the Mustangs, who finished fourth as a team.

FIRST TEAM
Connor Johnston (Northville Fr. 2S)
With Tyler Gardiner's high school reign over, Northville freshman Connor Johnston is primed and ready to lead the Mustangs for the next three years. Johnston went 32-3 and won the state title at two singles in his first season of varsity competition, winning the KLAA title along the way and avenging all three of his regular season losses; two in the state semifinals and finals.

"What makes Connor so special on the court is his ability to adapt and to keep fighting," Northville coach Matt Stetson said. "There were several matches throughout the year, especially at the state tournament, where Connor found himself down in a set or in a match, and he would change his style of play to combat the opponent's strategy and, as his record shows, this would work. He had to fight back in the quarters and the semis at States to pull off an amazing state title run. Quite an accomplishment for anyone, but especially for a freshman."

Tim Wang (Novi So. 1S)
As a sophomore, Novi's Tim Wang led the Wildcats into battle at one singles throughout the season, facing the top players in the state and helping his team to a No. 1 ranking in Division I and runners-up team finish at States. Wang went 28-5 on the season, with three of the losses coming to Tyler Gardiner, including the KLAA and regional championships, to earn the No. 3 seed at the state tournament.

"Tim Wang recorded many big wins for Novi during his sophomore year," Novi coach Jim Hanson said. "Tim utilized his strong forehand, serve, foot speed and competitive desire to beat some of the best players in the state. His ability to change speeds, control the net and play the big points in close matches paid dividends for the Wildcats."

Although his baseline rival put a stop to several title hopes, Wang won five invitational tournaments throughout the season.

Michaei Dubé (CC Jr. 1S)
Detroit Catholic Central junior Michael Dubé was the Shamrocks' leader throughout the season,



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Northville's Tyler Gardiner earned Player of the Year honors by going 30-1 in his senior campaign this year.

powering his way to a 25-5 record and No. 5 seed at the Division I state meet.

"Michael has been a dominant No. 1 singles player for us, since taking over for his brother two seasons ago," CC coach Joe Safford said. "Michael had two great wins over this years' Mr. Tennis, Brett Forman. Michael always shows great poise and self-control on and off the court."

Forman was the No. 6 seed at the Division I state meet after recovering from hip surgery last winter, but fell to eventual state champion Ed Covalschi of Utica Eisenhower in the semifinals.

Koushik Kondapi (Novi Fr. 3S)
Another impressive freshman campaign for local players came from Novi's Koushik Kondapi, who went 34-1 at three singles. His only loss was the state championship match to Ann Arbor Huron's Colin Williams, who he had previously defeated in a dual meet match-up.

"Freshman Koushik Kondapi utilized his consistent groundstrokes to give the Wildcats added depth to their singles lineup," Novi coach Jim Hanson said. "Koushik's ability to draw opponents in and then pass or lob them proved to be a winning formula."

Kondapi was the No. 1 seed at the state meet after winning five invitationals, the KLAA and regional titles.

Pavan Rao (Novi Sr. 4S)
With the surge of young, talented Wildcats at Novi, senior Pavan Rao moved from one singles in 2011 to four singles this fall. That depth that helped lead the Wildcats to No. 1 Division ranking and a runners-up finish at the state meet put Rao in the position to go 34-1 and win the state title at four singles, with his only loss coming to Detroit Country Day's Max Shanbrom.

"Pavan Rao added an attacking net game to his already steady backcourt game and the combination of the two propelled him to a MHSAA state championship at No. 4 singles," Novi coach Jim Hanson said. "His ability to use underspin groundstrokes along with an offensive lob kept his opponents off balance and resulted in many big wins for the Wildcats this year."

Rao gained the No. 1 seed at the state meet after winning five invitationals, the KLAA and regional crowns.

Jason Cariess & Andrew Ying (Novi Sr/Jr. 1D)
A 29-2 campaign led Novi senior Jason Carless and junior Andrew Ying to a runners-up finish at the Division I state meet. With Carless fielding his third different

doubles partner in three years at one doubles and Ying moving into the flight after winning the four singles state title in 2011, the duo found success early on and rolled late into the season.

"Jason Carless and Andrew Ying used their penetrating ground strokes to become a very good and consistent doubles team for Novi this year," Novi coach Jim Hanson said. "Their ability play defense, return service and hit midrange overheads produced many important wins for the Wildcats."

Although the duo fell to Ann Arbor Huron in the state final, they had defeated the River Rats earlier in the season. Their only other loss came to Detroit County Day, as they rolled to five invitationals titles, as well as the KLAA and regional titles.

Aiexander Kim (Lakeland Jr. 1S)
An All-State selection from White Lake Lakeland, junior Alexander Kim was a standout for the Eagles in an otherwise very competitive tennis hotbed within the state. Kim went 25-3 on the season while maintaining a 3.0 grade point average.

"Alex is an extraordinarily talented tennis player, likely the best that Lakeland has ever seen, yet he is a gracious, humble competitor," Lakeland coach Sean Beacom said. "He is a highly ranked USTA player for his age group, yet you would never hear him talk about this unless you asked him about it."

Nishant Kakar & Michaeli Chang (Novi Sr/ Jr. 2D)
Two specific strengths on the court paired up to create a formidable two doubles team for Novi. Senior Nishant Kakar and junior Michael Chang went 32-2 en route to a runners-up finish in their flight at the state meet after Ann Arbor Huron avenged a loss earlier in the season.

"Michael Chang's powerful groundstrokes complimented Nishant Kakar's strong net game to form a rock solid doubles team for Novi," Novi coach Jim Hanson said. "Both players utilized good serves and returns to produce a winning doubles combination for the Wildcats."

The duo's only other loss came to Bloomfield Hills Brother Rice as they cruised to five invitational titles, a KLAA and regional title.

SECOND TEAM
Matt Evasic & Brian Manney (Northville Sr. 1D)
Seniors Matt Evasic and Brian Manney

racked up a 22-9 record at one doubles for Northville en route to a quarterfinal exit at the state tournament. The duo also finished as runners-up at both the KLAA and regional levels to Novi's top doubles duo.

Jon Thompson & Maxx Anderson (Novi Sr/Fr. 3D)
With mix of experience and youth, Novi senior Jon Thompson and freshman Maxx Anderson advanced to the state semifinals at three doubles behind a 30-4 record together. They won KLAA, regional and five invitational tournaments together, earning the No. 3 seed at the state meet in the process.

Andre Liu (Novi So. 2S)

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Novi — Achuta Doddipatla & Harrison Halley (Novi Srs. 5D)

Novi sophomore Andre Liu rolled up a 23-7 record at two singles for the Wildcats while winning four invitational titles. He also took second at the KLAA meet and was a regional semifinalist, earning a No. 5 seed at the state meet.

Nate Aibaneiii (North-

ville Sr. 3S)
Behind a 26-7 record, Northville senior Nate Albanelli grinded his way to the three singles quarterfinals at the state meet after finishing second in the KLAA to his Novi opposition.

Brendan Slovisky & Andrew Schafer (Northville Sr/So. 2D)
Senior Brendan Slovisky and sophomore Andrew Schafer finished second in the KLAA behind Novi after the Northville duo amassed a 21-10 record at two doubles, gelling throughout the season.

Shashank Chitta & Kevin Xu (Novi Jrs. 4D)
Behind a 31-2 record, Novi juniors Shashank Chitta and Kevin Xu cruised to a state semifinal finish and 31-2 record this fall, winning KLAA and regional titles along the way, plus five invitational titles, to earn the No. 2 seed at the state meet.

Veer Shah & Ben Crabill (Northville Jr/Sr. 3D)
Northville junior Veer Shah and senior Ben Crabill used an aggressive style of play to amass a 17-8 record and runners-up KLAA finish at three doubles.

Oiiver Daniei & Jason Wang (Northville Fr/So. 4D)
Giving local patrons something to look forward to in future years, Northville freshman Oliver Daniel and sophomore Jason Wang racked up a 23-9 record at four doubles, advancing to the state quarterfinals after finishing second in the KLAA to Novi.

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record overall will have bragging rights for the year. The showcase gets underway at 4 p.m. Friday when Livonia Stevenson (KLAA) takes on FH North/Harrison (OAA). Next up, is Plymouth (KLAA) vs. Farmington (OAA) at 5 p.m. Those are followed with games between Novi (KLAA) vs. Lake Orion (OAA) at 6 p.m., South Lyon High School (KLAA) vs. Clarkston (OAA) at 7:30 p.m. and ending with Northville (KLAA) taking on Rochester United (OAA) at 8:30 p.m.

The action continues on Saturday at 11:30 a.m. when Plymouth (KLAA) plays Lake Orion (OAA). At 1:30 p.m., South Lyon (KLAA) meets the FH North/Harrison team (OAA); and Livonia Stevenson (KLAA) takes on Farmington (OAA) at 4 p.m. The last two games of the showcase pit Northville (KLAA) against Clarkston (OAA) at 6 p.m. and wrap up with Novi (KLAA) vs. Rochester United (OAA) at 8:30 p.m. At the conclusion of the Metro High School Invitational

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FOOTBALL

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ing and tackling and who does it the best at certain times," Catholic Central coach Tom Mach said to the Detroit Free Press. "You can spread the field or keep them in; in the end whoever blocks and tackles the best is going to win.

Catholic Central climbed out to a 14-0 lead on two long runs before Plymouth was even able to mount a response. Anthony Darkangelo, who raced 137 yards on 14 carries, scored on a 70-yard scamper to open the scoring before Garrett Moores added a score on a 55-yard run. He carried the ball 100 yards on seven attempts.

"He really made some things happen with his running ability, as opposed to throwing the ball," said assistant coach Michael Mach. "Regardless of how he does it, Garrett just continues to make plays and get the job done."

When the Wildcats did respond, it was in the third quarter and spanned eight plays and 80 yards. The culmination came in the form of Plymouth quarterback Jamarl Eiland hauling the ball over the goal line on a nine-yard run.

Catholic Central didn't even flinch as they scored on their next possession, which lasted more than six minutes and found David Houle — who rushed nearly 100 yards in the game — pounding his way into the end zone on a one-yard run.

"That's what CC does, pounds the ball," said



CC tallback Anthony Darkangelo accelerates through the Plymouth defense for a 70-yard TD run that put CC up 7-0.



Jason Kyles (42) buries a Wildcat defender with a block, clearing the way for running back Connor Holton (24) to gain the corner.



CC cornerback Zach Bock breaks up a Plymouth pass.

ball game, competing hard for the full 48 minutes. This group has done a great job of continuing to work and improve week after week. While a lot of outsiders were down on them because of their record, our kids didn't get hung up on those numbers. Instead, they embraced the opportunity that a playoff birth presented and set their hearts and minds towards making the most of the opportunity."

Defensively, the Shamrocks focused on stopping Plymouth's quarterback, who will be playing collegiate football in Buffalo. Stepping up to fill that role was senior defensive tackle Dan Bowen, who had nine tackles on the night, while sophomore line-backer David Widzinski had seven tackles. The player who had the most time getting to know the quarterback was senior linebacker Brandon Malinowski, who had two quarterback sacks."

The Shamrocks will now face Rockford, a team the coaching staff is very familiar with.

"We're really looking forward to the challenge of playing Rockford," said Michael Mach. "There have been some tremendous games between the two teams — the '98 state championship game and then last year's state semifinal OT game — and we're preparing for this year's game to be along those same lines. They have an outstanding program with a winning pedigree. We are going to have to match their level of preparation and focus and come to compete at an extremely high level."



Shamrocks Garrett Moores and Dylan Roney celebrate Moores's 55-yard touchdown run.

Darkangelo. "Our offensive line stepped up big for us, and our quarterback made some big runs. We knew our offense would score points, but we needed the defense to step up and keep them off the board."

The Shamrocks pounded the final nail in the Wildcats coffin on a 20-yard jaunt by Zach Bock in the fourth quarter. Moores hit all four extra point attempts in the game.

"We're very proud of our kids and the effort they gave on Saturday," said Michael Mach. "They came out focused and played a tough foot-

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Answers: 1. chef hat bigger 2. missing spoon 3. missing smoke over food 4. snood on other side of beak

Oh No!

My name is Mc Thevar. One fine sunny morning, I was eating my breakfast when my Mom comes up to me and said, "Would you like to come with me to the dentist office for my appointment?" I never liked dentists, so first I said no but she added a catch. "You can bring your DS". I was so excited that I couldn't help but say, "Yes... Yes... Yes!!!" Because there is a house rule that says you can only play your DS when you are travelling or waiting for something.

So the next day the first thing I put in my pocket was my DS and I my favorite game. It was Sonic Colors the evolution-ary. It was a long drive and I enjoyed my DS in the car. We reached the dentist office on time. When we come inside, I chose a comfy chair and started playing again. Every few minutes the dentist office assistant comes out of the door and calls out the names to see the dentist. I was curious to hear my Mom's name. Finally she comes out, looks at us, then looks at the paper and calls the name, McThevar.

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A fond farewell

Mary Jane Ossola steps down from coaching after nine seasons

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

Mary Jane Ossola is ready for some golf.

Not the kind that she's been participating in since 2005, where she's instructing, coaching and watching her Northville Mustangs girl's golf team play the links. Instead, Ossola is ready to swing some clubs herself.

To that end, after nine seasons at the helm of the Northville varsity program and two as the head junior varsity coach, Ossola recently announced that she'll be handing the reins over to someone else.

"It is time for me to play more golf myself,

and I have a grandchild coming so I want more free time," said Ossola. "I have loved these kids and it has been a very enjoyable 11 seasons."

It definitely has been one heck of a ride. Ossola coached the girl's team to eight outright division titles and one shared title, making her teams the top each season she coached them. They earned the conference title in the spring of 2007 and in the fall of 2008 and 2009. The team was co-conference title holders in 2006 and the fall of 2007.

During her nine seasons as head coach, Ossola made the trip with her team eight times — every season except 2011

when Camilla Zhao qualified as an individual but the team wasn't able to escape the regional tournament. The team's best finish during that time was third place, and that came twice with one in the fall of 2007 and the other in 2008.

Ossola has seen some changes in the high school game. Most notably was the switch in seasons when the Michigan High School Athletics Association realigned several sports when volleyball was moved to the fall and girl's basketball to the winter. The girl's golf teams played in the spring then, and switched with the boy's teams to play in the fall instead in 2007.

Her entire time with the Northville program has been filled with great moments, talented players and a lot of graduating seniors. But one thing always remained constant — her assistant coach Jeff Balagna, who is a likely candidate for the head coaching position.

"Jeff has been my assistant the entire time," said Ossola. "I think we made a good team — a good mix of old and young."

Ossola will continue her day job as an English-Language Paraprofessional for the Novi School District. She works at Village Oaks Elementary with first- and second-grade students who are struggling readers.

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Builders, remodelers see cause for 'cautious optimism'

A statewide survey of homebuilders and remodelers showed significant improvement in the building industry's outlook as the Michigan Housing Index (MHI) reached its highest level in the 2 and a half year history of the index. The MHI, covering the third quarter of 2012, showed a sharp increase from the second quarter index, and was significantly higher than the same period one year ago. The latest Michigan Housing Index covers the time period of July through September 2012.

"The trend lines have been positive, so it is encouraging to see that the outlook for building continues to improve," said Robert Filka, CEO of the Home Builders Association of Michigan (HBAM), which conducts the monthly survey. "We've got a long way to go before we see anything near normal historical production, but things are definitely headed in the right direction."

The Michigan Housing Index (MHI) is a quarterly summary of building and remodeling

DETAILS

Following is a year-to-year comparison of the MHI Index:

	Sept. 2012	June 2012	September 2011
Builders Index	52	38	31
Remodelers Index	50	40	45

activity compiled by HBAM. The survey asks builders about the number of homes currently under construction and in the planning stages. Builders are also asked to evaluate their prospects for future customers. Totals are calculated in an index that is reported quarterly to provide a tracking mechanism for the industry's process. The survey breaks down builder/remodeler sentiment into three categories:

- Less than 45 (pessimistic)
- 45-55 (cautious optimism)
- Above 55 (optimism)

"While it is good to note that Michigan homebuilders and remodelers are cautiously optimistic about the next few months, our overall economy must see more rapid and sustained growth for a complete

recovery of our housing industry," said Filka.

Filka also noted there remains much concern within the homebuilding industry over the possibility that Congress and the president could begin overhauling the federal tax code in 2013, which could threaten some of the most important tools that encourage home ownership, including the ability for consumers to deduct mortgage interest.

"We must protect the mortgage interest deduction," said Filka. "We shouldn't change the rules on the one tax break that has been most important in creating a stable middle class in America. A strong housing market is not only important to help more Michigan citizens realize the dream of homeowner-

ship, but is essential to revitalizing Michigan's economy. When builders are constructing homes that means jobs and investment, which provide a better quality of life and support for Michigan schools and municipalities."

The Michigan Housing Index combines results of a monthly survey of Michigan builders and remodelers along with a series of economic statistics including single family home permits, crude oil prices, automobile production and unemployment. The HBAM Michigan Housing Index is intended to provide an accurate projection of the future direction of the building and remodeling housing market in Michigan.

The Home Builders Association of Michigan 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.

Politics can surface on boards

By Robert Meisner
Guest Columnist

Q: I am a member of a board of a condominium where the majority is operating under their selfish best interests. As part of that, they hired a new attorney, instead of our old attorney who had represented the association in many areas including an



Robert Meisner

issue against the now-treasurer of our association. Now the new attorney is bad mouthing the old attorney and the board doesn't seem

to care. What can I do?

A: Apparently, the new attorney, whether he or she has justification or not, should not be unnecessarily impugning the old attorney, and is probably doing so to gain the favor of the majority of the board who, from what you have said, had an ax to grind against the old attorney for their own self-serving purposes. Unfortunately, there are some associations who have directors whose ego and/or lack of knowledge supersede their best judgment and operate in their own selfish best interests. Get the co-owners to get a petition to remove these directors, pointing out that they are not operating in the best interests of the association, and are breaching their fiduciary duty, which includes hiring an attorney who lacks the demeanor of what is expected of a reputable attorney.

Q: I know this is somewhat of a complex question, but I am a designer of a biomass heating system and was hired by a contractor to install a boiler as part of a system of a high school. I wasn't paid and the contractor filed a Mechanic's Lien against the school. He claimed that his right to file a Mechanic's Lien turned on whether his materials and labor were intended to become a permanent part of the real estate. Although the boiler was physically annexed to the building and specifically adapted to the needs of the school, my agreement with the school provided that the system remained the property of mine and would be removed on termination of the agreement. Does the contractor have a right to claim a Mechanic's Lien?

A: Based upon a case on similar facts out of Maine, the court held that because neither the designer nor the school intended that the system would become a permanent part of the realty, the contractor had no right to file a Mechanic's Lien. You should check with your own state to determine what the results would be.

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

Businessman in '40 Under 40' class

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) announced that Ben Templeton of Templeton Building Co. in Birmingham has been named to *Professional Remodeler* magazine's 40 Under 40 Class of 2012. Templeton serves on BIA's Board of Directors and on the association's NAHBR Professional Remodelers Council where he will be chairman in 2013.

Templeton, 31, is vice president of his home building and remodeling company. He earned a bachelor of science degree in technical communication from Lawrence Technological University before beginning his career. A firm believer in the benefits of education, he not only holds a Residential Builders License from the state of Michigan, but has enhanced his business acumen by earning industry-specific designations from the National Association of Home Builders including Certified Graduate Builder (CGB), Certified Graduate Remodeler (CGR) and Certi-

fied Green Professional (CGP). Classes for these designations are offered locally at BIA offices.

"Ben is not only an up and coming professional in the eyes of *Professional Remodeler* magazine," said Michael Stoskopf, CEO of BIA, "he is one of the bright stars in our membership. Ben is always ready to contribute new ideas to the association and the remodelers council and to volunteer the time and energy it takes to implement these ideas. We are lucky to have him in our ranks."

Templeton feels that one of his most significant achievements to date is implementing a successful marketing program for his company that includes a mix of traditional strategies along with social media outreach. Additionally, he has opened Templeton Commercial Division to expand the company beyond its already wide scope that includes residential remodeling, new home construction, service and a

custom cabinetry and furniture division.

While these significant accomplishments continue to positively impact the success of Templeton Building, Templeton knows that another important tool to help his business grow is ongoing and impactful networking. "Staying in touch with other business people in the area, learning what they do and sharing what I do is one of the best ways I know of to keep my business on a growth path," he said. "To make this happen in the area where I live and work, I launched the Business Professionals of Birmingham Bloomfield Hills. It continues to be one of the most valuable ways I gain new business."

Ben is married to Kate Sielski Templeton. In February of this year they became proud parents to their first child, Zachary Benjamin Templeton.

Headquartered in West Bloomfield, Building Industry Association of SE Michigan (BIA) and Apartment Association of Michigan (AAM) are



Ben Templeton

trade associations representing nearly 500 builders, remodelers, multi-family property owners, developers and suppliers to the single family and multi-family residential construction industry. BIA is affiliated with the Michigan Association of Home Builders in Lansing and the National Association of Home Builders in Washington, D.C.

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These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Aug. 6-10, 2012, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

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WESTLAND

32561 Benson Dr	\$105,000
7650 Cherrywood Dr	\$185,000
8251 Creekside Dr	\$203,000
6411 Deerpark Dr	\$55,000
310 Fischer Dr	\$160,000
33546 Hivley St	\$35,000
30365 Marshall Ct	\$75,000
1703 N Crown St	\$95,000
1577 Shoemaker Dr	\$31,000
2210 W Miller Cir	\$103,000

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These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of July 23-27, 2012, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS

19400 Beverly Rd	\$350,000
31119 Old Stage Rd	\$350,000
BINGHAM FARMS	
24078 Bingham Pointe Dr	\$280,000
BIRMINGHAM	
1838 Birmingham Blvd	\$268,000
1019 Chestnutfield Ave	\$850,000
810 Chester St	\$278,000
1173 Davis Ave	\$414,000
2421 Dorchester Rd	\$190,000
473 E Southlawn Blvd	\$285,000
1061 Forest Ave	\$345,000
1901 Graefield Rd	\$80,000
542 Larch St	\$261,000
939 Gracilea Dr	\$270,000
1992 Northlawn Blvd	\$395,000
1972 Pembroke Rd	\$595,000
1270 Pierce St	\$291,000
1492 Ruffner Ave	\$421,000
1735 Shipman Blvd	\$327,000
471 Smith Ave	\$224,000
1347 Stanley Blvd	\$355,000
1678 Yosemite Blvd	\$321,000

BLOOMFIELD HILLS

1635 Franklin Hills Dr	\$328,000
2793 Brady Ln	\$205,000
6946 Cathedral Dr	\$330,000
1 The Oaks	\$251,000
6155 Thurber Rd	\$195,000
100 W Hickory Grove Rd # F2	\$43,000
2091 W Valley Rd	\$1,875,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	
1370 Bramblebush Run	\$157,000
706 E Fox Hills Dr	\$52,000
1231 Fox Chase Rd	\$300,000
5340 Kellen Ln	\$455,000
4579 Kiftsgate Bnd	\$518,000
457 N Cranbrook Rd	\$727,000
5225 Provincial Dr	\$265,000
2235 Quanton Rd	\$550,000
125 S Cranbrook Cross Rd	\$252,000
459 S Cranbrook Cross Rd	\$195,000
6349 Thorncrest Dr	\$287,000
3873 Top View Ct	\$250,000
2905 W Hickory Grove Rd	\$216,000
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP	
2253 Brigantine	\$40,000
9171 Chaumont Dr	\$91,000
1893 Cheshire Ln	\$60,000
3754 Hearthstone Dr	\$237,000
2242 Palmetto	\$195,000
1083 Penarth St	\$115,000
2484 Solace Dr	\$50,000
FARMINGTON	
23191 Farmington Rd	\$77,000

36624 Lansbury Ln	\$142,000
FARMINGTON HILLS	
31700 Belmont St	\$120,000
37046 Birchwood Ct	\$306,000
37547 Burton	\$215,000
30712 Charleston Ct	\$178,000
29739 Eldred St	\$39,000
30175 Fox Club Dr	\$372,000
30111 Kimberly Ct	\$235,000
26065 La Muera St	\$138,000
24422 Ridgeview Dr	\$245,000
23840 Scott Dr	\$160,000
35887 Springvale St	\$181,000
31200 Sturbridge St	\$230,000
29525 Sugar Spring Rd	\$156,000
37800 Wendy Lee St	\$75,000
LATHRUP VILLAGE	
18174 San Rosa Blvd	\$91,000
MILFORD	
1561 Murray Ct	\$315,000
1142 Riverside St	\$300,000
NOVI	
41886 Aspen Dr	\$96,000
27459 Belgrave Pl	\$215,000
30981 Centennial Dr	\$128,000
22187 Chase Dr	\$440,000
42186 Chattman St	\$250,000
50637 Chesapeake Dr	\$685,000
50721 Chesapeake Dr	\$765,000
29344 Douglas Dr	\$180,000
26304 Fieldstone Dr	\$288,000
23700 Harvest Dr	\$185,000
28078 Hewes Ln	\$148,000

23546 Hickory Grove Ln	\$190,000
42154 Loganberry Rdg N	\$171,000
24502 Nottingham Dr	\$280,000
24761 Picara Dr	\$293,000
24516 Simmons Dr	\$195,000
44861 Stockton Dr	\$84,000
44867 Stockton Dr	\$84,000
30980 Tanglewood Dr	\$150,000
24939 White Plains Dr	\$323,000
28237 Wolcott Dr	\$84,000
SOUTH LYON	
24624 Brompton Way	\$310,000
24707 Brompton Way	\$324,000
59332 Carriage Ln	\$295,000
23605 Country Club Dr	\$135,000
556 Covington St	\$105,000
57679 Deere Ct	\$337,000
127 Easton Dr	\$245,000
53741 Edgewood Dr	\$25,000
52744 Trailwood Dr	\$105,000
838 Wood Run	\$235,000
Southfield	
21180 Independence Dr	\$112,000
24299 Lathrup Blvd	\$59,000
15801 Providence Dr # 10b	\$80,000
16412 Stratford Dr	\$45,000
20177 Willowick Dr	\$143,000
White Lake	
4642 Coastal Pkwy	\$38,000
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Isn't that illegal? How to answer uncomfortable interview questions

Beth Braccio Hering,
Special to CareerBuilder

Keeping one's cool when an interview chair turns into a hot seat can be difficult. Here are some examples of zingers thrown at candidates, and how some of them responded:

"My friends and I have been asked several times what we would do if we got pregnant. Our answer: 'I can't have children. I'm infertile.' It always sets the interviewer on his (never asked this by a woman) heels. We decided that in the event that we did get the job and did get pregnant, we would cast it as a 'miracle' — and just be joyous with everyone about the heavenly news!" — Rebecca Raibley, Massachusetts.

"I am a proud American but have a slight accent. When they ask me where I was born and I tell them, they say, 'Oops, we just remembered we have no openings currently.' So I've concluded that answering their illegal question will never get me a job, but if I refuse to answer it or tell them it's illegal, that will not get me the job either. Quite a conundrum." — Mo Abraham, St. Louis

"I was asked, 'Isn't [my past boss] a jerk?' Obviously, I wanted to take the high road, and I wasn't sure why the interviewer asked that question. So I responded, 'He certainly makes an impression,' and changed the subject. Since no further questions were asked along those lines, I think it was a test — maybe of quick think-

ing under pressure, maybe to see if I would dish dirt. Either way, never say anything negative about a past employer." — Marilyn Santiesteban, Boston

"An interviewer once asked me to which charities I donated. I was uncomfortable with this question, as it seems quite personal. Donations are often based on personal criteria: health experience, politics, religion and other individual ideologies. I don't believe people should be 'qualified' by the groups of their choice." — Lisa Hanock-Jasie, New York City.

"I was asked in an interview once, 'How do you get along with your mother?' I responded, 'If you're trying to find out whether I can work well for a female boss, you can just ask me that. If you were my friend, I wouldn't mind answering. But since this is an interview, I find that question inappropriate.'" — Dez Stephens, Nashville, Tenn.

Reacting

Coming up with a response isn't always easy when the voice inside you is screaming, "Why the heck is he asking me that?" While panic, anger and confusion are typical responses to uncomfortable questions, checking emotions is crucial to getting the interview back on track. The interviewer may be trying to judge your confidence level and how you handle pressure.

Steven Roy Goodman, an educational consultant and

career strategist in Washington, D.C., advises his clients to answer inappropriate interview questions by politely saying, "That question makes me feel a bit uncomfortable. Would you mind if we talked about how specifically I might be able to work with department X of company Y?"

Candidates who have experienced uncomfortable interview questions on a certain topic may wish to practice suitable responses ahead of time. For instance, if a gap in employment seems to be an issue, be ready to talk about the skills you acquired or the contributions you made as a volunteer during that time.

Unfortunately, some interviewers persist in areas they shouldn't.

"Obvious off-limit topics are family situation, age, religion, ethnicity, disability, sexual preference, race or any questions that lead to more knowledge about the candidate through related questions — such as, 'Will you need to make any special arrangements for family members should you be hired?' or, 'Have you ever missed work for illness or injury?'" says Terry Henley, director of compensation services at Employers Resource Association, a nonprofit serving small and medium-sized businesses in Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana.

In this situation, Henley recommends that candidates say that they aren't comfortable discussing the topic and



then think about whether they wish to continue the interview.

"If the applicant is certain that the question is illegal, he can tell the interviewer, understanding that it will probably mean that the interview will end soon and not end up in employment." Filing charges with a state or federal agency is an option if a well-qualified candidate feels certain that the only reason he was denied the position was because of being a member of a protected class, but Henley cautions that "the likelihood for success in filing such a claim in

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While candidates have little to no control over what questions an interviewer chooses to ask, they do have power over something important: their own response. So set the tone that you've come to discuss why you're the best person for the job — and nothing else.

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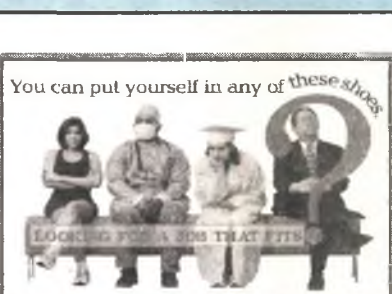
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Lincoln's Less-Is-More Strategy Is About To End



By Dale Buss

While waiting for the revival of the Lincoln brand and product line, Ford CMO Jim Farley is starting to talk about Lincoln's bare cupboard as an advantage. At the recent opening of the first fully dedicated Lincoln Design Studio in 40 years, Farley acknowledged the long quiescence of Lincoln in the U.S. market, which is set to begin to end with the launch of the redesigned 2013 MKZ sedan when it reaches Lincoln dealerships in November.

As it steps up on the design front, the Lincoln brand also is seeing big changes on the marketing front. Ford just reassigned Lincoln's previous CMO, C.J. O'Donnell, to another challenge: overseeing marketing, branding and positioning of Ford's growing stable of electric vehicles.

To guide Lincoln now, Ford just announced a new global management team starring Farley himself. He will add the new job of global leader of Lincoln. Reporting to him will be Matt Van Dyke, who will become head of global marketing, sales and service. He has been director of U.S. marketing communications for the Ford and Lincoln brands.

Lincoln also said that Andrew Frick will become Lincoln group marketing manager on January 1. His current title is general manager of Caribbean and Central America and Asia Pacific export operations and growth.

Farley hadn't been the official head of Lincoln until now, though he had been the guiding force behind the brand's re-invention since Ford killed the Mercury

brand at the beginning of 2011. Drawing on his experience developing the Lexus brand during his years at Toyota, Farley has been a prime designer of Lincoln's plan to reinvent itself by offering a new style of customer care based on the service offered at boutique luxury hotels.

And meanwhile, Farley has maintained that Lincoln relative lack of product relevance over the last few years actually has set Lincoln up for a stirring revival, in at least two ways.

First, Farley said, the U.S. "large-sedan market has literally dropped in half in just a few years. In that way, Lincoln is fortunate — maybe even lucky," he told attendees upon the center's unveiling. What Farley meant is that in its product and brand revival, Lincoln will be able to avoid much concern about big sedans, traditionally a major segment, and focus instead where the luxury brand is vibrant in these days, in smaller and fuel-efficient yet still well-appointed new models.

Indeed, the new MKZ, with radically new styling including a "spread-eagle" grille style, is intended to kick off a Lincoln renaissance that will include four brand-

new vehicles by 2015. "Our ambition is not to be No. 1 [in volume] but to be a different kind of brand," Farley said. "An alternative choice for a personalized product, human and warm, not cold, not type A ... an affordable luxury sedan that [doesn't] feel like everyone else's."

Along with products that hit the new expectations in the premium segment, Farley said, Lincoln will bring an enhanced experience in its dealerships -- something that most other luxury marques already are moving toward.

"It's not about being a big-box retailer with a cappuccino machine and 100 people waiting in the lounge, but to be more personal," Farley said. "Think of your neighborhood tailor."



The new 2013 Lincoln MKZ will launch the brand's new-product parade.



Lincoln has just opened its first dedicated design studio in decades.

from-the bottom in Consumer Reports magazine's new listing of predicted reliability — just ahead of Ford, which similarly is struggling with MyFord Touch.

The magazine scored Ford and Lincoln for continuing to struggle to overhaul what are essentially second-generation versions of Sync. The company keeps adding MyLincoln Touch and MyFord Touch to more new vehicles even though its new-car buyers have indicated tremendous confusion and frustration with the design and operation of the systems.

The second reason that Farley likes the timing for gearing up the "new" Lincoln is that Ford has said it plans to introduce the brand to China by the end of 2014.

"Chinese consumers want to know about your brand's history and authenticity," Farley said. For more Chinese buyers of luxury autos these days, "It's more for them than about showing off. In China, we can think about delivering the kind of service and an auto brand that fits that [context] from scratch."

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