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Swim team fundraiser

The Northville High School boy's swim and dive team will host the Fourth Annual Alumni Swim Meet on Saturday, Nov. 24 at the Northville High pool. Admission is only \$5 and will be used to replace the existing aging scoreboard. All former Northville men and women swimmers are encouraged to attend and challenge the 2012-2013 boy's team in this fun family swimming event.

Alumni who wish to participate should be at the pool by 10 a.m. to warm-up. The meet will start promptly at 11 a.m. Immediately following the meet, everyone is invited to gather at Brann's Sizzling Steaks and Sport Grille, 39715 Six Mile Road, Northville. Brann's is supporting the scoreboard fundraising endeavor by donating 15 percent of each customer's check who presents a copy of this article anytime on Saturday, Nov. 24.

12th Night Singers

The Twelfth Night Singers will help kick off the holiday season with a concert in the Northville Community Center, next door to the Northville District Library, at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 4.

This acclaimed choral group will be performing in Renaissance costumes. They will be performing a wide range of a capella Christmas and seasonal music, from carols to wassail songs, from Bach to Bacharach, from classical to pop. The group is described as "kid-friendly" so feel free to bring the entire family. The concert is free to the public. Reservations are required and can be made by calling (248) 349-3020.

Turkey time



Volunteers Jerry Mittman (left) and Mark Johnson carve a couple of big turkeys on Nov. 14 as they prepare to serve the more than 100 guests for the Thanksgiving Luncheon at the Northville Community Center. The luncheon, with many guests from area senior homes, featured all the traditional Thanksgiving trimmings, as well as entertainment by guitarist Jack Bailey.

Supreme duties

With election in past Justice Zahra ready to tackle court issues

By Lonnie Huhman

Staff Writer

After a tough election campaign, Northville resident Brian Zahra said he's ready to move on with the duties as a justice of the Michigan Supreme Court.

"It was a very challenging process on me and my family, but in the end it was a wonderful experience," Zahra said of the past year's campaign. "I'm humbled by this and grateful that I have the confidence of the people."

He resides in Northville Township with his wife Suzanne and their two children.

Zahra was appointed by Gov. Rick Snyder in 2011 to fill the vacancy left by former state Supreme Court Justice Maura Corrigan, who left her position on the court to join Snyder's cabinet. He won the Nov. 6 election against Oakland County 46th District Court Judge Shelia Johnson and will complete the final two years of Corrigan's term.

The state Supreme Court consists of seven justices. This vote is a non-partisan one that is state-wide. A candidate, however, does need to be nominated by a political party, which Zahra was by the Republican Party.

His legal experience started with the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan where he clerked for two years. He later joined the law firm of Dickinson, Wright, Moon, Van Dusen & Freeman before moving on to serve as a Wayne County Circuit Court judge. And prior to the Snyder appointment he served on the Michigan Court of Appeals and was elected to six-year terms in 2000 and 2006.

He said the state's Supreme Court has a specific role and it's an exciting role to be in. Unlike the court of appeals, which issues 4,000 decisions a year, the highest court has around 2,000 cases reviewed each year with



Northville resident Brian Zahra has been elected to the state Supreme Court.

Guns, assault rifles stolen from Northville apartment

By Lonnie Huhman

Staff Writer

A string of home invasions at Northville's Tree Top Apartments on Nov. 12 resulted in the theft of about 20 guns, including two assault rifles.

According to Northville City Police Detective Matthew Clemence, there were four apartments broken into by an unknown suspect(s) at the com-

plex off of Novi Road. One apartment is occupied by a gun collector, and about 20 guns — all legally registered in the owner's name — were stolen.

Police would not give any names of the victims involved.

Clemence said two of the guns are assault rifles.

"All of the guns have been entered into a pawn shop database," Clemence said of the next steps in finding them. "We

will see if any pop up and go from there."

Items stolen at the other apartments include flat screen televisions and laptop computers. Each apartment had its door kicked in during the time frame of 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There are no security cameras or witnesses, so there is no description of any suspects or

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Lighting up the night

The Uptown Ladies' Parasol Brigade performs during the Holiday Lighted Parade Friday evening in downtown Northville. The group was one of many that participated in the annual holiday parade organized by the Northville Chamber of Commerce. For more photos from the event, please see page A10.



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Hello, goodbye

New board members sworn in while others bid farewell

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Staff Writer

There were some new welcomes and some goodbyes said at Northville Township Hall last week as the members of the new Board of Trustees were sworn in — and a few longtime community leaders said their farewells.

Before a full room of friends and family, 35th District Court Judge James Plakas presided over the swearing in ceremony for new Supervisor Robert Nix, Clerk Sue Hillebrand, Treasurer Marjorie Banner and Trustees Marv Gans, Mindy Herrmann, Fred Shadko and Symantha Heath.

As a special guest former 35th District Court

Judge John McDonald swore in Nix. Plakas, also a Northville Township resident, said the two men were old friends, so he wanted to let McDonald swear him in.

“It’s always a pleasure,” said McDonald, who had performed the swearing in duties in previous years.

Nix, who takes over for the departing Mark Abbo, was the first to be sworn in. For him the next four years will be a welcoming challenge.

“What a great honor to have Judge McDonald here and be able to participate in this ceremony,” Nix said.

He spoke for the rest when he said many in attendance had helped or supported his election

in some way and said, “I just want to thank all of you here tonight.”

Later during the board of trustees meeting Abbo, who has served on either the board or as supervisor for the last 20 years, along with longtime treasurer Richard Henningsen and board member Chris Roosen, each said their farewells.

Abbo said he could go on about their accomplishments and failures, but what he really wanted to emphasize was that it has “truly been my honor to represent this community.”

Henningsen said Northville Township “had come a long way” in the last 30 years and said much of the credit goes to the strong leadership township elected members and staff have demonstrated throughout the years.

Chris Roosen summed up his time on the board by thanking everyone. He said each time he drives along Sheldon Road by the pathway he smiles and is very



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35th District Court Judge Jim Plakas swears in Northville Township's trustees on Nov. 15. From left are Trustees Fred Shadko, Symantha Heath, Marv Gans, and Mindy Herrmann.



Retired 35th District Court Judge John MacDonald swears in new Northville Township Supervisor Robert Nix in a Nov. 15 ceremony at township hall.

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DIA speaker to visit library to discuss ‘Fabergé’ exhibit

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

The Detroit Institute of Arts is hosting an exhibit of more than 200 precious objects from the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, home of the largest collection of Fabergé art in the United States.

A DIA speaker will present a program at the Northville District Library at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 29, and again at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 13.

You're asked to call the library to register at (248) 349-3020.

"I think it's a wonderful opportunity to hear someone from the Detroit Institute of Arts talking about the Fabergé eggs before you see them," said Julie Herrin, Northville District Library director.

DIA speakers aren't newcomers to the Northville library.

"We've been doing it for years," Herrin said, adding programs are well received and usually held both in an afternoon and evening

to accommodate schedules.

"Whenever there's a major exhibition, we try to have someone come out," she said.

Herrin said she is planning to see the Fabergé exhibit at the DIA.

The DIA exhibit, "Fabergé: The Rise and Fall, The Collection of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts," will continue through Monday, Jan. 21, 2013. The show traces Karl Fabergé's rise to fame, highlighting his business savvy, artistic innovations, and privileged relationship with the Russian aristocracy. Despite the firm's abrupt end in 1918 with the Russian revolution, the legacy and name of Fabergé continues to hold a place in popular culture, the DIA website notes.

In addition to egg pendants, there are jewel-encrusted parasol and cane handles, enameled frames and animals carved from semi-precious stones. The exhibit features six imperial Easter eggs.



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Michael Dompierre of Northville (from left), Garrett Quick of Northville Township and Daniel Courtney of Novi are Army ROTC cadets who earned Distinguished Military Graduate status at the University of Notre Dame.

Notre Dame students garner military kudos

Three University of Notre Dame seniors with local ties have received the Distinguished Military Graduate honor through the university's Army Reserve Officers Training Corps.

The three are Daniel Courtney of Novi, son of Kate and Bill Courtney, Michael Dompierre of Northville, son of Patricia Dompierre and Mike Dompierre, and Garrett Quick of Northville Township, son of GERALYN and Chris Quick.

Courtney graduated from Northville High School in the Class of 2009. After college graduation, he as chosen military intelligence with a branch detail in Armor. After serving his military commitment he will pursue a career in corporate finance.

Dompierre graduated from Detroit Catholic Central High School in the Class of 2009. He will graduate in May

2013 from the University of Notre Dame with a B.A., with a double major in political science and philosophy. He will commission in May as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army. He chose military intelligence, and will attend the MI Basic Officer Leaders Course in Fort Huachuca, Ariz., next fall. He hopes to be stationed either at Fort Carson or Fort Bragg in an Airborne unit.

Quick graduated from Catholic Central High School in the Class of 2009. He will graduate in May 2012 from the University of Notre Dame with a civil engineering degree. He has been awarded a slot as an Engineer Officer. As a commissioned second lieutenant, he will attend the Engineer Basic Officer Leadership Course in Fort

Leonard Wood before taking a post with an engineer battalion. He

plans to fulfill his scholarship commitment of four years of active duty as a civil engineer. After four years, he will decide if he wants to remain in the army or pursue a civilian career with a civil engineering firm.

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NORTHVILLE SCHOOL BRIEFS

Meet the teams

The Northville High School boys and girls basketball teams will host a "Meet the Teams" meet and greet and pancake breakfast from 9 a.m.-noon on Saturday, Dec. 1 in the NHS cafeteria. The community is welcome to attend and help the teams kick off the 2012-2013 season. During the event, basketball games will be played in both gyms throughout the morning. There will also be a pancake eating challenge beginning at 11 a.m. Cost is \$5 per person or \$20 per family.

Hockey fundraiser

The Northville High School hockey program will have a fundraiser from 11 a.m.-11 p.m. on Mon-

day, Nov. 26 at Chili's, 20901 Haggerty Road in Novi. Chili's will donate 10 percent of the sales to the hockey program for those who mention Northville hockey. For more information, contact Chili's at (248) 344-9722.

College prep meeting

College admissions expert and award-winning author Patrick O'Connor, who is the associate dean of college counseling at Cranbrook Schools, will make a presentation to Northville families at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 28 at the Hillside Middle School auditorium. The presentation is designed for parents of middle and elementa-

ry school students, but all Northville parents are welcome.

O'Connor will address topics such as:

- What are colleges looking for?
- What resources are available – networking, scholarships?
- Study skills to instill in your child now in order to succeed.
- With so many choices out there, how can families stay focused on what matters for their child?
- The qualities of a good college choice and the qualities that will help your student make the most out of college.
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- Building a student's "resume" starting now.

District earns high marks nationally

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

Northville Public Schools have been honored as a high performing district. "It is a significant achievement to be recognized as one of the outstanding school districts on the AP District Honor Roll," said Northville Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher. "We are proud of the success our students have experienced in the rigorous AP course work and we are gratified by the passion with which our educators and counselors have embraced the curriculum and worked to reach out to more students with this opportunity to experience college-level learning."

NPS is one of 539 school districts across 44 of the 50 states in the U.S. and Canada to be honored by the College Board with placement on the 3rd Annual AP District Honor Roll.

According to the NPS press release, inclusion on the 3rd Annual AP District Honor Roll is based on the examination of three years of AP data, from 2010 to 2012, for the following criteria.

Districts must:

- Increase participation/access to AP by at least four percent in large districts, at least 6 percent in medium districts and at least 11 percent in small districts.
- Ensure that the percentage of African American, Hispanic/Latino and American Indian/Alaska Native students taking AP Exams did not decrease by more than five percent for large and medium districts or by more than 10 percent for small districts.
- Improve performance levels when comparing the percentage of students in 2012 scoring a 3 or higher to those in 2010, unless the district has already attained a performance level in which more than 70 percent of the AP students are scoring a 3 or higher.

This distinction is awarded to districts who are simultaneously increasing access to advancement place-

ment course work while either increasing the percentage of students earning scores of 3 or higher on AP Exams or exceeding a threshold of at least 70 percent of students earning a 3 or higher on AP Exams.

According to NPS, achieving both of these goals is the ideal scenario for a district's AP program because it indicates that the district is successfully identifying motivated, academically prepared students who are likely to benefit most from rigorous AP course work.

Since 2010, Northville Public Schools has increased the number of students participating in AP courses from 432 to 530 — or eight percent — while maintaining the percentage of students earning AP Exam scores of 3 or higher at between 88 percent and 93 percent during that same time period.

More than 90 percent of colleges and universities across the U.S. offer college credit, advanced placement or both for a score of 3 or above on an AP Exam, which can potentially save students and their families thousands of dollars in college tuition, according to Gallagher.

District officials see the achievement as a group effort. Gallagher said they are mindful that it is the strong partnership of our teachers and counselors working together with students and families that enables the students to achieve at such high levels.

"I am very proud of the work our teachers have done to prepare our students for the rigorous tests taken each May," added Northville High School Principal Rob Watson.

The Northville Board of Education will honor the High School's AP educators and counselors at its 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, December 11, 2012 Board of Education Meeting, which will take place at Winchester Elementary School.

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Holiday Helpers of Michigan, a charity developed and run by a group of Northville-based college students, participated in the Northville's Girls Night Out event on Nov. 9 at Bailey & Shamoun Interiors in downtown Northville. The team served as official hosts for the event and received donations that will allow them to provide gifts for hospitalized children over the Christmas holidays. Donations are still being accepted at Bailey & Shamoun Interiors. Pictured (from left) are Kyle Richards, Christine Colleran, Ryan Pyantenko, Alissa Bailey, Kelly Stratton and Mikki Fujimori.

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PUBLIC SAFETY

Judge orders psych test for shooting spree suspect

By Aileen Wingblad
Staff Writer

Raulie Wayne Casteel, who police say is responsible for 24 shootings in communities along the I-96 corridor, will undergo psychological testing — despite objections from his defense counsel, a district judge ruled last week.



Casteel

52-1 District Court Judge Brian MacKenzie ordered the review during a Nov. 14 pre-exam conference for the alleged shooter, a 43-year-old unemployed Wixom resident.

MacKenzie said his decision followed discussion in his chambers with the prosecution and defense prior to the hearing.

“Based on that conversation — over the defense’s objections — I’m going to order a review at the forensic center for competency and criminal responsibility,” MacKenzie said.

The judge also said he’ll also request “they expedite this matter.”

A similar evaluation request was made that afternoon in Livingston County.

As expected, Casteel waived his right to a hearing within 14 days.

Casteel was brought to the Novi court from the Livingston County Jail, where he’s being held on several charges for shootings there. Investigators say he’s also responsible for shootings in Shiawassee and Ingham counties.

All but one of the shootings were at motorists. One driver was hit by the gunfire.

Defense attorneys offered no comment following the proceedings.

Casteel is charged with 60 felonies including assault with intent to murder for 9 shootings in Wixom and Commerce in October. Another 6 charges are pending in Livingston County.

Assistant Prosecutor Brett Chudler has been assigned to the Oakland County case.

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Connecting with aging parents during holidays

By Kathleen Kueppers
Guest Columnist

The holidays, for many of us, are a chance to spend time with family members who we don’t see as often as we would like.

Visits with aging parents can provide the ideal opportunity for us to observe how they are doing and have a conversation with them about their well-being. Are they safe living independently or do they need additional support to do so?

If you live a long distance away or don’t see your parents regularly, you may be surprised by changes you notice in their physical appearance or mental condition. Be sure to take the time to talk with them and ask questions if you are concerned. Here are some tips to consider.



Kathleen Kueppers

Look for warning signs in their physical appearance.

Weight loss may be a sign of illness or malnourishment. Are they stable on their feet? Is there a change in their speech or ambulation? Are they able to take care of their activities of daily living, such as cook, dress, bathe and clean their home? If any warning signs are evident, help schedule a visit with their physician and plan to go with them.

Look for changes in their mood or mental alertness.

Forgetfulness and confusion are not a normal part of aging. If your parents are repeating themselves frequently or appear more confused, look for other signs that may indicate they are in need additional help.

Are their bills being paid?
Are they entering contests?
Are there checks in their checkbook to people you are not familiar with?
Are their prescriptions current?
Is there nutritious food in the cupboard?
How is their mood?
Do they engage in conversation?
Do they laugh at funny stories?
Do they cry often?
Are they drinking more alcohol?
Are they irritable or get angry quick-

ly?

Do they appear clean and dress like they always did?

Are they refusing to go with friends on outings, or to their church or synagogue?

Changes in their mood or mental alertness may be signs of depression, dementia or a declining health condition. Again, schedule an appointment with a physician and plan to go with them.

Be honest.

If you are concerned about a parent’s well-being, don’t be afraid to tell them. Express how you are feeling using “I.” For example, “I am concerned about your diet, you’ve lost weight.” Or “I noticed Dad’s clothes are not clean today. Are you having trouble doing the laundry? What can I do to help?” Or “I noticed you call me often and forget that we talked. Are you concerned about your memory? I am.”

Listen carefully and tell your parent/s that you respect their independence.

When older adults complain about vague symptoms sometimes they are telling you that they are scared or lonely. Listen carefully. Reassure them that you respect their privacy but that you may need to know important information in order to help them if there is an emergency.

Resources and information

The Area Agency on Aging 1-B (AAA 1-B) is a nonprofit organization that specializes in providing information, resources, and services to older adults, persons with disabilities, and their family caregivers, who live in Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, St. Clair and Washtenaw counties. For information about respite relief services, housing, in-home services, home delivered meals, care management, legal assistance, counseling, transportation, Medicare, Medicaid and more, call the AAA 1-B Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., at 800-852-7795, or visit www.aa1b.com.

Kathleen Kueppers is director of community support services for the Area Agency on Aging 1-B, a nonprofit organization that serves seniors, persons with disabilities and family caregivers in a six-county region in southeast Michigan. Contact her at (248) 262-9225 or kkueppers@aa1b.com.

GUNS

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vehicles involved.

But the spree of larcenies didn’t stop there for the Northville community.

On Nov. 11-12, there were also five larcenies from automobiles in the city. Each vehicle had a window smashed in. At this time, police say there is no connection of these larcenies with the break-in incidents.

Clemence said all of the vehicles were parked in the vicinity of Eight Mile Road and Coldspring Drive. The thief took anything of value inside, including iPods, cash and credit/debit cards.

One incident occurred in the 1000

block of Coldspring. A vehicle parked in a driveway had its window broken and a laptop stolen. Another happened in the 900 block of Whitegate Drive with similar results; this time it was an iPod.

Some of the vehicles were left unlocked, but these were different with the window break-ins. Clemence said vehicle owners should always remember not to leave any valuables inside parked cars.

The police are asking that anyone with information pertaining to these cases should call them at (248) 349-5100 or stop by the department at 215 W. Main Street.

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ZAHRA

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60-70 really important cases that involve published, impacting decisions.

"There are a lot of cases that are not so clear cut and have a lot gray areas," he said.

Going forward Zahra said there are some immediate challenges the court needs to deal with, including updating the court's technology system and figuring out funding issues for courts around the state.

With technology, he said some courts are behind the curve and a unifying e-filing system needs to be put in place. He said some counties around the

state are already doing this, but others are not. He feels it's important to do this because it will create a smoother process for those who use the courts.

As far as funding goes, Zahra said some courts are definitely hurting more than others. Partly funded by the state, courts also receive financial assistance from local government. Many municipalities have been hit hard and struggled during the economic downturn, which in turn has meant less funding for district courts.

"There is a disparity in funding that needs to be addressed," he said.


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Boychoir of Ann Arbor to ring in Advent



The Boychoir of Ann Arbor will ring in the Advent season with a performance at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 2 at Meadowbrook Congregational Church in Novi. The concert features the wonderful and unique choral sounds of boys' voices in a mix of holiday carols and traditional hymns. Musical selections featured will include excerpts from Benjamin Britten's "A Ceremony of Carols" and the popular "The Christmas Song." The Boychoir of Ann Arbor performance is part of Meadowbrook's 2012-13 Music Series. Admission is free. Suggested donation is \$10 per person or \$25 per family. Meadowbrook members and friends can support the music series through donations. For more information, contact the church office at (248) 348-7757. The church is located at 21355 Meadowbrook Road between 8 and 9 Mile roads. You can visit the church website at www.mbccc.org.

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James and Gail Cooper of Northville proudly announce the engagement of their daughter, Maggie Lynn Cooper, to Jordan Gregory Bibbings, son of James and Judy Bibbings of Benton Harbor, Mich. The couple met at their alma mater, Michigan State University in East Lansing. The future bride received her bachelor's degree in communicative sciences and disorders from Michigan State University and her master's degree in speech-language pathology from Western Michigan University. She works as a speech-language pathologist at Lakeland Regional Hospital System in St. Joseph, Mich. Her fiancé received his bachelor's degree in finance from Michigan State University and currently works as a financial wizard at Whirlpool Corporation in Benton Harbor, Mich. A July 2013 wedding is planned in St. Joseph.

Snyder-McCormick

Jeffrey and Theresa Snyder of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter, Marie Therese Snyder, to Darren Wheeler McCormick, son of Roberta and James McCormick of Manchester, Conn. The future bride, a 2004 Northville High School graduate, earned her master of arts degree in sustainable communities from Northern Arizona University. She also received a bachelor of arts in English from Aquinas College. She is currently employed with New Frontiers and the Oak Creek Watershed Council. The future groom received a master of science degree in education from Northern Arizona University. He is currently employed with West Sedona Schools, teaching 7th and 8th grade science. A June 2013 wedding is planned.



Rotary volunteers with Civic Concern



Last week several Northville Rotary members went to Northville Civic Concern to assist in putting together Thanksgiving care packages for the needy and hungry in the community. The packages included some of the essential food items that many would otherwise go without over the holiday. Participating in the activity were Ryan Cooper, Mike Vetter, Sharon Whicello, Beverly Len, Betty Gabrys, and John Kelly. Rotary members will also be volunteering on Saturday, Dec. 8 during the Goodfellows annual newspaper sale, a fundraiser that also aids Civic Concern.

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Large crowds came out for the parade, which Traci Sincock of the chamber called a “signature event for Northville.”

The event also featured a tree lighting, caroling and a visit from Santa.

The parade theme this year was “It’s a Wonderful Northville!” — and with all the holiday cheer and smiling faces, it certainly was that.



Leon Judd enjoys a moment with his colorfully-lit grandson Chase Gilbertson, 4, as Northville’s Holiday Lighted Parade begins on Friday evening.



Sienna Aprilliano (right) and some of her OLV Daisy Troop members enjoy a stroll along the Holiday Lighted Parade route.



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Arrangements by Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 W. Silver Lake Rd., Fenton.
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KAESTNER, MARILYN MARGARET
April 3, 1933 - November 13, 2012. Marilyn Kaestner, beloved wife, mother, teacher, and friend, passed away peacefully from a long battle with Lewy Body Dementia. Marilyn was born in Detroit to the late Lloyd and Peg (Freer) Nelson. Marilyn is survived by her husband of 53 years, Kenneth Kaestner, and her children: Susan Walsh, Jane Funfgeld-Crowley (Dan), Julie Tuck, and Robert Holterman (Tari), and her sister, Virginia Nelson. In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her sister Elaine Wright. Marilyn has nine grandchildren: Kenneth, Dylan, and Anneliese Walsh; Lindsey Funfgeld; Gracie and Kaylyn Tuck; Leigh Ann and Nicholas Holterman; and Kaity Mullahey. Marilyn was a beloved elementary school educator for 32 years, 20 of which were spent at Amerman Elementary School in Northville. She leaves a timeless legacy of influence and memories with all of her students and family. Marilyn loved children, travel, the arts, and life. The funeral service was held Friday, November 16, 2012. Mrs. Kaestner was laid to rest at Rural Hill Cemetery in Northville. Those wishing to make a memorial contribution may donate to the Lewy Body Dementia Association, www.lbda.org. To express condolences or share a memory, please visit www.casterlinefuneralhome.com.

RAJDA, LOUISE
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For more information regarding this Directory, please call Sue Sare at 248-437-2011, ext. 247 or e-mail: ssare@hometownlife.com



Performance to benefit Northville Civic Concern

Timberlane Dance will present “The Gift of Christmas,” a benefit performance for Northville Civic Concern, at 7 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 1 at Hillside Middle School. The performance will include the seasonal “The Nutcracker” ballet and Christmas dances. All attendees are asked to please bring an unwrapped toy for any age child and/or non-expired pantry items. Items will be collected at the door. Tickets are \$10, and \$5 for children under 10. Tickets are available at the door or from any Timberlane Dance dancer. For more information please contact Kathy Cooke at kjacooke@aol.com.



CHRISTINA ZAYTI

Tinkerbell visits the Marquis Theatre

The Historic Marquis Theatre in downtown Northville brings the live musical “Tinkerbell Visits Storyland” to its stage on Saturdays and Sundays through Jan. 27. The show, which features plenty of singing and dancing, revolves around the characters Tinkerbell, Peter Pan, Wendy, John and Michael as they visit Oz, Snow White, Little Red Riding Hood, and more. For showtimes, visit northvillamarquistheatre.com. The Marquis Theatre is located at 135 E. Main Street. Tickets are \$8.50 each, and can be purchased by phone at (248) 349-8110 or at the box office. Please no children under the age of 3.

SENIOR CALENDAR

The Northville Community Center, located at 303 W. Main Street, has a number of upcoming programs for local senior citizens. For more information, call (248) 349-4140. Upcoming events include:

- **EDSEL & ELEANOR FORD HOUSE TEA AND TOUR**
9 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 6
Details: Fee is \$45 per person, and includes transportation, tour of the home, play house, gate lodge garage and gift shop.

Limited seats. RSVP by Nov. 16.

- **HOLIDAY BRUNCH**
11:30 a.m., Wednesday, Dec. 12
Details: Fee is \$12 per person, and includes meal, entertainment and prizes. RSVP by Dec. 4.
- **FIREKEEPERS CASINO**
9 a.m.-4 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 18
Details: Fee is \$35 per person, and includes incentives/vouchers and transportation. RSVP by Dec. 11.

LIBRARY LINES

The Northville District Library, which is located at 212 W. Cady Street, has a number of upcoming pro-

grams. For more information about these events or about the library, call (248) 349-3020 or visit <http://northville.lib.mi.us>. Upcoming events include: The Library will be closed on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 22.

- **FABERGE: THE RISE AND FALL**
2 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 29
Details: Hear about the Detroit Institute of Art’s current exhibit featuring more than 200 precious objects from the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, home of the largest collection of Faberge in the United States. Call to register at (248) 349-3020.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Owls on the prowl

Maybury State Park will host a program called Owl Prowls at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 1. The program is sponsored by the Friends of Maybury State Park. Meet at the Concession Building, using the park entrance located just west of Beck Road on 8 Mile Road.

Learn all about owls and then head outdoors for with a state park naturalist for a walk through the woods. Spend 30-45 minutes walking through the woods calling these magnificent creatures while keeping your eyes and ears open. See if you can spot one on its perch or flying overhead. After the hike, enjoy sitting around a bonfire, making smores, chatting about owls, and sharing nature stories. Be sure to wear comfortable shoes and dress for the weather as the events will take place rain or shine. Bring something to drink, a camp chair, flashlight or miner’s light, and a great outdoor or nature story to share around the fire. Pre-registration is not required. The programs are free of charge; however, a Recreation Passport is required for vehicles entering the state parks and recreation areas.

For more information, call recreation programming assistant Tracy Ball at (231) 944-0078 or e-mail ballt4@michigan.gov.

Christmas workshop

The Northville Historical Society’s 34th annual Children’s Christmas Workshop will take place Saturday, Dec. 1, in the New School Church at Mill Race Village.

Children in grades one-six are invited to make seven old-fashioned, handmade gifts for the special people on their Christmas lists. The intent of the workshop is to surprise family members with the gifts that the children have worked on and made themselves.

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.

Contact the Stockhausens at (248) 349-2833 for more information.

Santa coming to Thayer’s Corner

Thayer’s Corner Nature Area, located at 8250 Napier Road in Northville Township, will host Pictures with Santa from 10:30 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Dec. 1. Just in time for Christmas, have a photo taken of you, your children or your family with Santa in a historic sleigh, in a historic barn at Thayer’s Corner Nature Area. The photo could be used for this year’s family Christmas card. Bring your camera to take your own photo, and make a Christmas craft while waiting. Cost is \$3 for up to two people or \$5 for the family. Proceeds go towards the upkeep of the nature area.

Jazz at the Elks

The Plymouth Elks Lodge #1780 in Plymouth has Jazz @ The Elks in a club setting on the last Tuesday of every month from 7-10 p.m. On Tuesday, Nov. 27, the Terry Lower Trio with Russ Mill-

er will perform. Miller is an assistant professor in the music department at Wayne State University and has played with several famous Jazz artists. Russ plays alto sax and flute. Terry will be on keyboard, Jim Ryan on drums, and Ray Tini on bass.

There is a \$10 donation at the door which includes hors d’oeuvres. For more information, please call (734-) 453-1780 or email plymouthelks1780@yahoo.com. The lodge is located at 41700 Ann Arbor Road, in Plymouth Township.

Dealing with grief

Ward Presbyterian church is sponsoring a holiday workshop for those who are grieving. All adults who have experienced the loss of a loved one are welcome and encouraged to attend this free workshop presented by Cathy Clough, founder and executive director of New Hope Center for Grief Support and author of “Grieving Forward: Death Happened, Now What?” The workshop will be held on Monday, Dec. 3 from 7-8:30 p.m. in Room C-319 at Ward Church located at 40000 Six Mile Road in Northville and will end with a special time of remembrance. There is no need to register, but for more information call New Hope Center at (248) 348-0115.

Rouge River meeting

The non-profit Friends of the Rouge will hold its annual dinner and membership meeting from 5:30-8:30 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 4 at Glen Oaks Country Club, 30500 13 Mile Road, in Farmington Hills. The event will feature highlights of the group’s Lower Rouge canoe expedition and results of recent Rouge River fish survey.

Best Friend of the Rouge awards will be presented for outstanding community volunteers and professionals. Awardees this year include Mathew Mulholland and the Alliance of Rouge Communities. Speakers and awards will be followed by the Friends of The Rouge Annual Report and Board of Directors elections. A special beer brewed for FOTR by Liberty Street Brewing Company in Plymouth will be available for purchase that evening. The cost to attend the dinner is \$35 per person for members, and \$40 per person for non-members.

“As we celebrate the anniversary of the Clean Water Act of 1972, we hope that the past 40 years have helped us to better understand the many threads that connect our river to every aspect of our lives. For the past 26 years, Friends of the Rouge programs have played an integral part in educating Rouge River watershed citizens on what we can do to protect the integrity of this system on which life depends,” stated Karen Hanna, FOTR operations director. “The awareness created by our programs helps citizens understand the challenges that plague the Rouge River and what they can do to help preserve this valuable natural resource.”

To register for the event, contact Erin Cassidy at repastmgr@therouge.org. For more information please visit www.therouge.org in the events section.

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Poole’s Tavern looking to purchase city property for expansion

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Staff Writer

The owners of Poole's Tavern are interested in making the city-owned property on the corner of Hutton and Main streets a more permanent fixture. According to Northville City Manager Patrick Sullivan, Poole's wants to explore entering into either a long term lease, or, purchase agreement that would allow them to make certain improvements and expansion to the existing tavern. Poole's already uses some of the city-owned area at that corner. "The question for the city is — what's the best use for that area?" Sullivan said. Other questions will be determining how much area is desired and how much should that cost if a purchase agreement is asked for. The ownership

of Poole's is represented by John Casey. For some time Poole's has leased and used this area for outdoor seating. Now they are interested in either all or part of the city-owned open space at the corner of Main and Hutton. Sullivan said the city fully understands the benefits Poole's brings to the downtown with its many customers who enjoy this popular restaurant and bar. In the summertime the outdoor area is a huge attraction and is one of its biggest draws. Northville city administration requested that a committee with Downtown Development Authority and City Council representation be appointed to study the issues involving the potential sale or lease of land to Poole's and then make recommendations to the council.

At the September DDA Meeting, the DDA appointed two members, Carolann Ayers and Shawn Riley, to serve on the committee. Casey also serves on the DDA. Sullivan made a recommendation for Mayor Chris Johnson and Councilman Ryan McKindles to be appointed by the council to serve on the Poole's Land Committee, which was approved. Sullivan said the city will want to see what the concept plan is for the area before the committee proceeds. There may be plans to expand the building or patio seating area. "There is a clear economic benefit to downtown because of Poole's, so if it makes sense to move forward on this then we probably will," Sullivan said.

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Back in 2000, Mary Poole (left), past co-owner of Northville's Poole's Tavern, relaxed in the tavern's outdoor seating area with two of her customers. Poole's is looking to purchase the area along its eastern side from the city of Northville.

Art House gets loan from city for new roof



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
The Northville Art House, located at 215 W. Cady Street, is in need of a new roof.

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Staff Writer

With some financial help from the city, a much needed new roof will be put on the Northville Art House, which will pay back the loan over the coming years. However, the city council held off on establishing a detailed agreement with the Art House, which means it could be moved if the Northville Post Office wants to expand in the future. The Northville City Council approved a contract for the roof project in the amount of \$18,500 to Renaissance Restoration of West Bloomfield at their last meeting, but waved off on establishing an operating agreement with the Art House. Instead, the city agreed to set up a shorter payback schedule and establish a memorandum of understanding. The future of the Art House is not in any

immediate jeopardy, but there is the possibility that if the post office wants to expand it could, per an understanding with the city, where the Art House currently sits on Cady Street. Mayor Chris Johnson said there has been no talk about the post office expanding in the last 10 years, but the potential remains. "There is still one potential out there that was an issue when we first started with the Art House and that is what's happening with the post office, if anything ever," Johnson said. He said the Art House land was assembled with the idea that should the post office need to expand that property could be part of the parcel. There is no current talk, but he still doesn't think an operating agreement is a good idea because it locks the city in and potentially prevents the expansion of

what he calls a "big economic driver for downtown." Councilwoman Nancy Darga, who is the city liaison to the Art House, said the Art House board was concerned about several things with this project: an extended payback period (12 years was proposed) with interest, and the future of this popular community service. "I think this group works tirelessly to make and enhance our city. They make good use of a building that has questionable viability for other uses," Darga said. She said they are concerned about not having an operating agreement with the city because nothing is assured that they won't have to vacate. "They don't have an operating agreement that gives any guarantee they won't be asked to vacate next year," Darga said. "They keep making investments, but they don't have any steward-

ship over the building for any predetermined length of time." Darga made the proposal to have an operating agreement set up and shorten the payback period. Councilwoman Michelle Fecht said she didn't want to tie the city's hand with an agreement, but she does understand its value and the investments it has made so a new roof could be approved. The city does not charge rent for the Art House. Northville Arts Commission chairperson Sue Taylor said they do want some sort of letter/memorandum of agreement figured out in the near future, but the main priority at this time is to get a new roof on before the snow arrives. The post office could not be reached for comment.

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Holocaust Memorial Center to dedicate new gallery

By **Jill Halpin**
Correspondent

Oakland County is home to a piece of history representing one of the darkest periods in humanity: the Holocaust. An authentic World War II-era boxcar that was used to transport millions of European Jews and other victims to concentration camps and their deaths during the Holocaust will be the centerpiece of a new gallery at the Holocaust Memorial Center Zekelman Family Campus in Farmington Hills. The new gallery was dedicated on Tuesday, Nov. 20.



Alvin and Henrietta Weisberg

The gallery was made possible by a donation from Bloomfield Hills residents Henrietta and Alvin Weisberg, and stands in memory of Henrietta's family murdered in the Holocaust: her parents,

Sara and Israel Gastfrjnd, and brothers, Rubin and Hershel Gastfrjnd. Now 83, Henrietta Weisberg was just a child when the horrors of the Holocaust touched her family and she is hopeful the exhibit will serve as a powerful reminder of the tragedy. She said she still has memories of being inside a boxcar as a child. Forced to endure crowded, deplorable conditions, many others perished in the boxcars before they reached their destinations. "Nothing could have been worse," than being in one of those boxcars, Weisberg said. "While

they have done movies and written books, you cannot truly understand unless you were there. I want the world to know what happened during the Holocaust so that such inhumanity will never happen again." The Holocaust Memorial Center acquired the boxcar in September 2011 with the cooperation of the German National Railroad and the Technical (Railroad) Museum in

Berlin. It is believed to be one of the last of such boxcars in existence and the only one exported to the United States from Germany. "We are very grateful to the Weisberg's for this generous donation," said Stephen M. Goldman, executive director of the Holocaust Memorial Center. Opened in 1984, the Holocaust Memorial Center is the state's only

Holocaust museum and is visited by more than 85,000 people annually. Founded by local Holocaust survivors with community support, the center's mission is to teach about the senseless murder of millions, and why everyone must respect and stand up for the rights of others if the world is to prevent future discrimination, hate crime and genocide, Goldman said.



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James P. Gallogly
Director, Department of Public Works

Dianne Massa
City Clerk

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OUR VIEWS

Saying thanks not for just one day

Continue to express your gratitude

When the first day of school rolled around in September, did you let out a sigh and say, “thank heavens they’re back in school?”

How many times has someone turned to you — and how many times have you turned to someone else — in the last two weeks to say, “thank goodness the election is over?”

How long will you bite your tongue, after a Thanksgiving dinner guest tries to compliment you by saying that the mashed potatoes had fewer lumps than the gravy this year, before you say, “gee, thanks?”

And when you stumble into a coffee shop before dawn on Black Friday for some liquid gold before a shopping foray, what do you say as you finger the change the barista hands you? It may be almost subconscious, but like as not, you’ll mumble a “thanks.”

We say it all the time, not just on Thanksgiving. Whether it’s because we got a knock on the head from our parents if we didn’t say it as youngsters, or because we bought into the “please and thank you” lessons of Sesame Street and Capt. Kangaroo, saying thanks or thank you is arguably one of the most used phrases in the English language.

Maybe we use it too much. It is something to think about this Thanksgiving,

Consider that, when our children return to school in the fall, our thanks is better directed to their teachers than spoken as our sense of relief.

Likewise, win or lose, we are all glad that campaign ads have stopped running on TV. But if we thank anyone, it should be the writers of the Constitution who provided for democratic elections.

And face it, there is no way you mean anything close to thanks when you get a back-handed compliment on your Thanksgiving dinner cooking skills, nor is there really any meaning in that exchange at the coffee shop.

This holiday is a clue as to what the problem is: For 364 days a year, we say thank you. On only one day each year, the fourth Thursday in November, we give thanks. Talk, it seems, really is cheap. But it doesn’t cost any more to put a little thought — and a little meaning — behind a pleasant exchange.

There is plenty to be thankful for, whether we recall our good fortune in a litany at the dinner table, or we keep tabs in a periodic inventory of our lives. More of us are working, though still less than the national average; home foreclosure rates have slowed. And didn’t the Tigers give us a thrill this year, at least for awhile?

We all have to make our own lists of what to be thankful for, but giving thanks means more than lip service. It means pausing to look straight in someone’s eye and smile, letting that person know you value them and the service they have performed. Isn’t that what we do on Thanksgiving, by pausing to gather with family, letting them know we count them among our blessings?

But there are still many in our community who may not have the good fortune to share in our lengthy lists. For them, we should give more than a kind word or two. Instead, share a meal or maybe a special treat they may be unable to afford. Make an early gift of baby formula topped with a pair of mittens, or a gas card slipped inside a pair of gloves for an oldster.

There are as many ways to give thanks as there are reasons to do so, and they don’t have to stop when the table is cleared after dinner and dessert.

So, when the relatives finally decide to leave on Thanksgiving, it’s not a matter of what will you say to them, but how.

COMMUNITY VOICE

With Thanksgiving upon us, what are you thankful for?

We asked this question in downtown Northville.



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Bob Hubbert
Northville



“My family, faith and freedom.”

Doris Booth
Northville



“My many blessings and for understanding, family and our military”

Regan Cowger
Northville



“For being an American and my family.”

David Maroid
Northville

LETTERS

Support appreciated

I am deeply appreciative of the community’s vote of confidence as a result of the Nov. 6 election. Rest assured I will work tirelessly to maintain the district’s tradition of excellence which is synonymous with the Northville School District. I am ready for the challenges ahead, and look forward to working with our teachers, parents and community in making decisions which will benefit our children for years to come.

Thank you, too, for your overwhelming support of the Technology Bond. With your support, the district will have the ability to keep our children competitive in a global market, whether post-secondary education is their endeavor, or to plunge directly into the workplace environment.

I congratulate and welcome Matt Wilk and Adam Phelps to the board, and know their passion and dedication to our children will complement the exemplary mix of professionals who make up the board. It is my hope Mickey Barrett and Roland Hwang will remain available to the district so that we may call upon their extraordinary talents to move the district’s initiatives into the future.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Dottie Garrity for her years of service to the board, and to express my appreciation for her insight, her encouragement, her words of wisdom and her professionalism, which I have admired and will miss when she leaves the board for other endeavors. Dottie has been a mentor, a colleague and a friend.

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Cyndy Jankowski
Northville

Right to life has new meaning

Thank you, Rachel Davis (“The blame game,” Nov. 15 letters), for reminding what my vote for President Obama will mean when it comes to saving lives and improving the future for millions of Americans now that we have the Affordable Care Act, a.k.a. “Obamacare.” Many young people, when they are old and gray, will remember that they were able to stay on their parents’ health care plan until they turned 26. Many Americans that had a medical condition and lost or changed jobs won’t have to worry that they will be denied

coverage because of a pre-existing condition. Many that have a very serious condition will no longer have to worry that they will reach a dollar cap in their coverage, and will be able to continue treatment. Around 50,000,000 people that were previously uninsured will now have access to affordable health care coverage.

The bottom line is that a whole bunch of people, because of what I have just outlined, will be healthier, and gladly there will be more that will be able to survive their medical challenges and live.

As you pointed out, there will be some old, crabby, right-wing, rich, doctors that can’t stand progress and won’t want to treat patients anymore. But the truth is, under Obamacare, most people like me already have Blue Cross or some similar plan, and these “compassionate conservatives” could continue to treat me under the same insurance they have always accepted. The more likely scenario is that most doctors will welcome the newly found 50,000,000 patients that previously had no insurance coverage, and never entered their office before. And, truthfully, most of these crab apples are just blustering, and are too greedy to pass up the new revenue.

The good news for Republicans is that, in time, people probably will forget, as they are healthier and living longer, the pathetic health care future for the country that was offered by your candidate. Under Obamacare, “right to life” takes on a whole new meaning.

Steve Lawrence
Northville

OUR VIEWS

Giving time: Reach out to needy at yuletide

This week marks the official start of the holiday shopping season. People will flock to malls and downtowns to start or, in some case, finish their gift shopping. They will have made their lists and checked it twice to make sure friends and family members find something under the tree Christmas morning.

For many people, being merry this season may mean a hot meal at the local soup kitchen or a warm place to sleep on a cold winter’s night. For many, it’s a fine line that separates them from being a have or a have not. They are struggling to make ends meet. There is no room in their household budget for a big holiday celebration. They must rely on the kindness of strangers.

A protracted economic downturn, massive loss of jobs and a slow recovery has increased the number of families living in poverty. For these families, the happiness of Christmas is provided through the generosity

of strangers. They are the people who buy Goodfellows newspapers or drop money into Salvation Army Red Kettles or unwrapped toys in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves Toys for Tot boxes.

For decades, these nonprofits have been helping those in need. They rely on our support both financially and in donations of food, clothing and toys to help the less fortunate. And now is the time for us to open our hearts and our wallets to help them help the needy.

The Novi Goodfellows will be on the streets Dec. 1 raising funds through the annual sale of their newspaper.

If there’s no room under the Christmas tree for that present, think about giving it to Northville Civic Concern, a local all-volunteer organization that helps struggling families in the community by donating food and other essential items. Other groups that need help this time of year are the Salvation Army or the Goodfellows.

In fact, look for Northville Goodfellows volunteers out on the local streets Saturday, Nov. 8, when they will be out for their annual newspaper sales. All of the funds collected during that fundraiser will be donated to Northville Civic Concern.

And if you have children, let them do their part. Let them drop money in the Red Kettle. Let them select toys to drop in the Toys for Tot boxes and help pack boxes for delivery by the Goodfellows. It’s an important lesson that they will keep for life. The gift is generosity, a life skill that needs to be learned as a child. It is taught through example and experience.

With the need for assistance remaining high, we need to take that extra step and help. So head out to the stores and do some holiday shopping, but be sure to make an extra purchase for those less fortunate. It isn’t shiny and bright, but that generosity is a gift that’s well worth giving.

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Best tablets, laptops, eReaders, convertibles

By Jon Gunnells
Guest Columnist

Unless you are an avid online gamer or a professional videographer, you're probably not in the market for a desktop computer. If you or someone on your holiday giftlist, however, is searching for a laptop, netbook or tablet,

here are some suggestions on what to buy:

• **iPad** — One of the most expensive tablet options is expensive for good reason. Apple products have long been easy to use, durable and generally worry-free.

The iPad comes in a variety of models and storage sizes. The most expensive are the 2012

models that feature retina display. A 64GB model with WiFi connectivity costs \$699 and the same model with WiFi plus cellular connectivity (through a provider like Verizon) costs \$829. The 2012 iPad with retina display and the iPad 2 (from 2011) are available in white and black 16GB, 32GB and 64GB versions.



Tech Savvy

Jon Gunnells

\$399, or the all-new iPad mini.

• **iPad Mini** — The product-naming specialists at Apple got very creative with this one. The iPad Mini is smaller in stature, but not in storage. A 16GB version is \$329 with WiFi connectivity and \$459 if you want to surf the web courtesy of a data plan through Verizon, AT&T or Sprint. The iPad Mini takes about two weeks to ship directly from Apple.

• **Microsoft Surface** — Microsoft's answer to the iPad line is finally available and quite impressive. Running the new Windows 8 operating system, this bright tablet is fast and powerful. A 32GB model costs \$499, or you can pay \$599 and get the same model with a cover and a keyboard. A 64GB model with cover and keyboard is \$699. The

cover and keyboards are cool as well, coming in cyan, red or magenta.

The Microsoft Surface is perfect for someone who is a PC or Android user, because the devices are compatible and on the same operating system. The new tablet is also more cost-effective for the features and storage options.

• **Dell XPS 12 Laptop Convertible** — Wondering what kind of laptop is more than \$1,000 these days? Take this laptop-tablet hybrid, for example, which offers a rotating-touch screen built within a traditional laptop. Dell and other laptop manufacturers offer a variety of convertible units, although I don't know that you can't get the same productivity out of a Surface Tablet or iPad with a nice keyboard. The tablets, of course, are less costly, too.

• **Kindle Fire** — For users who are more interested in reading than gaming and apps, the Kindle Fire is a can't-miss at \$149. It has built-in WiFi connectivity and allows you access to unlimited cloud storage with Amazon.

• **Nook** — For \$99 (and maybe even less on Black

Friday) you can purchase a simple eReader such as the Barnes and Noble Nook Simple Touch.

• **Other laptops** — With many manufacturers and models, it is hard to distinguish the best laptops this holiday season. However, if you are buying a laptop, here is what to look for.

Make sure the unit has at least 2GB to 3GB of memory so the device can run programs adequately. Anything less will slow you down for computing. Beyond that, the rest of the choices are up to you. Laptops will be selling for a couple of thousand dollars for top models down to less than \$200 for more basic models.

Walmart is rumored to be selling a solid Compaq Presario laptop for \$179 on Black Friday. That's a good price if you are looking for a machine that can help you surf the web and partake in basic computing. Probably not worth lining up outside for, though.

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More than 1,000 help kick off Lightfest 2012

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

The runners and walkers were long gone when Tom Smith pulled up a chair beside the bonfire. The Westland resident had driven by and saw the pile of wood at Merriman Hollow in Hines Park and knew how it would be used.

"I'm here for the fire," said Smith. "I saw it and knew they were going to have a fire. They lit it up at 4 p.m. The fire is the best thing."

The fire pit was more than 6 feet across and provided warmth to some 1,200 runners and walkers who turned out for the annual 8K Fun Run/Walk on Nov. 13, one of two pre-opening events for the 2012 Wayne County Lightfest. The Grand Opening event took place two days later on Thursday.

Participants wearing glow-in-the-dark necklaces, twinkling lights and even jingle bells walked or ran or did anything in between through the 4½-mile light show that stretches along Hines Drive from Merriman Road in Westland to Warrendale in Dearborn Heights.

It was Brenda Phare's second time doing the run. The Westland resident was in the park with her friends, Jana Seals



Sharon and Robert Bellinger of Westland were in the first car to enter the Wayne County Parks annual Lightfest after the grand opening ceremony Thursday evening. Lightfest is open now through Dec. 31 (closed Christmas Day), starting at Edward Hines Drive at Merriman in Westland and ends at Warrendale in Dearborn Heights. There's a \$5 per vehicle fee.



The Wayne County Lightfest kicked off last week with several events. The annual Christmas light display in Hines Park is open through Dec. 31.

of Dearborn Heights and Tiffany Gluski of Novi, who, she said, got her into it two years ago.

"It was the first time I'd ran a race, now I'm running a marathon," Phare said. "This is like the beginning of the season for us," said Gluski. "It puts us in the holiday spirit." The trio estimates it takes them 40-50 minutes to complete the route. At Warrendale, participants board buses that brought them back to Merriman Hollow. Some participants brought their children, pushing them in strollers, pulling them in wagons or carrying them in

WAYNE COUNTY PARKS LIGHTFEST

The Wayne County Parks annual Lightfest kicked off last week. The Midwest's largest and longest drive-through light show, Lightfest features more than 45 giant animated holiday themed displays and more than one million lights. The display is open 7-10 p.m. now through Dec. 31. It's closed on Christmas Day. There is a \$5 fee per vehicle. Tuesday, Dec. 4, 11 and 18, will be Toy Nights. Wayne County is committed to collecting and providing toys for children who are less fortunate. On these three nights, the community is invited to bring a new, unwrapped toy in lieu of the \$5 vehicle fee. Remember to visit Santa's Workshop at Warrendale Park at the end of the Lightfest drive. Santa will be there starting Thanksgiving Day until Dec. 23. And don't forget to bring your letters to Santa. Outside of Santa's workshop there is a giant mailbox where kids of all ages can drop off their letters to Santa. Although Lightfest begins at 7 p.m., Hines Drive will be closed to traffic beginning at 5:45 p.m. nightly. Visitors enter Wayne County Lightfest at Hines Drive and Merriman Road in Westland. For more information on Wayne County Lightfest, call (734) 261-1990 or go online to www.waynecounty.com.

baby carriers like Laura Cain who had 3-month-old Nora in a carrier under her jacket and son Dylan, 3½, and Ada, 2, in a stroller being pushed by her mother Debby Rabe of Gibraltar. "It's my first time. I brought the kids because I thought they would like it," she said. The two women were joined by Michele Katz of Brighton, who was doing her second walk, and Jennine Kendzie of Livonia. Kendzie pointed to Rabe for the reason she was walking through the lights, adding that "I'm also just trying to be healthy."

Friends of Brittanyny Howe of Commerce teased her about her delicate condition. Nine months pregnant and 13 days away from her due date — not that she's counting — she was heading out with Joni Rousseau of White Lake, Katie Hill of Commerce and Kelly and Steve Lauderbaugh of Northville. "We come to see the lights," said Steve Lauderbaugh. "We've done it for five years. It's like a family tradition." Mother Nature served up a cold, but dry evening for the event, something the group appreciated.

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From a House to Home

When Elaine Cash decided it was time to move to a senior community, she found what she was looking for in her own backyard at Abbey Park at Mill River. Born and raised on a farm just three miles away, Elaine watched the construction of Abbey Park and carefully considered the advantages offered by the community.

As the final stages of building were completed “It got me thinking,” she said. “I decided, on my own, this was the answer.”

Elaine knew it was time for a change; the family home that she and her husband, Jim, built in 1950 was no longer practical. The Cash Family has lived in

Lyon Township, a picturesque rural setting noted for the warmth of loving neighbors, for six generations. Moving into Abbey Park keeps Elaine close to friends and family and provides security, support and reassurance to loved ones concerned about her living alone.

While Elaine made the move to satisfy the concerns of her family, she is quick to acknowledge that she is very happy in her new home. “I am blessed to have made a best friend here,” Elaine said. “I never thought I would spend my later years in such a lovely home as Abbey Park. I feel like the luckiest person living here.”



Abbey Park at Mill River resident Elaine Cash enjoying the beautiful grounds of Abbey Park at their annual car show.

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Within just a few days of Abbey Park's opening in January 2009, Elaine and her three children enjoyed a lunch and tour of the facility. She was surprised and “very impressed,” with her initial visit. Elaine appreciated the beautiful landscaping of the grounds and courtyards, an elegant lobby featuring fountains, fireplaces, and a grand piano along with the welcoming

smiles of a few old friends and some new neighbors.

With any move there are decisions to be made, and so after offering the family home to her granddaughter, Elaine's first step was to find the perfect apartment in her new community. With nine floor plans ranging from one bedroom/one bath to two bedrooms with two full baths and two walk-in closets, all apartment options at Abbey Park include

a balcony or patio. Monthly rental fees include heat, water, electricity in addition to 24-hour staffing, medical monitoring, daily housekeeping, weekly laundry service, delicious meals served in the beautiful Grand Dining Room, continental breakfast and over 45 activities – including two happy hour events and live entertainment – to enjoy each week.

There were additional surprises, too: the community was luxurious and elegant but also very affordable. The meals served in the elegant dining room by attentive staff and prepared on site, were delicious. “The food is like a nice restaurant,” Elaine said, and said that the employees and residents are, “Like another large family.” There's a calendar full of weekly shopping trips, monthly casino excursions, Bingo, ice cream socials and destination outings, such as trips

“I never thought I would spend my later years in such a lovely home as Abbey Park. I feel like the luckiest person living here.”

Elaine Cash, Abbey Park resident



THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE MY NEW HOME

Elaine was quick to credit the leadership of the staff with the spirit of community and a calendar full of celebrations. “To me, [Administrator] Tamra Ward and [Hospitality Director] Charles Duty are ‘Abbey Park,’ plus of course, their wonderful, friendly, caring staff.” Elaine's social calendar is full of parties and events. There's a champagne brunch

Left: Abbey Park at Mill River resident Elaine Cash is surrounded by family at last year's Christmas party.

to Frankenmuth and holiday shopping trips. Within the community, there is a theater, library, computer center, fitness center, hair salon and physical therapists on site. Medicare-certified optional personal care services are also available.

every Sunday, birthday parties, Grandkids Halloween Carnival, Grandparent's Day Luau, Oktoberfest and Abbey Park's Festival of Trees. There's a delicious menu for each holiday and celebration dinners are open to family and friends. Abbey Park at Mill River offers a Facebook page that is updated after each event for the enjoyment of the residents and their loved ones.

Soon after her move to Abbey Park at Mill River, Elaine met owners Dr. Benjamin Stein, Joe Norber and Edward Rosenbaum during one of their weekly site visits. “I told them how much I loved it here,” Elaine said “I am a walking commercial for Abbey Park.”

Elaine celebrated her third anniversary as a resident at Abbey Park in September and enjoys being part of the Abbey Park family. “I have loved every single day here,” she said.

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Rematch of 2011 title game

Shamrocks post win over Rockford for another shot against Detroit Cass Tech

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

It was supposed to be a tightly-contested game.
It was supposed to be a football showdown for the ages.
It was supposed to be Detroit Catholic Central's biggest test of the year.
When all was said and done last week in the state semifinals game in Battle Creek, the Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks owned a 35-6 victory over the Rockford Rams. The margin of victory was unexpected, and, to some, perhaps the outcome was as well.

The Shamrocks backed into this year's playoffs with a 5-4 record, having barely scraped together enough playoff points this year to earn a berth into the MHSAA post-season tournament. From that point forward, they began a grueling march through some of the

ON TAP

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks will take on Detroit Cass Tech for the Division I state championship at 1 p.m. Saturday at Ford Field in Detroit.

area's best teams in order to set up the rematch of last year's state semifinals game against Rockford. The Rams, on the other hand, were 6-3 coming into the playoffs, having earned an automatic trip into the post-season. They were as dynamic a team as they had ever been.

But when the smoke cleared, the contest wasn't as much of a struggle as pundits had expected, and Catholic Central's perennially-stifling defense once again proved that titles are won by keeping powerful offenses out of the end zone.
"We're obviously very pleased with the way our kids came out and performed against Rockford," said assistant coach Michael Mach. "I think everyone was expecting a highly-competitive game and our kids rose to the occasion. Rockford is a great program and a much better team than the score might indicate. To win the way we did required great effort and execution from our team."

The victory paves the way to Ford Field for the Shamrocks.
In fact, it has to feel a bit like déjà vu. Last year, the Shamrocks earned a win over Rockford to make the trek to Detroit for the Division I championship game. There, they ran into a buzz saw offense that went by the name of Detroit Cass Tech and lost the title tilt, 49-13.

This year, the Shamrocks' defeat over the Rams again sets them up with a game against Detroit Cass Tech, which has an 11-2 record.
"As far as the game against Cass Tech, certainly there is some talk about what happened last year, but the majority of our focus is on our own goal, which is to win a state championship," said Mach. "Obviously, we have great respect for the Cass Tech program and the great team that they had last season. They outclassed us in all phases of that game. But this is a new year and a new opportunity, and we're going

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TREY FABACHER

Junior Symone Abbott (10) and senior co-captain Katie Owen (4) wait for a set from senior co-captain Rebecca Martin (8) during the state semifinal match against Macomb Dakota in Battle Creek on Nov. 16.

Mustangs end historic run

Volleyball team showcases pride, determination in loss to Macomb Dakota

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

If you've got to be bounced out of the playoffs, the best team to lose to is the eventual state champions.
That's what happened to the Northville Mustangs volleyball team last week as they took on Macomb Dakota in the state semifinals and bowed out in three straight sets, 25-21, 26-24 and 25-13.
The Macomb Dakota Cougars, a nationally-ranked team in 2012, were led by Carli Snyder, who was named the most valuable player for the U.S. Girls Youth National Team this past summer.
But the Mustangs didn't let any of those rankings or MVP nods set them off their game.

They came out in the first and second sets and put up an impressive fight, even leading late in both.
"It was pretty obvious that we were fighting back and forth," said Northville coach Amanda Yaklin. "Just a couple of tight calls that I felt definitely didn't go our way. We were so close. We just kept playing through it."
In the first set, Northville jumped out to 3-0 lead behind kills from junior outside hitter Symone Abbott and setter Rebecca Martin. But the Cougars quickly matched behind kills from Snyder.
The set would be a battle with 12 ties and seven lead changes throughout, and Northville looked to take the victory after a 10-10 tie that

they turned into a 16-11 lead behind some service aces from Rachel Zawodny. But Dakota, again, would come back to tie 16-16 and would remain knotted up with Northville through a 20-20 tie that ended up turning away from Northville's favor as they fell, 25-21.
The second set was just as competitive with nine ties and five lead changes. The teams would battle back forth and be tied at 24-24, but a Northville service error and attack error would hand the Cougars the emotionally-key second set.
The third set proved to be the most difficult for the Mustangs, who tied it up, 5-5, to begin but couldn't seem to keep up with the top-spin

serves from Snyder that led to two aces and would see the Cougars pull out to a 10-5 lead.
Northville couldn't recover and, in turn, fell 25-13 in the final set.
Macomb Dakota finished the day with 44 kills, including 19 from Snyder, and 11 service aces, which found Snyder collecting five.
The Mustangs had 32 kills and five service aces. Northville attacking was led by junior Abbott with 15 kills, seven errors and a .276 hitting percentage while Martin had five kills, no errors, and hit .556 while collecting 27 assists. Junior middle hitter Olivia Landis finished with

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State champ!

Cui takes first in 100 breaststroke, leads Mustangs to 11th in states



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Mustang Catherine Cui swims the backstroke during a Sept. 20 meet at Novi High.

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

How do you spell state-champion swimmer? It's easy: C-U-I.
Catherine Cui, a senior on the Northville Mustangs girls' swimming and diving team, made the best of her final appearance in the orange and black as she dove into the pool last week in the Division I state championships and didn't come up for air until she had a state championship.
Cui turned in a time of 1:03.71 — nearly a full second faster than second-place Kennedy Cutler of Rockford — to win the title as the best 100-yard breaststroke swimmer in the state.
"Catherine had a phenomenal meet," said Northville coach Brian McNeff. "She had a great 200 IM and moved up a couple spots and

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Novi tankers turn season around, finish eighth at state finals

Wildcats swim and dive way to All-State status in multiple events

By Chrs Jackett
Correspondent

Five Wildcats earned All-State honors for top-eight finishes at the Division I state swim and dive meet last weekend, capping a season marred by injuries, inches and unfortunate results early on.

Novi's improvement has been noticeable during the past few weeks. The 'Cats went 0-4 in KLAA Central Division play (3-6 overall), losing all four meets by either two or four points. Then they finished fourth of five teams at the division meet, then third of 11 teams at the Kensington Conference meet and wrapped things up Saturday in Holland by finishing eighth of all Division I teams, including 35 others at the meet.

"The coaching staff is very proud of the strong team showing at the state level," Novi coach Annette VanderMey said. "We set a team goal back in August to return back to the top 10 after a 11th place finish last year by one point. We ran into a few disappointments during Friday's qualifying preliminaries, but the girls came back on Saturday to make the best of the positions they were in and did the best with what we had."

Holland West Ottawa won the state title with 293.5 points, as Novi amassed 101. South Lyon Unified was fifth with 142 points, Plymouth Salem 10th with 81, Northville 11th win 77 and Livonia Stevenson 25th with 15 amongst Central Division foes. Plymouth was also 13th with 63 points from the Kensington Conference while Lakes Conference foes Hartland, Waterford Kettering, Brighton and Grand Blanc also cracked the top 25 from the KLAA.

The Wildcats' best event was the 100-yard backstroke.

Although Farmington Hills Mercy won the event in 54.91 seconds, sophomore Mallory Buha (third in 56.42) and senior Andrea VanderMey (fifth in 56.47) brought home Novi's two highest finishes of the finals.

The duo were also both pieces of the 200 medley relay and 400 freestyle relay teams, pairing with seniors Maranda Buha and Kara Berg in both cases.

The 200 medley relay team finished ninth in 1:48.52, winning the B final despite having the seventh-fastest time overall on the final day. Holland West Ottawa won in 1:45.14.

The 400 free relay team finished eighth in 3:36.95, securing the quartet All-State honors despite having the ninth-fastest time overall on the final day. Saline won in 3:29.13.

Senior Rachel Aepelbacher was the Wildcats' fifth All-State honoree, finishing eighth in the 1-meter dive with 374.90

points, behind 425.45 gained by the winner from Holland West Ottawa.

The Buha sisters added to Novi's point totals with three more B final performances. Mallory Buha was 13th in the 200 individual medley in 2:10.71, behind Mercy's 2:05.09. Maranda Buha was ninth in the 50 free (24.20) and 10th in the 100 free (53.06), which were both won by Hudsonville in 22.96 and 50.76 seconds, respectively. Despite her flight positioning knocking her out of All-State contention for the two events, Maranda Buha's times were sixth and ninth fastest for her respective races on Saturday.

The 'Cats did not make it to the final 16 in five of 12 events. Waterford Kettering won the 200 freestyle in 1:48.01 and 100 fly 54.13 seconds, Plymouth won the 500 free in 4:55.82, Holland West Ottawa won the 200

free relay in 1:35.58 and Northville won the 100 breast 1:03.71.

Along with four of the five All-State Wildcats, seniors Janice Burnett, Lauren Harrington, Dana Morgan, Jillian Odom and Kelsey Shurmur are also graduating from successful swim and dive careers at Novi. Led by current sophomore Mallory Buha, the 'Cats will look to freshmen Lauren Kim, Alexandra Cortez, Ava Bianchi and several others to step up and help fill holes next fall.

"The outgoing seniors will definitely be missed," Annette VanderMey said. "Of our 13 swimmers and divers we took to the meet, nine of them are graduating. The returning core of Novi swimmers and divers are very solid and talented at the conference level. We will have some work to do to get them competing at the state level."

SWIMMING

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was all state in that event for the second year in a row. In the 100 breast, she obviously had a great swim. We knew that she would be seeded No. 1 going in, but for her to then stay there was a great accomplishment.

"She kept saying that she never thought that she would be in that position, but she has been one of the hardest workers on this team for four

years and she deserved to be in that position and to be a state champion. Not only was that a great swim for this year, but it was also the 10th fastest time in the (event in the) history of Michigan swimming."

Cui also had a great finish in the 200-yard individual medley, where she took fifth overall with a time of 2:07.22. The event is special in the Northville program because the state's all-time best finish in the event for any class or division was a

1:59.23, which was swam by Northville's Ava Ohlgrén in 2005.

Cui's finishes helped the Mustangs take 11th overall in the MHSAA finals, which were held in Holland last weekend. As a team, the squad picked up 77 points. Taking first was Holland West Ottawa with 293.5 points while Farmington Mercy was second with 272 and Saline was third with 266.

Northville also had strong performances in several other events.

In the 200 medley relay, the Mustangs took 11th overall with a team of Lia Nagata, Sarah Lohman, Briana Schoenek and Emily Butler as they finished with a time of 1:50.93. The Mustangs also took a 9th-place finish in the 400 freestyle relay with a team of Schoenek, Butler, Nagata and Cui finishing in 3:36.18.

"The 400 free relay was also all four seniors that have been swimming the same relay for two years," said McNeff.

"They won the consolation heat and dropped almost two seconds. It was a great finish to the meet and to the careers of some of the best swimmers in Northville history."

Individually, junior Andrea Meister made quite the splash in the diving event, putting up 359.85 total points from the judges' scoring table to take 11th in the state. Nagata, a senior, took 15th in the 200 freestyle with a time of 1:56.37 while Grace LaFreniere,

who is also a senior, finished in 13th in the 500 freestyle with a time of 5:11.26. Lohman, a junior, swam to 16th in the breaststroke with a time of 1:07.86.

"For Lia and Grace to score at the meet for the first time in their senior year was also really special," noted McNeff. "I was really happy for them to finally reach their goals."

"I am extremely proud of all of their performances. This was a good way to end the season."

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Wildcats allow trio of unanswered goals late in first two games

Young Novi icers look for winning formula heading into league play Wednesday

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

With just seven of 21 student-athletes returning from an ice hockey squad that finished 19-7-1 last season, Novi's expectations have not changed for this winter's campaign.

"My expectation is that we're going to win every game," Novi coach Todd Krygier said. "I have expectations that we're going to win a state championship, the league. I'm extremely demanding of my guys."

"We have a young, unexperienced team. We have the fewest number of returning players in my seven years with the

ON TAP

The Wildcats (0-2-0) were hoping to gel on the ice Nov. 21 as they open league play 6 p.m. against visiting Plymouth Salem before hosting Canton 6 p.m. Nov. 30, both at Novi Ice Arena.

program."

The Wildcats (0-2-0) started the season with a pair of setbacks during the 11th Annual Metro High School Invitational last weekend at Novi Ice Arena, dropping both contests against Oakland Activities Association foes Lake Orion and Rochester

United.

"We were winning in both games at certain points in the game," Krygier said.

The season kicked off with the Wildcats taking a 2-1 lead over Lake Orion last Friday on goals by junior Joshua Ward and sophomore Ryan Baxter, assisted by sophomores James Hole and Bradley Hofelich, respectively.

But the Dragons battled back and scored two on Novi senior netminder Patrick Carney (17 saves) to take a 3-2 lead late before notching an empty netter for a 4-2 victory over the host Wildcats, who fired 30 shots at Lake Orion's netmind-

er.

Novi junior netminder Austin Petty (20 saves) backed the Wildcats to a 2-0 lead after the first two periods Saturday against Rochester United. Senior Collin Pew notched the first goal off a pass from senior Mark Baker before senior Luke Bageris scored a second goal unassisted.

But, just like in the first game, the opposition battled back in the third period, scoring three unanswered goal to defeat Novi 3-2 despite 25 shots from the Wildcats.

"They both had their times of playing real well but they both had their times of letting in a

soft goal or two," Krygier said of his two netminders, neither which has established themselves as the Wildcats' main goalie. "We played a lot better versus Rochester United than we did against Lake Orion."

Krygier said that, unlike in past seasons, there isn't anyone who has stepped up as a major individual offensive threat and that the six sophomores on the roster have actually had the best luck producing for the Wildcats.

"The younger players are playing hard," Krygier said. "We've got more of a team where I'm waiting to see who steps up."

Mustangs start off with 3-0 run

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

Is there a better way to start off the hockey season but with a win? Sure — three wins.

If you don't believe us, just ask the Northville Mustangs boys' hockey team, which earned convincing wins over Waterford Mott, Rochester and Clarkston to begin their season on a 3-0 run.

ON TAP

The Mustangs will be back in action when they visit South Lyon Nov. 27 at 6 p.m. before visiting Farmington Hills Harrison the following day at 7 p.m.

tie at the 12:39 mark off an assist by Ken Kosinski before Meacham added another tally for a 3-1 lead over Rochester. Gardiner scored the fourth goal of the game for Northville, giving them a 4-1 lead, with just 17 seconds left in the second period.

In the third, Northville wasn't able to add another tally, but they held Rochester to just a lone goal to secure the victory.

Pawloski stopped 30 of 32 shots on goal to earn the victory.

Northville finished their 3-0 run with a victory over Clarkston in the Metro Showcase as they picked up a dominating 4-1 victory.

All of the scoring in the game was limited to the second period following a goal from Crabil on a short-handed breakaway that turned into a 2-on-1 play with fellow Mustang Jacob Strom. Strom skated down the ice with the puck at the end of his stick, drawing the goalie out of position before firing a quick pass to the wide-open and sure-shooting Crabil for a 1-0 lead. Bloom made it 2-0 on a penalty before Clarkston added their only goal of the game to the scoreboard just minutes later.

Danny O'Malley began knocking the nails into the coffin as he lifted a backhanded shot past the Clarkston goalie for a 3-1 lead, followed by Gardiner's goal to end the game. Earning assists on the final two scores were DeBrabander, Meacham, Crabil and Bloom.

Jeremy Onofrio had 19 saves to earn the win.



Northville is now 3-0 as they skated with ease through the first week of competition.

Shamrocks start hockey season with two wins

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

It never hurts to start the season off with a win, and two wins is doubly nice. But the real sweetness of the Detroit Catholic Central hockey team's 2-0 start? Beating two rivals.

The Shamrocks, coached by Todd Johnson, picked up a 5-0 win over Grosse Pointe North last Friday before earning a come-from-behind victory over Cranbrook, 4-2, last Sunday.

The Shamrocks found themselves trailing Cranbrook, 2-0, after the first period buzzer sounded, but they didn't let that keep them from regrouping and hitting the ice with a vengeance over the next two periods of play.

Michael Babcock tallied the first goal for the Shamrocks on his way to a three-point night. He took an assist from Charlie Green and Austin Linville and fired home the puck to cut the lead to 2-1. Brady Jones tied the game just minutes later with assistance from Max Wanko and Dan Middleton before Matthew Sorisho scored the game-winning goal with assists

ON TAP

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks hockey team will be back on the ice when they take on Port Huron Northern on the road next Thursday at 6 p.m. before hosting St. Mary's Prep on Dec. 1 at 2:30 p.m.

from Babcock and Green. Babcock's second goal just added some comfort as he found the back of the net on an assist from Carson Gatt.

Earning the win between the posts was Derek Moore, a senior goalie.

Against Grosse Pointe North, Green tallied the first two scores of the game with assists from Babcock, Sorisho and Carter Cerretani. Jones added a third goal with help from Wanko and Middleton while junior Connor Gaffney took an assist from Linville and fired it in for a 4-0 lead.

The final goal of the game was scored by Evan Kearns, who took a pass from Alex Tachian before sending it past the Grosse Pointe goalie for the 5-0 final.

Earning the win in goal was senior Ryan Mulka.

Earning the shutout victory in goal was Jake Pawloski.

Against Rochester, the Mustangs earned a 4-2 victory to begin the Metro Showcase tournament. Northville fell behind 1-0 following an icing call, but they didn't even seemed to notice as they tied the game, 1-1, just a minute later off a shot from Bloom that was assisted by Gardiner and Crabil.

In the second period, Alex Stuart broke the

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Rachel Coleman and Dan Sims will represent Northville and Michigan at the Midwest Footlocker Regional race on Saturday in Wisconsin. This is the first time since 2001 that Northville runners will compete in the race.

Dunne helps Michigan team at Mid-East championships

Two more Northville runners to compete in out-of-state tourneys

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

Erin Dunne sure takes the idea of packing right to heart.

The senior Northville cross country runner recently competed in the Mid-East Cross Country Championships in Indiana as a member of the Michigan team. The squad ran to fourth place, finishing behind Indiana, Ohio and Illinois and Dunne, individually, ran 20 27th overall with a time of 19:07.

Dunne's finish came as the head of a four-person pack that included Allison Lunau of Brighton (28th place), Rachel Durbin of Armada (29th) and Jessica Gaines of Stevenson (30th).

Packing was a tactic the Mustangs used all season to earn their way to a Division, Conference and Regional title.

The top Michigan finisher was Raquel Serna

of St. Louis High School, who ran to eighth overall with a time of 18:34. The best run was from Ashley Erba, who hailed from Warsaw, Ind., as she ran to first in 17:21 — more than 30 seconds faster than the nearest competitor.

Dunne won't be the only Mustang who competes in a post-season run this year. Rachel Coleman and Dan Sims will both be running this weekend in Racine, Wis. in the Midwest Footlocker Regional race.

"It's a very prestigious meet with the best runners from around the Midwest," said Nancy Smith, the Northville girls' cross country coach.

Coleman and Sims will be the first Northville harriers to compete in the race since 2001 when then-sophomore Devon Rupley and then-seniors Heather Moehle and Mike Gabrys ran it.

W.L. Western loses student standout

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

Students at Walled Lake Western lost one of their most promising classmates Nov. 12 with the death of senior Michael Camilleri.

A soccer and baseball standout at Western, the 17-year-old Novi resident hung himself in his garage shortly before 4 p.m. Nov. 8 and, upon being discovered by his mother, was immediately transported to Henry Ford Hospital in West Bloomfield by Community EMS as Novi firefighters continued CPR during transportation. He was then transferred to Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak and put on life support before passing away at 7:10 p.m. Nov. 12.

"There is no evidence to indicate foul play at this time," said David Molloy, Novi's police chief and director of public safety. "From what we are learning, the young man was suffering from depression, which may have contributed to the situation."

Molloy said there was no evidence of Camilleri taking pills in what has been labeled a suicide by the Oakland County Med-



CHRIS JACKETT

Walled Lake Western's Mike Camilleri (right) attempts to take the ball away from Novi's Tyler Holt during a Sept. 22 game at Western.

ical Examiner's Office.

As news of the incident spread, hundreds of classmates gathered at Western 10 p.m. Nov. 11 for a candlelight vigil. Many made signs and took to Twitter with the message of "Be a Michael." One student even made a tribute video, viewable at www.youtube.com/watch?v=1HJAJoaBzWA

and already watched by 7,300 people as of Nov. 18.

"I can tell you Michael was a wonderful young man to be around. The world has lost a great person," said Dan Turner, Western's soccer coach. "Always a positive attitude, very respectful, willing to go the extra mile to help others. Though he had struggles,

you would never know it, always a smile to uplift others. I saw great potential in Mike, loved by everyone."

Turner said Camilleri was captain of the soccer team, voted MVP by his teammates and voted homecoming king by his classmates. He also led the peer pressure intervention group at the high school and had a 4.3 grade point average.

"Just an outstanding student-athlete, looking at (University of Michigan) and Stanford for college," Turner said. "I am so sad at our loss of such a great person."

Funeral services for Camilleri were held Nov. 15 at St. James Catholic Church, 46325 W. 10 Mile Road.

He is survived by parents Wendy and David, and siblings Christina, Katie and John.

Donations can be made to the Michael D. Camilleri Scholarship Fund, C/O Legacy Scholarship Funds Inc., 3095 S. Commerce Road, Suite C, Walled Lake, MI 48390.

The high school has made grief counseling available for students and staff.

Novi Police's suicide hotline is (800) SUICIDE.

VOLLEYBALL

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five kills, one error and hit .286.

Defensively, Northville was led by junior libero Kelsey Knickerbocker with 11 digs, and three other Mustangs with six digs each in Martin, junior Julia Colasanti and Zawodny.

Northville reached the state semifinal match

with a quarterfinal win over Fenton in straight sets of 25-23, 25-13 and 25-21. The match always seemed contested from the competitive Fenton team.

Northville started out of the gate slow, giving up an early 8-2 lead before bouncing back to earn the three-set victory.

"(Starting slow) been a pattern for us," Yaklin said. "So I don't burn timeouts on it, I just let

them get the nerves out. This was the first time they'd been far away from home, it was a long bus ride and they were just silent and nervous the whole time. I knew when they got through those first few points they'd be OK."

Northville finished with a 49-44 record while earning the Kensington Conference Central Division crown, the school's first-ever conference,

district and regional title and earned the first-ever trip to the state quarterfinals and semifinals.

"There are so many things for them to be proud of this season — across the board," Yaklin said. "That's exactly what we talked about in the room after we got in there (after the semifinal match). Nothing makes the hurt go away but there's plenty of things to think about to be proud of."

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Area runners some of state’s best

By Jeff Theisen
Sports Writer

One rule is pretty simple when it comes to earning the top spot on any All-Area team. Win the State Championship — get the honor.

Milford junior Brian Kettle turned in the top performance at this year's Division 1 meet at Michigan International Speedway in helping the Mavericks turn in the top team performance as well.

Kettle blazed the track in every big meet, capping off the year with a win at state in a blistering 15:07. He also won the regional, the KLAA Lakes Conference meet and the Oakland County meet.

“Brian had the greatest of seasons,” said coach Brian Salyers. “He and his teammates shared a dream of being State Champions. This fueled each of them to realize their fullest potential.

“At the State Finals, Brian’s composure allowed his talent and toughness to take over in the end. It doesn’t get any better than this.”

FIRST TEAM
Cody Snavey, Milford
The Milford senior ran with teammate Kettle up front throughout the year. Snavey finished off his high school career with a fourth-place finish at state in 15:16. He was third at regionals, second at the KLAA Lakes Conference race and third at Oakland County.

“Cody is the metronome of our team,” said Salyers. “He sets the standard for all runs, workouts, and even races. Cody is diligent, hard-working and the consummate team guy. He has run in four State Finals with our team recording two fourth-place finishes and two championships.

ALL-AREA BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

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Brian Kettle, Milford
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SECOND TEAM
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“Cody has done so much for the program. He will always be an icon of Milford cross country.”

Chris Housel, Milford
The Maverick senior finished one spot out of earning All-State in 31st at the State Finals. But his 15:46 helped the Mavs lock down the top spot as a team. Housel was seventh at regional, 12th at the conference meet and 10th at Oakland County.

“Chris has been a very big deal for our team in each of the past two seasons,” said Salyers. “Here you have a guy that has consistently performed at the top of his game in the big meets. That type of timeliness has contributed significantly to the nine Championships we have won over the past two years.”

Matt Graves, Milford
Much like Housel, Graves finished just outside the All-State bubble in 33rd (15:46) at the State Finals. He finished fourth for the Mavs at state. Graves was eighth at regionals, 15th at the conference meet and 14th at Oakland County.

“Matt Graves has been a constant in our success over the past two years,” said Salyers. “This year he took great pride in being a beacon for our younger runners as they traversed the dangers of championship racing. Much of what Matt does is help and assist others in realizing their potential. Our team would not be where we are at without Matt Graves.”

Kevin Black, Milford
The Maverick junior eclipsed the 16-minute mark and nailed down the final fifth score for Milford in 42nd (15:54) at state. He was sixth at regionals, 24th at the Lakes Conference meet and 34th at Oakland County.

“Kevin was one of the surging juniors that helped us not only overcome great losses to graduation but grow into a national powerhouse,” said Salyers. “After the conference meet, Kevin understood that he had more to give and his team needed him. That realization led to great races at the regional and State

Finals.”

Dan Sims, Northville
The Mustang junior put together his best race on the biggest stage, finishing eighth at the Division 1 State Finals in 15:28. He earned wins at the Wayne County Championship, KLAA Kensington Conference meet and South Lyon Invitational. Sims earned All-Conference, All County, All Regional and All-State First Team. He recorded the second-fastest time in Northville history on our home course at Cass Benton.

“Dan Sims is the consummate competitor,” said coach Chris Cronin. “He not only works hard, but he has a fire to compete against the very best. His leadership helped guide the team to a State Finals berth and an 11th-place finish.

“Before he is done running for Northville, he could hold every distance record.”

Nicholas Lanzetta, Catholic Central
The Shamrock senior ran to All-State status in 16th place at the State Finals (15:38).

Blake McComas, Lakeland
The lone sophomore on the All-Area First Team captured the 30th (15:45) and last spot to earn All-State at the Division 1 meet. McComas finished sixth at regional, seventh at the KLAA Conference meet and 12th at Oakland County.

“Blake has really matured into one of the area’s better runners,” said coach Joe Verellen. “He is only the third sophomore ever to achieve All-State status at Lakeland High School.”

SECOND TEAM
Clinton Caddell, Milford
The junior also finished just under 16 minutes at the State Finals, grabbing the 46th spot in 15:59 to show the incredible depth the Mavericks had. He was 10th at regionals, 11th at the conference meet and 21st at Oakland County.

Jeffrey Field, Milford
The Milford junior was the seventh runner for the Mavs at state and hit the line in 51st in 16:05. He was 12th at regionals, 29th at the conference meet and 15th at Oakland County.

Brian Barnes, Novi
The Wildcat junior led Novi throughout the year with a season best of 16:40. He missed out on a shot to run at states by 7.5 seconds at the regional.

Andrew Thomas, South Lyon
The leader for South Lyon at every race this year set many school records for the Lions. He is the fastest Lion ever at the Camp Pet-O-Sega, Hudson Mills South and Cass Benton courses and the second fastest Lion at Possum Hollow. Thomas earned All-Conference with a third-place finish at the KLAA Kensington Conference meet and All-County with an 18th-place finish. The junior’s top time of 16:13 came at the Gabriel Richard Invitational.

Nick Noies, Northville
The Mustang sophomore finished 65th at the State Finals in 16:13. He was fourth at the conference meet and 15th at regionals. He only ran in six races this year because of an injury.

Drew Kanya, Northville
The senior Mustang finished right with teammate Noles in 66th (also in 16:13) at the State Finals. He was seventh at the KLAA Conference meet.

Grayson Thomas, Lakeland
The Mustang senior closed out his career with a 16:21 at the State Finals for 82nd. Thomas finished 12th at regionals, fifth at the Mott Invite and eighth at the Jackson Invite.

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FOOTBALL

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to do everything we can to make the most of this opportunity — the opportunity of a lifetime for our kids.”

The state finals appearance will be the 15th for the Shamrocks in the Tom Mach-era at Detroit Catholic Central. The head coach has led his team to 10 championships so far.

Against Rockford, the Shamrocks used their defensive pressure to hold the Rams to just 78 rushing yards and 107 passing yards. But the real star of the game was the special teams, which gave the Shamrocks a 14-6 lead off an 82-yard kickoff return that ended with senior Jon Malone crossing the goal line for a touchdown.

From that point forward, the Shamrocks put on an offensive and defensive clinic.

Senior quarterback Garrett Moores took the snap with 1:35 left in the second quarter and turned in a run of 12 yards before connecting with Malone on a 50-yard pass that set up a one-yard rumbling touchdown by David Houle for a 21-6 lead.

“Offensively, I thought we did a great job of winning the line of scrimmage. Also, our senior fullback, David Houle, did a lot of heavy lifting early and set the tone for what style we wanted to play against Rockford,”

said Mach. “After looking at the film of last year’s game — we had a handful of drives that game that went double-digit plays — we knew that ball-control would be a formula for success. David isn’t a big number guy but he is a true CC fullback — he’s consistent, especially around the goal line, he plays with his pads low and he makes people pay for coming up and trying to tackle him.”

Catholic Central added two more scores in the second half with a one-yard run by Michigan-bound Wyatt Shallman in the third and a 14-yard jaunt by Zach Bock in the fourth.

The Shamrocks opened the game scoring with a 14-yard touchdown pass from Moores to Malone, which was answered by a one-yard score by Rockford’s Scott Kaule that made it a 7-6 contest in favor of Detroit Catholic Central.

Moores finished with 100 yards passing on four completions while the Shamrocks’ ground game gathered up just over 250 yards.

Defensive play by Shallman and defensive lineman Dan Bowen were key in disrupting the Rockford offense and defensive end Brandon Malinowski pulled the quarterback down for two sacks. Malone — who seemed to be all over the field in the victory — also had an interception to stop Rockford’s opening drive of the second half.

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Michigan Rehabilitation Specialists opens new location in Northville

Michigan Rehabilitation Specialists, a leader in physical therapy and rehabilitation services in southeastern Michigan, opened its newest office at 17783 Haggerty Road in the Northville Village Shopping Center on the corner of Six Mile and Haggerty in Northville Township. The new facility, MRS's 11th location, opened its doors on Nov. 7.

The new MRS location shares space with Running Fit, a Michigan-based running store. MRS will maintain 4,000 square feet of the 10,000 square foot store.

MRS, which was founded in 1999, prides itself on providing excellent physical therapy services and is well known for the one-on-one relationships that therapists develop with their patients. The Northville office specializes in manual physical therapy, sports and orthopedics physical therapy, post-operative rehabilitation, as well as spine, work, and auto related injuries.

MRS of Northville and the highly successful Running Institute will feature weekly runners clinics, form running classes, and educational seminars. Personal coaching and running video analysis will be available. Coach Ron Warhurst, former head coach for the University of Michigan men and women's track and field



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Kristin Kepsel, DPT, CIMT and Michelle Krings, MS, PT, ATC are part owners and will serve as co-directors of the facility.

Kepsel is a 2007 graduate of Oakland University Physical Therapy Program receiving her doctoral degree. She received her bachelor of arts degree in 2004 from Adrian College, where she was an All-MIAA soccer player. After graduation, Kristin worked for an outpatient orthopedic clinic in Ann Arbor. While there she partici-

pated in courses emphasizing manual techniques for the spine and extremities, earning her certification in Integrated Manual Therapist certification (CIMT). Additionally, she has taken numerous courses geared toward the treatment of runners and cyclist.

Krings is a 1988 graduate from Oakland University's Physical Therapy Program. She also holds a master's of science degree in kinesiology from the University of Michigan. She is a certified and licensed athletic trainer with the majority of her experience gained at the University of Michigan. Krings has more than 20 years of outpatient orthopedic and sport medicine experience. She joined the Michigan Rehabilitation Specialists team in 2008. Krings and her husband Keith are part owners of the Ann Arbor MRS office.

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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 Holidays". 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 makeup 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 bonniebutler@me.com.

Community Network Services seeks holiday gifts for their clients

Community Network Services, Oakland County's largest provider of comprehensive behavioral health services to adults with serious mental illness, announced its 2012 Holiday Wish List campaign to generate modest gifts for


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Realtor of the Year 'flattered, humbled' by industry honor

By Julie Brown
O&E Staff Writer

Sara Lipnitz of SKBK Sotheby's International Realty, Birmingham, has been named Realtor of the Year by the Greater Metropolitan Association of Realtors. She joined SKBK in early 2002. "It wasn't even on my radar. It wasn't even something that was in my conscience," she said of the Realtor of the Year kudos. She described herself as having respect for others who get awards in the field. Like many, she became active in the field alongside others.

"And then somehow along the journey you have this huge shift in your job," Lipnitz said. "It just becomes who you've become, and it's an interesting transformation."

She's honored to be tapped.

"It's lovely. I'm flattered, I was humbled."

She's been in the real estate field since part-time work in high school and at Michigan State University. "I have been involved in the industry since the early '90s. People. I like people," she said of her interest in real estate.

She does residential sales and rentals for Oakland County, especially the Birmingham-Bloomfield Woodward corridor area.

She's been married 11 years to Doug and the couple has son who's 3. They live in Birmingham.

"I think it's an exceptional community. There's an old-time sensibility of neighborhood," she said. "It offers the best of both worlds." She likes the nightlife and the arts/cultural attractions. "There are lots of things to get involved in."

Lipnitz is active in her profession, including: 2012-13 president of Birmingham-Bloomfield Women's Council of Realtors; Michigan Association of Realtors vice chair for RPAC (Political Action Committee) Trustees; on the MAR Public Policy Committee; and on the GMAR Professional Standards Committee, as well as the Diversity Committee.

Next year, she has plans for additional involvement. She's a founder of the Birmingham-Bloomfield Realtors Network, and also does charitable work.

"I try to do some of that very quietly."

Lipnitz agrees with others in her profession that the housing market is showing encouraging signs.

"I think that inventory is low, which means prices are coming



Sara Lipnitz of Birmingham is this year's Realtor of the Year for the Greater Metropolitan Association of Realtors.

to rise. Supply and demand," she said.

Lipnitz was praised for her dedication and professionalism by colleague Gary Reggish, broker/owner of Remerica United Realty of Novi.

"It's a big honor to win Realtor of the Year," Livonia resident Reggish said. "She always finds ways to carve out time for the Realtor cause and the Realtor initiative."

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Law may provide some relief

By Robert Meisner
Guest Columnist

Q: My contract required the seller to build a three-family dwelling on my parcel and I was to obtain a mortgage commitment within 60 days of the signing of the contract. Either party could terminate the contract on the failure to obtain financing. Unfortunately, although the closing was set for four months hence, nothing was done for more than three years, that is, my dwelling was not built and the mortgage commitment was not obtained. The builder conveyed the property to an affiliated corporation and later notified me that the contract was terminated and returned the down payment. I want to sue for damages, claiming anticipatory repudiation by the seller based upon what my lawyer said. Do you think my lawyer is correct?



Robert Meisner

A: Although that is a tough factual issue, in a similar case out of New York, the court ruled that

while a nonrepudiating party need not actually tender performance, he must be ready, willing and able to perform. The court believed that such a rule made common sense and that damages are not recoverable when they are not actually caused by either party's breach. That is, when the transaction would have failed and the damage would have been suffered, even if no breach had occurred. Of course, each case has to be decided on its facts and the particular case law in that particular state.

Q: Our board is considering implementing an "In-Unit Service Program" where unit owners can use association staff and materials for unit maintenance, repairs and services; there is a one-time fee to join. Do you think that this is a good idea?

A: In checking with other attorneys around the country, it is my view that several have indicated that this may well be a good idea, although, there are issues, of course. For example, if your association prices it to at least recover costs, it is potentially a great convenience and service to the owners. However, you should establish parameters in a board resolution, address liability issues and limit the services to the competencies of the staff. Also, depending upon your community, the people who do in-unit service should be separate from regular staff, so that the program does not interfere with the staff's regular duties. Moreover, in the end, it may be worth the effort and encourages preventative maintenance in areas such as HVAC units, hot water heaters, washing machine hoses and other high risk items. Also, it is a good idea to get a legal opinion from counsel because of the particular circumstances in your particular project which may vary from others.

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 rmeisner@meisner-law.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Aug. 13-17, 2012, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON
4144 Berkeley Ave \$75,000
6676 Brookshire Dr \$155,000
45153 Fair Oaks Dr \$157,000
2009 Liberty St N \$307,000
2134 Preserve Cir W \$162,000

327 Robert Ct \$238,000
49600 Shenandoah Cir \$310,000
7284 Wadebridge Dr \$314,000
GARDEN CITY
28458 Bock St \$33,000
31994 Cambridge St \$64,000
28025 Warren Rd \$48,000
LIVONIA
14013 Blackburn St \$175,000
19014 Flamingo Blvd \$100,000
18997 Gary Ln \$300,000
14120 Golfview St \$95,000
14070 Katie Ln \$210,000
39214 Lapham Dr \$125,000
18425 Melvin St \$155,000
19758 Norwich Rd \$245,000

39355 Richland St \$80,000
30764 Westfield St \$143,000
NORTHVILLE
16287 Brookwood Ct \$225,000
16447 Horseshoe Dr \$454,000
17871 Maple Hill Dr \$263,000
49133 Parkshore Ct \$880,000
46639 Pinehurst Cir \$690,000
47216 Red Oak Dr \$490,000
18080 Ridgeview Dr \$565,000
48899 Running Trout Ln \$433,000
44420 White Pine Cir W \$580,000
PLYMOUTH
550 Byron St \$161,000
1658 Cassidy Place Dr \$168,000
1694 Cassidy Place Dr \$160,000

1367 Elm St \$370,000
950 Hartsough Ct \$175,000
9118 Marc Tri \$160,000
REDFORD
17220 Ryland \$30,000
19354 Seminole \$10,000
WESTLAND
8702 August Ave \$67,000
30350 Avon Pl \$100,000
32825 Merritt Dr \$66,000
30833 Middlebury St \$32,000
140 N Bryar St \$23,000
1026 S Dowling St \$103,000
38313 S Rickham Ct \$61,000

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of July 30 to Aug. 3, 2012, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS
16155 Beverly Rd \$207,000
21637 Riverview Dr \$210,000
BIRMINGHAM
1573 Ashford Ln \$500,000
1696 Hazel St \$147,000
1748 Hazel St \$205,000
411 S Old Woodward Ave Unit \$299,000
897 Westchester Way \$650,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS
2635 Rambling Way \$176,000
2033 Eagle Pointe \$157,000
4033 Fox Lake Dr \$410,000
1877 Hickory Bark Ln \$215,000
2401 Hickory Glen Dr \$355,000
3011 Middlebury Ln \$455,000
1162 Peveril Rd \$147,000
1747 Saint Johns Ct \$138,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP
2566 Bloomfield Crossing \$445,000
2887 Chestnut Run Dr \$745,000
4041 Cranbrook Ct \$410,000
4945 Dryden Ln \$700,000
3750 Lakecrest Dr \$910,000

5532 Lane Lake Rd \$675,000
1843 Long Pointe Dr \$453,000
2901 Masefield Dr \$360,000
4867 Old Post Ct \$539,000
2625 Pendleton Dr \$165,000
1650 Trailwood Path \$93,000
2048 W Maple Rd \$525,000
645 Wilshire Dr \$203,000
5159 Woodlands Ln \$296,000
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP
8298 Cascade St \$190,000
4251 Charms Ct \$175,000
4630 Cooley Lake Rd \$157,000
5451 Huron Hills Dr \$330,000
4458 Ravinewood Dr \$210,000
8309 Tamarron Dr \$245,000
1945 Tiley Cir \$127,000
5056 Wavewood Dr \$399,000
4755 White Tail Ct \$210,000
FARMINGTON
34201 Conroy Ct \$160,000
32040 Grand River Ave Unit 4 \$35,000
33740 Oakland St \$340,000
22735 Power Rd \$133,000
FARMINGTON HILLS
28888 Appleblossom Ln \$281,000
28801 Bella Vista Dr \$90,000
30312 Essex Dr \$180,000
38249 French Pond \$270,000
21846 Gill Rd \$75,000
22772 Glenmoor Hts \$77,000
32194 Hull Ave \$30,000
38680 Lancaster Dr \$176,000

21610 River Ridge Ct \$180,000
21535 Riverwalk Ct \$258,000
32953 Thornodyke Ct \$245,000
29850 W 12 Mile Rd # 509 \$28,000
28418 W Eight Mile Rd \$13,000
FRANKLIN
25080 Franklin Park Dr \$350,000
32696 Ravine Dr \$268,000
MILFORD
720 E Liberty St \$83,000
2772 Katie Ln \$214,000
708 Manor Dr \$68,000
1605 Rowe Rd \$173,000
NOVI
51171 Brompton \$229,000
23025 Brookforest \$140,000
50693 Chesapeake Dr \$668,000
23005 Ennishore \$202,000
44472 Gwinnett Loop \$149,000
44476 Gwinnett Loop \$156,000
28077 Hewes Ln \$153,000
28101 Hewes Ln \$155,000
27106 Ladbroke St \$230,000
40592 Lenox Park Dr \$236,000
26223 Mandalay Cir \$215,000
51230 Mayfair Ter \$216,000
21881 Meridian Ln \$229,000
44471 Midway Dr \$290,000
1740 Paramount St \$119,000
25530 Portico Ln \$115,000
24278 Saybrook Ct \$528,000
27308 Sloan St \$234,000
23525 Stonehenge Blvd \$65,000
24727 Upland HI \$200,000

28276 Wolcott Dr \$84,000
SOUTH LYON
22318 Brookfield Dr \$169,000
1374 Chaise Ct \$320,000
23830 Copperwood Dr W \$50,000
53711 Edgewood Dr \$25,000
53746 Edgewood Dr \$25,000
61134 Greenwood Dr \$24,000
57598 Hidden Timbers Dr \$304,000
57797 International Dr \$330,000
61131 Ladbroke Dr \$280,000
61141 Ladbroke Dr \$277,000
61160 Ladbroke Dr \$325,000
61181 Ladbroke Dr \$267,000
61191 Ladbroke Dr \$308,000
61191 Ladbroke Dr \$267,000
24837 Purlin Ct \$87,000
61120 Saddlecreek Dr \$299,000
52744 Trillwood Dr \$2,000
SOUTHFIELD
27530 Abington St \$133,000
28259 Evergreen Rd \$29,000
27283 Lexington Pkwy \$68,000
19201 Magnolia Pkwy \$31,000
21034 Mahon Dr \$35,000
27375 Red Leaf Ln \$45,000
22511 S Bellwood Dr \$105,000
25640 Southwood Dr \$142,000
WHITE LAKE
9377 Gale Rd \$65,000
8973 Lakeview Dr \$20,000
9145 Mandon Rd \$35,000
164 Wildrose Dr \$280,000
8215 Wildwood Ln \$260,000

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Yule party

The Re.E.I.A. (Real Estate Investors Association) third annual Christmas party will be 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 4, at Crystal Gardens, 16703 Fort St., Southgate. Tickets are \$35 a person and checks should be mailed to c/o R.E.I.A., 2962 Fort St., Lincoln Park, MI 48146. Elections will also be held. For more, see the website, reiawaynecounty.org. The party will feature dinner and hors d'oeuvres.

Free foreclosure tours

Free foreclosure tours are 1 p.m. every other Sunday. Meeting place is Panera Bread on the southeast corner of Middlebelt and I-96. E-mail Georgia@addedvaluerealty.com or visit FreeForeclosureTour.com.

Short sales

If you owe more than what your house is worth, you may be interested in a free informational seminar on short sale procedures and what it takes to get started. Many sellers are misinformed or not sure about how the procedures work. Organizers will also discuss the internal workings of short sales and the different steps involved. Bonnie David, broker/owner of Quantum Real Estate is the presenter. It will

be 6-7 p.m. Thursdays at 129 N. Lafayette, downtown South Lyon. Additional parking across the street in back. Please call the office at (248) 782-7130 or e-mail june.quantum@gmail.com for your reservation or additional information.

Seminar on Tuesdays

A free Reverse Mortgage Seminar is 6:30 p.m. each Tuesday at Colonial Mortgage Corp., 33919 Plymouth Road, Livonia.

Learn about reverse mortgages. RSVP with Larry Brady at (800) 260-5484, Ext. 33.

Investors

The Real Estate Investors Association of Wayne will have an open forum. Participants will discuss what they have learned. Investors will answer questions and offer a market update.

Meetings are at 7:30 p.m. each first Tuesday of the month at the Red Lobster on Eureka in Southgate. Members are free, guests \$20, which will be applied to their membership. The Christmas party will replace the regular December meeting.

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Ten things to do after the interview How to keep the momentum going

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The interview may be over, but your chance to make an impression is not. Here are ten strategies to continue boosting your employment candidacy.

1. Show that you're still interested.

Leave no doubt in the interviewer's mind about where you stand. Ask for the job at meeting's end with a phrase such as, "I would really like to contribute to this company and am hoping you select me." Also, don't leave the room without a clear idea of what will happen next in the hiring process. Will select applicants be invited back to meet other people? By what date do they hope to fill the position? Such questions demonstrate enthusiasm for the job, and knowing the hirer's time frame will help keep you from panicking if a week has passed without a phone call.

2. Set the stage for further contact.

Nobody wants to be a pest, but could your silence as days pass be misinterpreted as indifference? Avoid the guesswork by finding out before heading home what the employer prefers in terms of checking in. Lizandra Vega, author of "The Image of Success: Make a Great Impression and Land the Job You Want," suggests asking the recruiter about her preferred method of follow-up communication and whether it would be okay to touch base again.

3. Be punctual.

If you tell the interviewer you'll send a list of references tomorrow morning, make sure you do it. Keeping your word and answering requests in a timely manner speaks volumes about the type of employee you might turn out to be.

4. Know when to sit tight.

If an interviewer requests that you follow up by phone in a week, respect her wishes. Calling the next day can be construed as pushy and desperate.

5. Send a prompt thank-you note.

A positive, non-intrusive way to stay on an employer's mind is to send a thank-you note. Vega recommends emailing one within 24 hours of the interview, then following up with a handwritten note that arrives in one to three business days.

6. Send each interviewer a personalized, powerful follow-up letter.

This piece of communication is another chance for you to shine, so don't waste space with generalities. Ford R. Myers, a career coach and author of "Get the Job You Want, Even When No One's Hiring," recommends including specific references to each person you met and tying your accomplishments directly to the company's stated challenges. You also can use the letter to introduce achievements that didn't get discussed and to elaborate on interview answers that you felt lacked punch.



7. Address one of the company's needs.

Another effective way to follow up is to act more like a consultant than an applicant. "During the interview, you learn a lot about a company's weaknesses and/or areas where the company wants to expand," states Linda Matias, president of CareerStrides.com and author of "201 Knockout Answers to Tough Interview Questions." "Consider creating a proposal on how you would address one of those areas. Doing so will demonstrate that you have the knowledge and also the enthusiasm to make a significant contribution."

8. Keep thinking and learning about the

company.

Be prepared for additional interviews or follow-up phone calls by continuing to research the organization and the field. Gain new information about a topic brought up in conversation. Think of additional questions you'd like answered. These actions show the hirer that you didn't stop caring about the company after the interview was over.

9. Leverage outside resources.

Networking never stops. "If you have contacts and connections with anyone who might influence the hiring decision, or who actually knows the interviewer, ask her to put a good word in for you," Myers says.

10. Accept rejection with grace.

Finally, keep emotions in check and don't burn bridges if someone else gets hired. One never knows what the future might hold. The accepted candidate may not work out, or a different position may open up. "If you are rejected, the first thing you should do (ironically) is send a thank-you note," Myers says. "This will help distinguish you from other rejected candidates and put you in a positive light."

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Advertising Feature

High-End 'Holidaze' Are Here, with Great Seasonal Deals

The 2013 Audi A6 is a crucial model for The Season of Audi.

By Dale Buss

It might seem a little strange to see Infiniti ads with snowflakes already swirling around a spiffy new JX SUV, when the only notable snow so far this season has been on top of tippy-top mountain peaks — and in parts of West Virginia and Virginia, thanks to Sandy. But you're going to be seeing that ad for a while, at least through the end of the year.

And welcome to the auto-advertising "holidaze," the annual two-month, end-of-the-year promotional bonanza in which car brands in the U.S. market use holiday-themed promotional incentives and other marketing to attempt to reach their year-end sales and profit goals, or just try to make sure they're not left out of the scrum.

Or, as in the case of BMW and Mercedes-Benz, they feel compelled to use the promotions to get the better of a particular competitor. The two leading-volume German auto brands in the U.S. market once again are locked in a neck-and-neck race to secure the 2012 luxury-sales title, just as they conducted last year.

At this point, Mercedes-Benz is trying to hold off a surging BMW, whose 21-percent gain in October sales brought the brand to within 2,748 year-to-date sales of Mercedes — down from nearly double that amount, 5,221 vehicles, just a month earlier. BMW won the crown last year, taking it from a supply-constrained Lexus.

And the prize might be even more dear this year because Lexus is widely assumed to want the volume title back in 2013, when all of its output problems will

be long behind it and the Toyota-owned brand will have a slew of new and refreshed products in its stable.

The industry is abuzz with interest in accelerating efforts by BMW and Mercedes to best each other and with speculation about what forms they may take in the weeks ahead. For example, Mercedes is letting some American buyers skip more monthly payments than BMW and offering as much as \$5,000 discounts to "VIP customers."

Meanwhile, other brands are chasing their own goals for the holidaze more quietly but with determination as well. Audi, for instance, launched its annual "The Season of Audi" promotion featuring sales incentives on many 2013-model vehicles across its lineup.

It includes national TV spots and regional dealer-driven TV advertising, as well as social-media marketing, online advertising, brand web-site messaging and radio spots in certain markets, Jessica Thor, manager of retail marketing for Audi of America, told me.

"It's an incredibly crowded marketplace in terms of trying to get your message through," Thor said. "But the good news is that many consumers just expect that there's something going on [at your dealership], even if you were a brand that went dark and didn't advertise."

As BMW and Mercedes-Benz battle away at volumes far above Audi in the U.S., Audi's goal for the period is to continue to show strong and steady growth.

"I see fierce competition again between those two brands in terms of who will come out on top for 2012," Thor said. "I can only imagine that both of them are really going to pull out the stops."

Thor said that the BMW-Mercedes battle, and the general promotional atmosphere in the luxury segment as all brands introduce their seasonal marketing, boosts the market for Audi and the entire premium category.

"It's natural when you see everyone on the air with a special event happening that it has a halo effect for everyone," she said.

But Thor noted that, while it has stiff internal goals for sales during "The Season of Audi," the overall objective for the brand is to "maintain our focus on sustained growth. We have our goals [for the promotion]

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"But we're not going to duke it out at the end of the year and try to hit a number just for the sake of hitting a number. We want to continue to grow in a healthy way."

Audi is promoting a variety of 2013-model vehicles but not its highest-end and least available vehicles such as R8 and the "S" performance models.

And for the first time, the brand is putting a special emphasis on getting its dealers revved up for "The Season of Audi."

"Typically we've kind of kept things quiet on the showroom floor" during the promotion, Thor said. "But this year we're having a bigger presence." Audi is helping dealers, for example, host a breakfast for their employees as a kickoff for the promotion. The brand is providing point-of-sale banners and tent cards, Thor said.

"We want dealers and their personnel to get excited about The Season of Audi this year," she explained.

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