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Band-O-Rama

If practice makes perfect, you can expect perfection tomorrow night when Northville High School's instrumental music program explodes onto the school's stage at 7 p.m. for Band-O-Rama. Seven distinctively different groups will present the music and moves many have rehearsed and performed since last August.

Music performed in parades and throughout football season will be the focal point of the marching band's presentation. Razor-sharp choreography of the color guard with its brightly colored flags will accent the music. As is tradition, drum majors will each take the baton to direct one of the band's selections. A variation on a theme this year will see assistant drum majors help direct the band as well. Fan favorites at school pep rallies and other events, the drum line promises to captivate with its unique brand of fiery bravado and skill. Explosions of spontaneity and vitality are guaranteed when the jazz band takes the stage. And the NHS symphonic band will be broken into three performance groups: ninth grade, 10th grade and 11th-12th grades.

The instrumental music program is under the direction of Mike Rumbell and Johanne Ray-Hepp. Tickets are \$7 and are available at the NHS box office prior to the 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30 event. For more information, call (248) 344-8400.

Jingle Bell Run

The Arthritis Foundation will host the Jingle Bell Run/Walk beginning at 9 a.m. on Dec. 1 at Northville Downs in Northville. The holiday-themed running and walking event raises awareness and funds to support the fight against arthritis. Event participants dress in their favorite holiday costume and tie jingle bells to their shoes resulting in a chorus of jingle rings and lots of fun. The event includes a 5K run/walk with competitive timing, kids' quarter mile "Snowman Shuffle" and post-race party with awards for largest team, biggest fundraiser and most creative costume. Individuals or teams can sign up by calling (855) 529-2728 x 6604 or online at www.jinglebellrun-northville.kintera.org.

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DDA wants to hear your ideas for downtown's future

By **Lonnle Huhman**
Staff Writer

The Northville DDA is looking for a little help in developing the future of downtown. The Downtown Development Authority Design Committee is tackling some projects in the downtown that are shaping the way it will look for years to

come. And members are hoping to hear what members of the public are thinking.

Headed up by DDA board member Greg Presley and director Lori Ward, the design committee is hoping at its next meet it will see more community input.

"We love to have the involvement," Presley said about

reaching out to the community. "We don't want just a few people to decide all of these important issues."

The issues she refers to are projects to enhance and improve the downtown.

The streetscape enhancement is finishing up now with

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DDA DESIGN COMMITTEE MEETING

When: 6:30 p.m. Dec. 13
Where: Northville City Hall (in downstairs meeting room)
More Info: Visit the DDA's website at www.downtownnorthville.com



Paula Gangopadhyay of Northville, who is the chief learning officer at The Henry Ford, has been appointed to the Museum and Library Services Board.

Local woman appointed to national libraries and museums board

By **Kurt Kuban**
Staff Writer

Northville's Paula Gangopadhyay is passionate about museums. You would expect that from someone who serves as chief learning officer at The Henry Ford, which includes The Henry Ford museum and Greenfield Village. Her distinguished career also includes time as a curator at the Public Museum of Grand Rapids, and leadership positions at many other cultural institutions.

Gangopadhyay's passion and expertise have been recognized at the national level. President Barack Obama has appointed her to the Museum and Library Services Board, which advises the Institute of Museum and Library

Service on general policy and practices, and on selections for the National Medals for Museum and Library Service. The board includes 20 members appointed by the president, as well as the director and deputy directors of the Institute of Museum and Library Service.

Gangopadhyay, who will serve a four-year term, was sworn into office with other new members on Nov. 15. The oath of office was administered by Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

"I am extremely honored and humbled with the president appointing me for this responsible leadership posi-

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Public access a concern with more work in store for football stadium

By **Lonnle Huhman**
Staff Writer

Renovation work at Northville's Tom Holzer Ford Field stadium is far from over. With the turf in, now the plan is to move beyond the field and renovate the restrooms, team room, concessions and entrance near Cooke School.

After approving \$49,900 contract with Mielock and Associates, Northville Public Schools is moving forward on the design for Phase II — and final phase — of the project. This design cost reflects 75 percent of the total amount needed for this aspect of the project, which depending on what is done could cost \$1.2 or just over \$1 million.

The question of funding

is the crux of what Phase II will look like come this time next year.

According to Mike Zopf, Northville's assistant superintendent for finance/operations, this final design/construction phase will exhaust the rest of the funds generated from the sinking fund meant for athletics. There was more than \$150,000 left over from the previous phase that will be used.

Zopf said the district has just over one million (\$1,015,000) set aside for this second phase. However, to get everything updated/renovated up to what is desired at the nearly 50-year-old football stadium it might cost nearly \$1.2 million.

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Northville Public Schools officials have decided to allow public access to the football stadium. It was locked and access denied to walkers on Nov. 9. Phase II of renovation work is planned for next year.



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Township's blessing ends controversy over church's move to Beck Road facility

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

An agreement has been reached between Northville Township and Detroit-based Triumph Church that should pave the way for the church to become the new occupant of the former Women of Purpose location on Beck Road.

According to new Northville Township Supervisor Bob Nix, who is the outgoing Planning Commission chairman, the special land use and site plan for Triumph Church were approved subject to conditions at the planning commission meeting on Oct. 30.

The special land use approval lays out what the permitted and prohibited uses are, as well as imposes certain restric-

tions, he said.

"Essentially, Triumph can use the existing site and certain buildings for their religious purposes," Nix said.

He said the restrictions include using the facility for church services only on Sundays and Saturdays as well as Wednesdays after 6:30 p.m. Triumph also can't do an expansion of the buildings without resubmitting for site plan review.

The site is located between Five Mile and Six Mile roads on the west side of Beck. At about 20 acres, the site has offices, classrooms, a chapel and a large sanctuary. Triumph's plans for the location are to use the 1,200-seat sanctuary, 400-seat chapel, administrative offices, adjacent children's building, fit-



FILE PHOTO

The Detroit-based Triumph Church reached an agreement with Northville Township to move into a large facility on Beck Road between Five Mile and Six Mile.

ness center and indoor lap pool.

Triumph Church has been a community organization in southwest Detroit since 1920 and has branched out to other locations around the metro area, including a church at Canton High School.

"We are excited for this development and the opportunity to expand," Triumph spokeswoman Dora Brown said. "We are looking forward to moving in and plan one being a great neighbor."

There is no scheduled move-in date yet. Brown said the conditions won't hinder their day to day operations. Additionally, they won't be using all of the buildings at the start, but over time they will work to determine their uses.

During the special land use process there were some concerns raised

by Northville Township residents, including increased traffic on the already busy Beck Road.

Another issue was Triumph's dispute of being subject to the special land use permit. Church officials had told the township they were prepared for litigation. The location has been used for church services in the past. But the litigation was avoided with the agreement, while township officials were able to take community input into account, which Nix said struck a good balance for all parties involved.

"The planning commission spent considerable time studying the matter, holding meetings to obtain input from our residents and considering the needs of the church," Nix said. "The process provided an opportunity for all to be heard and the special land use con-

ditions were fair and reasonable."

According to Planning Commission member Chris Roosen, the conditions define what the use will be.

"Basically, it's a church, but not a school, day care, or anything else not related to worship services," he said.

He said the issues were resolved by the township engaging Tim Wilhelm from the law firm Johnson-Rosati to work with the church's attorney on mutually agreeable language. It avoided any potential ill will or expensive litigation that might have happened otherwise, according to Roosen.

"I am very happy with and proud of the outcome, and look forward to seeing the site landscaping brought up to standard and wish the church much success,"

Roosen said.

He added that because this is such a unique site, with existing buildings that the church has no present plan for, should they come up with new uses for them then they would need to come back for additional approval.

According to Northville Township Community Development Director Jennifer Frey, for the special land use, there is not anything additional they need to submit or do. However, for the site plan, they need to revise it to comply with the conditions and upon doing so they can apply for applicable building permits. Frey sent a letter to the church that identifies outstanding items to be addressed, but has not received I have not received response yet.

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'Tremendous concern'

Local officials worried about governor's proposed changes to public education

By Brad Kadrich and Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writers

Gov. Rick Snyder has made it clear he believes the state needs to restructure the way it pays for and oversees public education.

The draft of his new act to govern the financing of education would allow K-12 students to choose school districts, expand use of online learning and hand out monetary incentives of \$2,500 per semester for finishing high school early.

If and when it makes its way through the legislative process, the proposed Michigan Public Education Finance Act would replace the School Aid Act of 1979.

And, while the governor believes the steps are necessary to create "career-ready citizens," local educators and some legislators have their doubts.

"I believe that our schools are an integral part of the fabric of our community," Northville superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher said. "There are many aspects of the draft proposal that cause tremendous concern about an underlying effort to dismantle public education in a way that could destroy this concept of community."

Lots of change

The draft bill was released last week on the Oxford Foundation's website at oxfordfoundationmi.com. It was drafted by Lansing attorney Richard McLellan and

is designed to allow students to learn "any time, any place, any way."

It would, among other things:

- Allow students to move to any district in the state willing to accept them. Districts would still have the ability to decide whether to participate in open enrollment.

- Give students access to online learning from across the state, with the cost paid by the state. Districts providing online courses would get public funding based on performance.

- Provide for per-pupil funding to follow students to whichever districts they use to learn. The funding would not follow them to private schools.

- Base funding on performance, once assessment and testing procedures are established.

Gallagher said among the areas of concern that could impact Northville negatively include: moving away from local control of schools, mandating open borders, requiring districts to lease/sell buildings paid for by taxpayers to charter schools which could be owned by for-profit organizations, placing an increased burden on public schools to maintain records and act as fiduciary for a student's foundation allowance, tracking and accepting credits and awarding a diploma regardless of where a student received his/her education.

"Reform efforts need to focus on working collectively and collab-

oratively to strengthen schools and communities, not tear them apart," Gallagher said. "We have exemplary schools committed to continuous improvement, strong property values, and an involved, supportive community. Our children and our future are worth taking the time for a thoughtful and balanced approach to reform."

State Rep. Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth, pointed out the draft bill is just that — a draft. It is, he said, "more of a 'white paper' right now" that obviously still has to go through the legislative process.

Some concerns

That said, Heise said there are things in the draft that concern him.

"The one thing I'm concerned about is the idea of open borders, where you potentially mandate school districts would have to accept students if spots were available," said Heise, a current member of the House Education Committee. "That's something I've resisted in the past and fought against. If necessary, I will fight it again."

Heise is also concerned about the online learning aspect of the draft. He pointed out the state recently approved an expansion of cyber schools in Michigan, but "with a lot of quality controls and restrictions."

"This sounds like we might be going back to wide-open online learning," Heise said. "We want to have better oversight and accountability

and a true determination of what the costs are."

State Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, said he likes the idea of state funding following the student. He said redefining the school aid act makes sure school funding is "more need-based."

"I like the idea the money stops with the kids and the parents, and they decide how to use it," Colbeck said.

And, while he also said districts "should have the power not to participate" in the open enrollment part of the plan, he said he likes most of the rest of the ideas outlined

in the draft.

"The rest of the attributes are pretty compelling," Colbeck said. "We want to put the power in the hands of the parents."

Heise said the governor would likely include more details in his State of the State address in January, and the House and Senate would obviously have to get involved in turning it into legislation.

He also said people should start "getting themselves informed" now in order to be prepared for the discussion that will come when bills eventually hit the ground, likely not until

February or March.

"There is a difference between what the governor is proposing and what might be in a bill," Heise said. "How much of that is a 'wish list' and how much is really going to be put in any bill? We all have reason to be concerned about what is in this white paper. But it's a long time through the education process."

"It's way too soon to say the whole thing is flawed or the whole thing will be wonderful," he added. "I doubt either one will be true."

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new bricks being placed at the crosswalks. These replaced the bricks that were damaged over the last year, specifically on Center and Main streets.

The next step in this area will have the DDA and design committee looking into some of the concerns raised by members of the Paralyzed Veterans of America over last winter/spring pertaining to accessibility.

Ward said two handicapped tables will be purchased for Town Square to accommodate wheelchairs. In addition, the drinking fountain there will be relocated to allow full access and bricks will be adjusted to address trip hazards. A handicap zone will also be created next to

the buildings, so this will require addressing the location of street furniture.

Another project still in the works is the Comerica Community Connection, which every passerby can attest to as the building on Main Street is currently under construction with barriers shielding it. After some setbacks, the project is back on track and much of the brick that was taken off the building during the stabilization work has been put back up.

Ward said the DDA has worked out some other issues with the contractor, Bernco Inc., for the reconstruction costs for the masonry wall and some other add-ons.

"All issues were resolved favorably to the DDA and city," Ward said.

There is, however, still a lot of work to go

on this pedestrian walk-through.

"The big question is when will we be able to walk through this space," Presley said to Ward.

She said the hope is before the end of the year. Some issues still remain with the rear parking lot and work on it will be delayed until spring. Over the winter, the inside look of the walkway will also begin to come together.

At the next design committee meeting, the discussion will be on the walkway's signage and final design as well as the Marquis parking lot design and wayfinding signs for the downtown. It will be held at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 13 at city hall, in the downstairs meeting room.

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Christmas Cookie Walk & Boutique

Thousands of homemade Christmas cookies and beautifully packaged candy, bread, nuts, popcorn and more will be for sale on Saturday, Dec. 8 at the Fourth Annual Christmas Cookie Walk & Boutique at Meadowbrook Congregational Church, 21355 Meadowbrook Road in Novi. Cookies will be \$9 per pound with other items priced individually. Each participant will receive a box (or as many boxes as needed) and gloves to walk among tables laden with trays of holiday cookies and other delights. Pre-boxed wrapped cookie assortments also will be available. Doors open at 9 a.m., but entry numbers will be distributed starting at 8:30 a.m. Participants are encouraged to arrive early to avoid the rush. Free coffee and "broken cookie" samples will be served to those waiting in line. Admission is free. Participants also may tour Meadowbrook's Meeting House (sanctuary) decorated for Advent. Guides will share information about the history and architecture of the church. Proceeds from the event go to the church and its missions. For more information, call (248) 348-7757 or visit www.mbccc.org.

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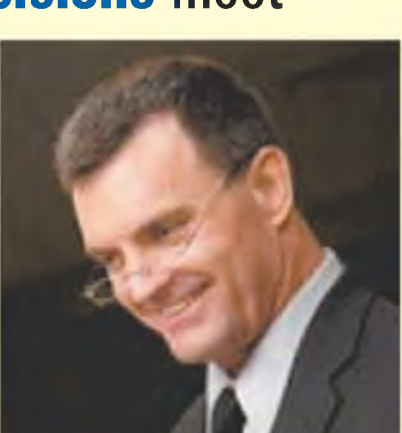
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Detroit Lions linebacker Stephen Tulloch will be the featured speaker at the Northville Township Police Department's D.A.R.E. graduation ceremony on Wednesday at Northville High School.

Stephen Tulloch, Mike Babcock to help get anti-drug message across to local students

By Kurt Kuban
Staff Writer

For the last 10 weeks, about 140 students enrolled in the Northville Township Police Department's D.A.R.E. program have been learning why it's important to make smart decisions when it comes to drugs and surrounding themselves with friends that also make good decisions.

On Wednesday, they will hear from a couple people who know what kind of possibilities are out there for kids who make the right choices and don't get involved with drugs.

Detroit Lions linebacker Stephen Tulloch will be the guest speaker at the annual D.A.R.E. graduation ceremony, which will take place at 7 p.m. on Dec. 5 in the Northville High School auditorium. Red Wings Coach Mike Babcock will also be at the event to meet with the graduates and others who attend.

The students graduating include 6th graders from Meads Mill Middle School, as well as 5th graders from Silver Springs, Moraine, Ridge Wood, and Winchester elementary schools.

The event will kick

off with comments by Officer Caroline Czelada, who is the D.A.R.E. instructor for the Northville Township Police Department — one of only five departments in Wayne County that still offers D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education). The program has been one of the first cuts as law enforcement budgets have plunged in recent years.

Czelada said the program, which has a structured curriculum, is voluntary. Students met with her once a week for 10 weeks to discuss the dangers of tobacco, alcohol, marijuana and inhalants. They also learned about bullying, peer pressure and why it's important not to surround themselves with friends who make poor decisions.

According to Czelada, this will be the first year the D.A.R.E. graduation ceremony will take place at the high school. She is hoping that the participation of Tulloch and Babcock will also raise the profile of the program.

"Previously we have done the graduations at Meads Mill. They were pretty small. I've changed the location, and am trying to make it

more of an event," said Czelada, who has been in charge of the D.A.R.E. program for about two years. "This event is open to the public. I'm really trying to broaden its appeal. I want people to come out, fill the seats and have a big audience."

Czelada said she isn't sure exactly what Tulloch will talk about, but she is pretty sure it will have something to do with how making good decisions in youth can lead to future success.

"I think he will be discussing the decisions he made growing up, and how it has led him to a career as a professional football player," she said.

That is a message she hopes resonates with all the students in attendance, especially the 5th and 6th graders who are entering the age when they are typically confronted with drugs and other complicated issues for the first time.

In addition to Tulloch's speech, eight of the graduates will be recognized as this year's essay winners. Each student that goes through the program must write an essay about what they've learned.

Czelada said the event should last about an hour.

School district hires firm to help implement new technology projects

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

The Northville Public School District will be contracting with Wright & Hunter over the next five years for design and management help as it begins implementing projects as part of the nearly \$21 million technology bond.

This decision comes on the heels of the 58 percent voter approval of the technology bond proposal on Nov. 6, which will be implemented in a two-part plan. The estimated cost for the scope of the entire project is just over \$17 million.

At their last meeting, the Northville Board of Education approved a contract with Wright & Hunter for \$811,550, which is for technology consultant services, project design and management for technology bond projects.

The contracted services recommendation did have provisional allocation of \$120,000 for construction management, but that was withheld

at this time. It is subject to the onsite, room by room review that will take place in the next couple of weeks. Should there be a significant difference in anticipated cost as a result of the site review; the allocation will be reviewed by the school board.

According to the recommendation report put together by human resources director David Rodgers and technology director Andrew Piazza, Wright & Hunter will assist in a designing and implementation of the set projects.

Projects in 2013 will include the installation of a server, data storage, HCVAC and power system, network data drops and cabling, and a complete phone system refresh. In the classrooms there will be the replacement of 3,000 desktop and laptop computers with software installed. And starting with the high school, the district will begin installing interactive whiteboards and training staff to use them for instruc-

tion. "Phase I has the impact to student and instructional delivery," the report stated. "The first wave has a tight timeline on removing old infrastructure and implementing new technology."

Project management will be shared with the Northville Educational Technology Department in several key areas. The district's department will handle day to day duties and manage the installation of key components while Wright & Hunter provides consultation and oversight. In the other areas of work, the contractor will provide the bulk of the design and project management with ongoing communication with the district.

The second phase will focus on the remainder of the buildings that need interactive whiteboards, tablets as well as the rest of the non-instructional components like security cameras, door access and audio/visual presentation rooms.

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NORTHVILLE SCHOOL BRIEFS

Holiday concerts

It takes three evenings to spotlight the wide variety of Northville High School vocal music programs. A memorable mixture of music and vocal styles will be accented by music from the symphonic bands at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 18, Wednesday, Dec. 19 and Thursday, Dec. 20 in the school's auditorium.

Tickets are \$7 and go on sale Dec. 3. They will be available at the school box office 2:15-3 p.m. Monday through Friday and prior to each of the performances. Reservations can be made by e-mail at prycema@northville.k12.mi.us or by calling (248) 344-8420 ext. 50711.

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.

Playground benefit

The Thornton Creek Elementary Playground Committee invites the community to a children's concert by the Swingset Mamas, a nationally-renowned musical group with positive songs like "If I Became the President" and "Take a Walk in Someone Else's Shoes." Their CD, Mamamorphosis, received a 2011 Parents Choice Award. To learn more about the band, check out their website at www.swingsetmamas.com.

They will perform two shows on Saturday, Jan. 19 — at 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. — in the Northville High School auditorium. Pre-order tickets for \$5 or take your chances at the door for \$8. The shows are free for kids under 2 sitting on a lap. Proceeds will fund new playground equipment at Thornton Creek Elementary.

Purchase tickets by visiting www.showtix4u.com/index.php?submit=Search+for+Events¤t_client=0421351211091233. More information can be found on Facebook at www.facebook.com/pages/A-Cause-for-Play/451323324912986 or by e-mailing questions to acauseforplay@gmail.com.

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The wish list includes reworking the concessions, facilities like restrooms, locker rooms, entry ways as well as the fencing and walkways.

The design team will be coming back to the school board with different options at various price ranges. The goal is to not put too much of a burden on an ongoing fundraising effort, but rather to see what can be done within the money available to the district.

During the first phase, the district installed turf and new lighting as well as a renovated press box, scoreboard and audio system.

A \$500,000 family gift from an anonymous donor along with a generous gift of \$100,000 from the Friends of Northville Parks & Recreation helped propel the first phase. The Turf Club worked hard to raise another \$600,000 toward a \$1.1 million fundraising goal.

The club, a consortium of community members representing numerous Northville area organizations and businesses, was formed in November 2011 to raise the additional \$500,000 required to complete Phase I improvements.

Their goal now is to raise \$250,000 for the final renovations by May 2013. The club will host a big fundraiser — A Night for Northville — on Feb. 23.

Public Access

The school district will be opening the stadium to the public, similar to how it was before the renovations were done.

Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher called the access issue "somewhat sensitive."

"There are a variety of perspectives in our community with regard to accessing the stadium," she said.

This expanded access is outside of the regular rental or team use. It takes into account people wanting to use the track, which many did in the past. However, Zopf said the stadium had been locked up during the past several months, but now security cameras are in place.

Even with the locks there were issues with graffiti and vandalism at the field earlier this fall related to a football game.

The question before the school board was whether to grant it or not. Considering the public's help with the renovations by passing the sinking fund and the fact that many in the surrounding neighborhoods regularly used the old stadium led the district to open it back up to the public, a move favored by school board president Dottie Garrity. She said she has heard complaints from both sides but said there were incidents even when it was locked up.

Athletic Director Bryan Masi said the issue isn't with the walkers or runners, it's the other things they have to fix because of a lack of common sense by people using the field. In the past there has been an issue with bringing pets into the stadium.

The idea of putting in a turn style will be looked at as well as posting some rules at the entrances.

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CALEY, VERONICA

Died peacefully Wednesday, November 21 surrounded by her family. She is survived by her husband Don, her daughter Donna McClurkan, Sister Marian VanGinneken, Son-in-Law Mac McClurkan and grand-daughter Anna McClurkan. Veronica was born in Budapest, Hungary in 1936. She and her family narrowly survived the Nazi occupation in World War II and the Russian occupation that followed. She came to Detroit in 1946 after the war and graduated Mackenzie High School. She married Don Caley in 1954 and moved to Livonia where they started a family. They then moved to Dearborn Heights, to Wayne and then to Milford where they retired. While raising a family, she began college part-time, and finally graduated with a Masters degree in history from University of Michigan in 1966. She taught history, comparative religion and psychology at Trenton High School. She was also an early pioneer in the women's rights movement. Veronica was a voracious reader and political junkie. She loved movies, dogs, piano playing, music, camping, and cooking. A tireless volunteer, she worked with the Oakland Literacy Council, the Milford Library, the American Sailing Institute, the Milford election commission, the Oakland County Democratic Party, Planned Parenthood and the ACLU.

COTTING, ROGER B.

Age 69, November 25, 2012. Beloved Husband of Elizabeth for 11 years. Loving father of Chris Cotting (Robyn); step-father of Faye Stevenson-Twist (David). Cherished grandfather of Eleanor Grace, Shannon Polly, and Liam Jacob. Dear brother of Charles Cooper Cotting (Debbie). Memorial Service 1 p.m. Saturday, December 1, 2012 at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, 33603 Grand River Ave., Downtown Farmington (1 blk. W. of Farmington Rd.). Visiting on Saturday from 12 noon until service. www.thayer-rock.com



CZACHOWSKI, SIGMUND F. "JOHN" "SIG"

Age 89, died on November 21, 2012. He was preceded in death by his wife, Edith Czachowski in 1984, and is survived by his daughter, Linda "Lynn" (Douglas) Pramstaller; his son, Ron Czachowski; grandchildren, Laurie (Douglas) Schuster and Lisa Pramstaller; great grandchildren, Alicia and Jenna Schuster; brother, Frank (Wanda) and numerous nieces, nephews and dear friends. Mr. Czachowski served as a Corporal in the European Theatre with the U.S. Army during WWII, and for many years owned and operated Johnny's Barber Shop on Grand River, two blocks west of Southfield Road in Detroit. Mass of the Resurrection was held at Church of the Holy Spirit, Highland on Monday, November 26, 2012. Burial Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. Memorials may be made in his name to the Church of the Holy Spirit Women's Club or to VFW Post 4357 Honor Guard in Brighton. For further information please phone 248-684-6645 or visit LynchFuneralDirectors.com

Dr. Thomas M. Cook

Age 78, resident of Northville, passed 11/20/2012. Funeral held 11/26/2012. Contributions to St. Paul's Lutheran Church. www.casterlinefuneralhome.com

Paying Tribute to the Life of Your Loved One

DIVEN, JEAN D.

Age 90, passed away November 22, 2012 at her home surrounded by her loving family. She was born on June 18, 1922 in Flint, daughter of the late Ernest and Mary Potter. Prior to moving to South Lyon in 1990, Jean resided in Redford Township for many years. She is survived by her loving children: Paul (Jan), Carl (Carol), Jane, Keith (Cindy), Kurt (Julie) and Pat (Brad) Parks. She is also survived by 13 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren and many loving friends. She was preceded in death by her husband Charles in 1997. Visitation was held on Sunday, November 25 at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon, MI. Funeral Mass was celebrated on Monday, November 26 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, South Lyon. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Joseph Catholic Church. Online guestbook at www.phillipsfuneral.com.

GAZLAY, ELIZABETH PETTITT

Of Northville and Benzonia, Michigan died November 20th at Presbyterian Village of Redford. "Biz" was born Sept. 12, 1919 in Benzonia to Jay S. Pettitt and Florence Newman Pettitt. She graduated from Olivet College and in 1942 married Francis Gazlay who preceded her in death this May. She is survived by brother Jay Pettitt Jr., children Julie Lundstedt, Chris Gazlay, Mark Gazlay and Martha Conley, 11 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren. For over 30 years Biz was devoted to the preschoolers at Northville Coland Operative Nursery where she cared for generations of "graduates" and was happy to hear from them as their families grew. Kind and loving, she particularly enjoyed hearing from and about grandchildren and their families. She was an original recycler and coupon clipper and closely followed the Detroit Tigers and Lions. Wayne State University Medical School has received her remains and interment of cremains will be in Benzonia Twp. Cemetery.

GILLIES, ISSY (ISBEL)

Age 76, November 24, 2012. Preceded in death by parents Helen and Duncan and brothers Daniel and Peter. Survived by twin sister Grace Lindsey and sister Jean (Robert) Ward, nephews Phillip, David (Tim), Steven, Neil (Renese), Glen (Maria) and Scot (Connie). Also survived by many loving great and great-great nieces and nephews. Visitation Friday 6-8pm and Saturday 9 am until time of service 10 am at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Rd., Livonia. Interment Roseland Park Cemetery. www.harryjwillfuneralhome.co m

GRAHAM, RUBY C.

Age 57, passed away November 23, 2012. Funeral Nov 28, 11 am PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. phillipsfuneral.com



LORD, MARY ALICE

A former resident of Springfield, Illinois and Royal Oak, Michigan, died on November 20, 2012, at the age of 89. She was preceded in death by her husband, Teddy Lord, and is survived by her daughter, Marcia (Kenneth) Jenkinson; grandsons, Paul (Sheila) Jenkinson and David (Valerie) Jenkinson; great grandchildren, Hannah, Hope, and Kenny. Mary was the youngest of nine children born to John and Emma (Miller) Hale and grew up on the family farm in Riverton. She was a State Champion pianist and was a 67 year member and Past Matron of the Riverton Eastern Star, now the Flower City Eastern Star. Funeral Services were held at OakPointe Church Milford, on Tuesday, November 27, 2012. Burial services will be held in the chapel at Oak Ridge Cemetery in Springfield, Illinois, on Thursday, November 29, at 1PM. Memorials may be made in her name to Flower City Chapter No. 152, Order of the Eastern Star of Illinois, Jim Pinkerton, Secretary, 2109 Sunstone Court, Springfield, IL 62704. For further information please phone Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, Milford, 248-684-6645 or visit LynchFuneralDirectors.com



GREYERBIEHL, MARGARET MARY (NEE ELLIOT)

82, of Charlevoix, died Tuesday November 20, 2012 at Georgia House in Charlevoix surrounded by her family and the loving and generous care of the Georgia House staff. A Rite of Christian Burial was held Saturday, November 24th, at St. Mary's Church in Charlevoix. Burial took place at St. Mary's Cemetery in Charlevoix. Margaret was born November 1, 1930 in Ubyly, MI to Jack and Katherine (Zulauf) Elliot. She graduated from Ubyly High School in 1949 and worked as a bookkeeper for WXYZ Radio in Detroit for several years. She also held various positions in banking and accounting during her career. She was a member of St. Mary's Church in Charlevoix and the Holy Rosary Society. On September 3, 1949 she married Don H. Greyerbiehl in Ubyly. They raised their family in Hartland and Royal Oak, MI. Following Don's retirement, they made their home in several places, settling in East Jordan from 1997 until 2005 and then moving to Charlevoix. Don preceded Margaret in death on February 12, 2012. Margaret is survived by her sons, Mark (Vicky) of Charlevoix, Scott (Diane) of Birmingham (MI), Paul of Highland; daughters, Donna Greyerbiehl of Ann Arbor, Erin (Joshua) Leach of Fowlerville; daughter-in-law, Shelly Greyerbiehl of Petoskey; grandchildren, Katie, Troy, Michael, Kevin, Danielle, Kelly, Dalton, Cody, Lacey, and Sara. Margaret's son Eric preceded her in death in 2005. She was also preceded in death by her brother, Walter Scott and sister, Marlene McNutt. Don and Margaret also fostered thirteen children. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the St. Mary's Church for the new Adoration Chapel c/o 1003 Bridge St., Charlevoix, MI 49720 or to St. Jude Children's Hospital c/o St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105. Please sign Margaret's guestbook at: winchesterfuneralhome.com

GUERTIN, JUDITH E.

Age 75, of Milford, passed away on November 15, 2012. For info call Lynch & Sons at 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com.



HOFFMAN, PATRICIA "PATTY"

Age 60, November 13th, 2012. Beloved daughter of Betty Allen and the late Cass Hoffman and step-daughter of the late Mike Allen. After graduating from Northville High School in 1970, Patty earned a bachelor's degree from Central Michigan University and a Master's degree from the University of Arizona; both in speech pathology. Patty used her talents to teach children in Anchorage, Alaska for 27 years. Patty dearly loved her Alaskan Husky named Marco. Funeral services were held November 17th at the First Presbyterian Church in Northville, Michigan. Contributions may be made to the Cancer Treatment Centers of America, Western Regional Medical Center, 14200 W. Fillmore Street, Goodyear, Arizona 85338.

JONES, JIMMY A.

age 67, of New Hudson, passed away November 19, 2012. A private family service was held. Guestbook phillipsfuneral.com

STROUSS, DOROTHY E WETZEL

Age 92, on Nov. 20, 2012. Services were on Sat., Nov 24, 2012. LynchFuneralDirectors.com

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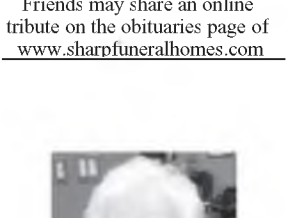
PEARCE, DEBORAH E.

Age 57, passed away November 25, at home, surrounded by her loving family. She was born on August 17, 1955, in Merrill, Wisconsin. Deborah enjoyed reading and was employed at Walmart and formerly Kohls. The most important thing in her life was her children and her family. She is survived by her loving mother, Betty Rutkowski; her beloved children: Ardin & Ginger Hamerstad, Adam & Tina Hamerstad, Joshua Pearce, Nicholas & Lindsay Pearce and Lindsay & Randy Raymor. She is also survived by her grandchildren: Dalton, Taylor, Dylan, Alyson, Cathryne, Reagan, Lylia, Daisy and Alyssa; her sisters: Lucinda Harlow, Roxanne Mangum, Kandie Saxe, Theresa Stolpa and her brothers: James Taylor and Randy Rutkowski. She was preceded in death by her father James R. Taylor. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, November 28 from 3:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. Funeral services and interment will be held in Merrill, Wisconsin. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital. Online Guestbook at www.phillipsfuneral.com



PENN, JOANNE MARIE

Age 79, of Fenton, passed away Tuesday, November 20, 2012 at the University of Michigan Hospital, Ann Arbor. Cremation has taken place. Funeral arrangements provided by Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Joanne was born November 8, 1933 in South Lyon Michigan, the daughter of the late Louis J. and Eva (Kelchner) Underhill. Surviving are: husband, Gary R. Penn of Fenton; son, Gary B. and Bethany Penn of Fenton; daughter, Susan Penn and David Dierauer of Okemos MI; 6 grandchildren. Taylor Penn, Garrett Penn, Oscar Penn, Eric Dierauer, Carl Dierauer and Yehva Dierauer. Friends may share an online tribute on the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com



TROSIN, RUTH MAY

December 31, 1925 - November 19, 2012. Age 86 of South Lyon. Beloved mother of Tim Trosin (deceased), Jim Trosin & Darlene Mickel. Mother-in-law of Cindy and Debbie Trosin. Cherished 9 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren. Memorial Service @ 11:00 am (with lunch immediately following) Monday, December 10, 2012. Central United Methodist Church, 3882 Highland Road, Waterford, MI 48328. (248) 681-0040



VENTRELLA, FRANK

Age 53, November 18, 2012. Beloved husband of Lisa. Loving father of Gina, Tony and Ellie. Dear son of Joseph and Mary Ventrella. Brother of Michael (Sharon) and Joan (Bruce) Steinheister. Frank generously worked with the Autistic Education Program in the Birmingham Public Schools for over 25 years. Donations can be made to the Unlimited Strides Scholarship Fund in care of Frank Ventrella. Services for Frank were Already held. Arrangements by the Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home: 1-248-348-1233

APPOINTMENT

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tion," Gangopadhyay said.

Gangopadhyay, who lives in Northville Township, has a long and distinguished career. Prior to coming to The Henry Ford, she served as executive director of the Plymouth Community Arts Council (2006-2008), a position she also held at the Great Lakes Center for Education, Research and Practice from 2000 to 2001, the Commission for Lansing Schools Success (CLASS) from 1998 to 2000, and Meridian Historical Village from 1995 to 1998. She was also a curator at the Public Museum of Grand Rapids from 2002 to 2006.

She has also served on many state and national boards, including the Michigan Humanities Council.

It is that experience that attracted the attention of Obama and the Institute of Museum and Library Service.

"I am delighted to welcome Ms. Gangopadhyay to the board. Through her service she will help libraries and museums throughout the United States contribute to the educational, cultural and civic life of our nation," said IMLS Director Susan Hildreth. "She is a well-recognized expert and we are looking forward to having her strategic advice to strengthen IMLS's grant making, research and policy advisory roles."

Gangopadhyay said she is looking forward to her new role.

"I have always been passionate about the critical role museums and libraries play in advancing life-long learning, especially now, with the availability of digital technology. I hope to contribute innovative ideas for further community engagement and impact in the national arena," she said.

For more information about the National Museum and Library Services Board visit the Institute's website at www.imls.gov/about/board.shtm.

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 Contemporary Worship at 9:30 & 11 a.m.
 Children's Programs available at 9:30 & 11 a.m.
 The Traditional Service is broadcast on the radio each week at 11 a.m. on 560 AM

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 www.fpcnorthville.org
 200 E. MAIN ST. AT HUTTON
 Worship & Church School 10:00 am
248-349-0911

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 Preschool, Pre-K & Kdg. - Mo. Synod
 620 General Motors Rd., Milford
 Church office: (248) 684-0895
 Sunday Service 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
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Rev. Peter Larson

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 133 Detroit St., Milford • 684-5695
Pastor Steve Swartz
 Sunday School (all ages) 9:45 a.m. • Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.
 Young Adult Bible Study During the Week
 Adults, Wednesdays, 6:45-8:15 p.m., 3-year old to 6th grade
 Website: milfordfb.org

WEST HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH
 1116 S. Hickory Ridge Rd., Milford, MI 48360
 248-887-1218
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 Wednesday All Ages: 7:00 p.m.
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 1250 South Hill Rd.
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 (248) 685-3560
 Contemporary Worship Service: Sunday 9:15 am & 11:15 am
 Adventurous Children's Program: Sunday 9:15 am & 11:15 am
 Middle School Student Ministries: Sunday 9:15 am
 High School Student Ministries: Sunday Evening 6-9 pm
 Women, Men and Life Groups: Various Schedules

Milford United Methodist Church
 1200 Atlantic St., Milford, MI 48361
Sunday Worship at 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.
 Groups for Children, Youth and Adults
248-684-2798
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 Worship-10:30 a.m.
 www.newhudsonumc.org

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 57855 Grand River Ave., New Hudson, MI 48165
 Phone 248-474-9108
 Sunday Celebration of Life Service 10:30 a.m.
Rev. Suzanne Paul, Minister
 Website: http://www.newhopeuu.org

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 (248) 349-1144
 777 West 8 Mile Road • (8 Mile and Taft Road)
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 Memorial Day - Labor Day 8:30 and 10:00 a.m.
Rev. Dr. Steven J. Buck, Senior Pastor
 www.1stunorthville.org

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 133 Orchard Dr., Northville
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 Sunday, 7:30, 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.
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 Religious Education 349-2559
Rev. Denis Theroux, Pastor

Our Savior Apostolic Lutheran Church
 54899 8 Mile Rd. at Currie Rd.
 Northville, MI. 48167
 Pastor Andy Whitten
 Phone 248-374-2268
 Sunday School (ages 5-12) at 10 AM
 Adult Sunday Bible Study at 10 AM
 Sunday Service at 11 AM
 Bible Study, Wednesdays at 7:00 PM

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 46325 10 Mile Rd. • Novi, MI 48374
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 Sunday 8, 9:30 & 11:30 a.m.
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 Parish Office: 347-7778

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Rev. Arthur Ritter, Senior Minister

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 248-349-2652
 www.unmchmi.com

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH
 24505 Meadowbrook Rd., Novi, MI 48375
 Saturday: 4:30 p.m. (English) & 6:30 p.m. (Spanish)
 Sunday: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.
Fr. Bob LaCroix, Pastor
Fr. Michael Zuelch, Associate
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HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL
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 Healing Service Wednesday 11:45 am
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 holycrossnovi@gmail.com

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 Adult Bible Study: 9 a.m.

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 22200 Pontiac Trail, South Lyon (South of 9 Mile Road)
 Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 11:00 a.m.
 Refuel Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.
 Youth at 6:30 p.m.
Rev. David Brown, Pastor
 248-437-2222 • www.fellowshippepc.org

The Church of Christ
 21860 Pontiac Trail • South Lyon, MI 48178
 (248) 437-3585 • www.southlyonccc.org
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 10:30 a.m. Praise and Worship
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 205 E. Lake (10 Mile) 248.437.2875
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Rev. Michael Horlocker, Pastor
 www.1stpsouthlyon.org

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 304 N. Lafayette Street
 South Lyon MI 48178
 Sunday Worship 9:10 AM
 Education Hour 10:30 AM
 Rev. Bart Muller, Pastor
 248-486-4404
 www.shepherdswaysouthlyon.org

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SOUTH LYON
 60820 Marjorie Ann St., South Lyon 48178
 Phone: 248-437-2983
 Sunday School 9:45 a.m. • Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
 Evening Service 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.
 Senior Pastor: Rob Freeseur / Assoc. Pastor: Sandy White
 Website: www.fbcsouthlyon.com
 Email: fbcsouthlyon@digital.net

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 640 S. Lafayette (248) 437-0760
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 Sunday School: 9:30 am Children, 9:40 am Teens & Adults
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 Kids Church 8:45 & 10:30 a.m.
 Youth Night - Wed. 6:45 - 8:00 p.m.
 Grief Share: Mon. at 6:30 p.m.

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

Northville Winter Market to transform downtown into winter wonderland

If you're looking for something festive to do this weekend with the family, somewhere to do some Christmas shopping, or just want to get into the holiday spirit, downtown Northville is the place to be.

The Northville Winter Market will take place Saturday and Sunday. The streets will be shut down to traffic — unless you decide to take advantage of horse and carriage rides, which will be offered at Center Street near the intersection with Main Street. There will be plenty of other holiday-themed activities, including an old-fashioned carousel, live reindeer exhibit, ice carving demonstrations, and a chance to meet Santa. Carolers will also be strolling the streets.

You might say Northville will be turned into a winter wonderland.

The event, which will take place on Main Street between Center and Hutton, is being sponsored by the Northville Downtown Development Authority, Northville Chamber of

Commerce and Begonia Brothers. Hours are noon-8 p.m. on Saturday and noon-4 p.m. on Sunday. The schedule of activities and highlights include:

- An old-fashioned carousel will be located near the intersection of Main and Hutton Streets.

- All the boys and girls can visit Santa and tell him what is on their wish lists when they visit Santa's cottage in Town Square from noon-4 p.m.

- Juried artists and crafters will have booths in the middle of Main Street. They will have plenty of gift ideas for sale.

- Begonia Brothers will have a supply of wreaths, roping and other holiday greenery available to purchase at the Greens Market in Town Square.

- Horse and carriage rides around the downtown area. Carriage rides start on Center Street near the Main Street intersection.

- A live reindeer exhibit.

- Ice carving demonstrations will take place on Main Street.

- Plenty of food and drinks will be available, including hot chocolate to warm up.

- The Cookie Station — Decorate Gingerbread cookies with Edward's Café & Caterer for \$3 each. Proceeds benefit the No One Dies Alone Program out of St. Joseph Mercy Oakland. Statistics show that nationally and in Michigan, more than one-half of all individuals die in hospitals. This program is designed to assist patients, who have no family or few family members. A No One Dies Alone (NODA) volunteer will visit or sit with them near their time of death. Our mission is that no one would have to be alone at death, and that they would die with dignity and in comfort. All proceeds from the cookie sales will go towards providing items for the care carts that go in the rooms for each patient.

For more information about the Winter Market, visit www.downtown-northville.com.

Wayne County judge shifts residency, owes property taxes in Birmingham

By Jay M. Grossman
Staff Writer

Before Dana Hathaway takes the bench on the Wayne County Circuit Court, she might want to get her house in order.

Two homes, actually. Hathaway owes Birmingham Schools

approximately \$6,500 in additional taxes, plus penalties and interest to Oakland County

and the city of Birmingham after she rescinded a house at 174 Catalpa as her principal residence for the past three years.

Birmingham Billing Manager Janet Laing said Hathaway purchased the house in 2010 and had been paying taxes at the principal residence rate. She came into Birmingham City Hall on Nov. 5 with an affidavit declaring the Catalpa Street house as a non-principal residence.

Laing said Hathaway has to pay the additional taxes because in Michigan, a property owner is not allowed to declare two homes as their primary residence.

Hathaway was elected in November to serve



For the past three years, newly-elected Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Dana Hathaway said this Birmingham house was her primary residence. Earlier this month, she changed her tune and now lists a house in Grosse Pointe Farms as her primary residence.

a six-year term on the Wayne County Third Circuit Court. She's the daughter of Michigan Supreme Court Justice Diane Hathaway, who's being investigated by the FBI over allegations of mortgage fraud.

Dana Hathaway declined to comment on this story. She's listing a house in Grosse Pointe Farms as her principal residence, a necessary move since she ran for office in Wayne County.

According to real estate records, she and her husband purchased the house in March 2010 for about \$310,000. It was placed into foreclosure by the previous owner. The 3,657-square-foot house was built in 2000.

It's now back on the back on the market with a listed selling price of \$560,000.

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SYNOPSIS
NOVEMBER 15, 2012 – REGULAR MEETING
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DATE: Thursday, November 15, 2012
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
PLACE: 44405 Six Mile Road

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Abbo called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
PRESENT: Mark Abbo, Supervisor; Marjorie Banner, Trustee; Sue Hillebrand, Clerk; Marv Gans, Trustee; Richard Henningsen, Treasurer; Mindy Herrmann, Trustee; Christopher Roosen, Trustee


PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

- Agendas:**
 - Approve the Consent and Regular Agendas with additions of 5.F and 5.G to the agenda.
- Appointments, Presentations, Resolutions & Announcements:**
 - Robert Nix - appoint to WTUA Representative - approved
 - Marjorie Banner - appoint to WTUA Alternate - approved
 - ICMA Resolution - approved
- Public Hearing: None**
- Brief Public Comments:** Wayne County Commissioner Laura Cox presented a Resolution to Supervisor Abbo, Treasurer Henningsen and Trustee Roosen that will be mentioned in the Wayne County Journal. She stated that it has been a pleasure working with them. A resident on an Eight Mile subdivision talked re: sidewalks to schools. Supervisor Abbo stated it is in the works. Troop 755 - First Presbyterian Church of Northville attended the meeting to receive their honor badge.
- New Business:**
 - MERS Service Credit - approved
 - 2013 Holiday Schedule - approved
 - DPS - Beck Rd. Pressure District - Payment # 1- approved
 - DPS - Beck Rd. Pressure District - Payment #2 - approved
 - DPS - Beck Rd. Pressure District Booster Improvements - C.O. #1 - approved
 - Wayne County annual permits - approved
 - Waterford Cemetery - approved
- Unfinished Business: None**
- Ordinances: None**
- Bills Payable: A.** Bills payable in the amount of \$1,915,349.54 - approved
- Board Communication & Reports from the following:** Mark Abbo, Sue Hillebrand, Richard Henningsen, Marjorie Banner, Marv Gans, Mindy Herrmann, Christopher Roosen, Chip Snider
- Any other business or public comment for the Board of Trustees:** Treasurer Henningsen said a few kind words about each of the Board members. He stated this Board has been the best ever. Trustee Roosen stated he wished Commissioner Cox was still in the audience because he wanted to tell her thank-you for all the work toward the pathway. Supervisor Abbo stated he has been blessed for the opportunity to do this and congratulations to the future board and Thank-you. Supervisor Abbo handed the gavel over to Robert Nix, the next Township Supervisor.
- ADJOURN:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.


This is a synopsis of the meeting. A draft of the unapproved minutes will be available after November 29, 2012.

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

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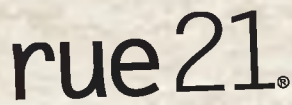
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- Holiday Market, Canton, (734) 844-2200; Royal Oak (248) 541-1414, www.holidaymarkets.com
- Gigi's Mode, Plymouth, (734) 254-8774, www.gigis-mode.webs.com
- Victorian Lace Elegance, Farmington Hills, (248) 474-4690, www.sandisangels.com
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- Your Michigan Connection, Northville, (248) 380-9292, www.yourmiconn.com
- Zodiac Ranch, Milford, (248) 202-0178, www.backto-backalpaca.com
- Park West Gallery, Southfield, (800) 521-9654, www.parkwestgallery.com
- Just Baked, several locations, www.justbakedshop.com
- Jeffrey Allen Jewelers, Milford, (248) 684-4483
- Basket Kreations, Plymouth, (734) 354-9156, www.basketkreationsandgifts.com
- The Old Winery Farmers Market, Farmington, www.theoldwinerymarket.com
- Fun Stuff!, Birmingham, (248) 760-9749, www.other-funstuff.com
- Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center, Birmingham, (248) 644-0866, www.bbart.org
- Cranbrook Institute of Science, Bloomfield Hills, (877) GO CRANBROOK, www.cranbrook.edu
- Achatz Handmade Pie Co., Beverly Hills, (248) 594-6111, www.achatzpies.com
- The Northville Winery, (248) 344-2131, www.thenorthvillewinery.com
- Main Street Art, Milford, (248) 684-1004, www.mainstreetartmilford.com
- Huron Valley Council for the Arts, Highland, (248) 889-8660, www.huronvalleyarts.org
- Hiller's, Northville (248) 344-4001, Plymouth (734) 420-5555 and West Bloomfield (248) 851-7100, www.hillers.com
- Westborn Market, Livonia (734) 524-1000, Berkley (248) 547-1000, www.westbornmarket.com
- Keg & Wine, Redford, (313) 538-1888
- The Rust Belt Market, Ferndale, www.rustbeltmarket.com
- State of Mind Gallery, Northville, www.stateofmind-gallery.com
- Art-is-in Market, Twelve Oaks Mall, Novi, (248) 380-4992 and Laurel Park Place Mall, Livonia, (734) 432-9177, www.artisinmarket.com
- ACO Hardware, 12-plus stores in the area; go to www.achardware.com
- Busch's, www.buschs.com (locations in Plymouth, Farmington Hills, Livonia, South Lyon and more)
- Kroger, www.krogers.com (locations throughout metro area)
- Meijer, www.meijer.com (locations throughout metro area)
- Northville Public Library, (248) 348-5001, www.northvillelibrary.org
- Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak, (248) 898-5000, www.beaumont.edu
- Providence Hospital, Southfield, (248) 849-3000, www.stjohnprovidence.org
- Three Dog Bakery, Plymouth, (734) 453-9663, www.threedogbakeryplymouth.com
- McK's Wine Shoppe, Garden City, (734) 427-7071
- Sisters Art and Gifts, Westland Shopping Center, no phone or web address
- After the Rain, Milford, (248) 685-9100
- City Style, Berkley, (248) 548-2489, www.citystyleinc.com
- The Shirt Box, Farmington Hills, (248) 851-6770, www.theshirtbox.com
- Lafayette Party Store, South Lyon, (248) 437-3666
- Joe's Produce and Gourmet Market, Livonia, (248) 477-4333, www.joesproduce.com
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- Guernsey Farms Dairy, Northville, (248) 349-1466, www.guernseyfarmsdairy.com
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A varied selection of Michigan-made art can be purchased at Sisters Art and Gifts in Westland Shopping Center.

By **Mary Quinley**
Correspondent

The next time you head out to tackle the holiday shopping crowds, think Michigan. From apparel and fine art to jewelry, edibles and toys, the possibilities are endless of made-in-the-state products appropriate for holiday gift giving. An added perk — you'll be supporting Michigan's economy.

Here are some local businesses that feature Michigan made merchandise.

The holidays are extra special at the Huron Valley Council for the Arts in Highland. Gift seekers will find a vast selection of "pottery, jewelry, paintings, note cards, glassware, baskets, sweaters, scarves, purses, quilts and more," said Dianne Deinek, events and communications committee member.

The gallery will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. each Saturday through Dec. 21 for the Festival of Trees Holiday Artist Market.

Got pets? Maestros Dog Haus in Bloomfield Hills features made-in-house goodies for furry friends. "I make my own chicken jerky. Dogs love it — and people do, too!" said Ken Platt, who is co-owner with his wife Janet. Custom gift baskets, as well as chicken breast chips, apple chips, cheese bits with flaxseed, pup cakes and bone cakes, are other options.

In Plymouth, the Three Dog Bakery also specializes in edibles, like cookies, biscuits and personalized birthday cakes, for dogs and cats. Custom orders are welcome.

If you're in the market for a diamond ring, consider Jeffrey Allen Jewelers in Milford. "The stone setting and all of the repair work is done by me," owner Jeffrey Orzech said. Halo and pave, he said, are the most popular settings, especially for customers looking for engagement rings.

Michigan goodies

A stroll through Canton's Holiday Market reveals a variety of state-made goodies, from Petoskey-based American Spoon Preserves and Jams and 15 flavors of Detroit's Towne Club Soda, to bottles of Saginaw's Billy Bones BBQ sauces and rubs and Michigan wines and beers. Made-in-Canton Mama Mucci's Pasta and Pasta Sauce is also available.

Other area grocers, like Hiller's in Northville, Plymouth and West Bloomfield; the Westborn Market in Livonia and Berkley; and Livonia's Joe's Produce, sell a wide variety of Michigan edibles, beverages and sweet treats. Kroger, Meijer and Costco carry products (salsa, guacamole and tortilla chips) from the Ferndale-based Garden Fresh.

When Maggie Cytacki and friends visited The Northville Winery recently, the foursome sampled wine and shopped.

Sanders products are featured in the Michigan Favorites basket from Basket Kreations in Plymouth.



The Michigan Sampler from Basket Kreations in Plymouth includes cherries, chocolate, Better Made Potato Chips and other treats.



MARY QUINLEY

Wine, hard cider and a non-alcoholic sparkling cider produced by The Northville Winery make great holiday gifts.



Your Michigan Connection in downtown Northville carries gift baskets filled with made in Michigan goodies.



MARY QUINLEY

Salsas and fruit flavored butters from Michigan-based Cherry Republic are available at local grocers and shops.

"I bought a bottle of red, raspberry-flavored sweet wine and a CD produced by local musicians. It was nice that part of the proceeds for both items went to charity," said Cytacki of Livonia.

Hard cider and a non-alcoholic sparkling cider are other festive holiday gifts produced by the winery.

Cytacki, as well as Bernadette Diroff, like to purchase Sanders products from Aco in Westland for out-of-state relatives. "My daughter in Florida — who used to live in Michigan — loves Sanders hot fudge. I like to send the fudge to her and her family for Christmas," said Diroff of Westland.

Fun Stuff! in Birmingham carries a slew of varied Michigan products. "We have poly clay costume jewelry that is whimsical and colorful; the 1st & Roll football board game made by a father and son team; and dysfunctional chair sculptures — you can't sit on them — made of cast bronze and steel," owner Denise Kulak said.

Toys too!

Another Birmingham shop, Adventures in Toys, also carries the 1st & Roll game and wooden baby blocks made in the state.

Foam football and soccer balls by Poof-Slinky® in Plymouth make great stocking stuffers. The balls are available at major chain stores.

If you wander into Sisters Art and Gifts at

Westland Shopping Center, chances are you'll meet a Michigan-based artist or two to help you pick out a gift. "Everything I do, I incorporate poetry," artist Michelle E. Alford said. Poetry books, plaques and frames and stuffed animals are some of her creations.

The shop overflows with handmade items like hats, mittens, glassware, jewelry, coasters and paintings. Artist Kathy Sheeran talked about her textured paintings that hang on the walls of Sisters: "Everything comes from my heart right onto the canvass." Also on display are pictures of local historical sites — Michigan Central Station and Grande Ballroom, to name a few — created by photographer Richard Spittler.

Kilwin's (there are shops in Plymouth and Birmingham) is a great spot to purchase sweet treats for chocoholics.

For the eggnog lovers on your list, pick up a carton or two of the holiday drink at Guernsey Farms Dairy. The made-in-Northville beverage and almost three dozen flavors of ice cream, including Blue Moon, Chocolate Chip and Butter Pecan, are also available at many neighborhood grocers.

According to Stella Delap, owner of Basket Kreations in Plymouth, "gift boxes are the most popular" for holiday shoppers at her store. The Love from Michigan box, filled with pretzels, Faygo and Sanders

products, cherries, taffy, chocolate candy bars and Mucky Duck mustard, is a favorite. The shop also carries a nice selection of Michigan made salsas, cherry butter, jams, BBQ sauce, hand soaps and Pewabic Pottery.

Made in Detroit

Made in Detroit, a brand of Detroit-themed apparel, beer and accessories, can be purchased from many local retailers. After the Rain in Milford, Berkley's City Style and The Shirt Box in Farmington Hills are stores that carry the popular logo.

Weary souls in the mood for a boost might try a beer-based malt, milkshake or slider at The Rust Belt Market. This Ferndale haven for holiday shoppers features soaps, chocolates, makeup, re-purposed domino game piece bracelets and other jewelry, snowboards, apparel, hair accessories, purses, prints, paintings and soy candles. It is open weekends year-round and each Friday during December.

"I carry up north items in downtown Northville," said owner Geri Turnbull of Your Michigan Connection, referring to the slew of made in the state goods in her compact, six-foot-wide store. Popular items include a Michigan oven mitt printed with city names; cherry salsa from American Spoon, Cherry Republic and Cherry Stop; and Benjamin Twig's pancake mix with dried cherries.

At the Zodiac Ranch in Milford, Linda Lundstrom raises alpacas and sheep. Craft savvy customers who are interested in making holiday gifts, like felt snowmen or penguins, can purchase kits from the farm's shop and/or attend a craft class. Call for an appointment.

Finally, be sure to check out local library and hospital gift shops for state-made merchandise.

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Bark worth the bite

Start-up chocolate shop hopes to bring 'wow' factor to sweet lovers

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Staff Writer

If you are looking to satisfy your sweet tooth then go to Bark Avenue Chocolates in downtown Northville. Owner Laurie Wooderson promises to have something for every chocolate lover.

"Our bark is worth the bite!" is the motto at Bark Avenue.

Wooderson, a Northville resident, opened the business inside the Long Plumbing/Mechanical building on E. Main Street over a month ago

and already the interest in what she has cooking up is growing. From tailgate or holiday parties to wedding and birthdays, Bark Avenue is becoming a popular place for tasty treats.

The name of the business is a play on Park Avenue. Wooderson made this type of chocolate as a hobby for a decade before she decided to leave "corporate America" and venture out on her own. She thought if her bark is a hit with friends then why not with everyone else.

"I wanted to take it to the next level," she said. "I had a lot of encouragement, so that gave me the confidence to do it."

This is a specialty type of chocolate, Wooderson said. Chocolate Bark is a sheet of chocolate that is usually covered with things like nuts, dried fruits, candies or even additional pieces of chocolate. It's broken into shards of various sizes and it gets its name because it bears a slight resemblance to rough pieces of tree bark. It can be made with any kind of



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Laurie Wooderson is selling her Bark Avenue Chocolates at Northville's Long Bath Design Gallery on W. Main Street. Wooderson, a corporate America retiree, was looking for something to do with her time and plans on selling the handmade chocolates through the holiday season and then hopefully returning in the New Year.

chocolate.

"I want to bring a 'wow' factor to this type of chocolate," Wooderson said of her style, which includes her chocolate-covered Oreos and various bark brands.

Bark Avenue makes custom made orders with a variety of flavors. Several different lines of specialty bark include a gentleman's line, children line and the signature line of white chocolate, salty cashews and Michigan dried cherries. The packaging it comes in matches the classy taste.

Some of the favorites include a dark chocolate bark with maple covered almonds and pieces of bacon and peppermint chocolate bark perfect for the Christmas season. The tailgate chocolate favors can come in whatever team you are rooting for.

"My goal is to be as unique and creative as possible," Wooderson said. "If people are looking for great home



Wooderson's best sellers are all dark chocolate bark, like these with nuts and cherries.

cooked, custom-made chocolate then this is the place."

For Bark Avenue, long-term the plan is to stay in downtown Northville, either at Long's or another location. Sales have been good so far and Wooderson thanked the Northville community for its support.

She has made gift baskets for businesses and treats for weddings, so

she is versatile.

For more information go to the Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/BarkAvenueChocolates> or call her at (248) 766-7086, or e-mail her at barkavenuechocolates@yahoo.com. It's located at 190 E. Main in downtown Northville and is open from 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

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Two of McCotter's former staffers enter pleas in petition fraud

By Ken Abramczyk
Staff Writer

Two former congressional staff members entered pleas Tuesday to all but one of the criminal charges they faced concerning their involvement in former U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter's petition scandal.

Don Yowchuang, 33, of Farmington Hills, who worked as Deputy District Director for the former congressman, pleaded no contest today in Wayne County's 3rd Circuit Court before Judge Margie Braxton to 10 counts of forgery, a five-year felony, and six counts of falsely signing a nominating petition as circulator, a misdemeanor punishable by up to 93 days in jail.



Seewald

Paul Seewald, 47, of Livonia, who worked as District Director for the former congressman, pleaded guilty before Braxton to nine counts of falsely signing a nominating petition as circulator, a misdemeanor punishable by up to 93 days in jail.

A sentencing hearing for Seewald and Yowchuang is scheduled for 9 a.m. Jan. 18 before Braxton.

The remaining charge of conspiracy to commit a legal act in an illegal manner, a five-year felony, remains pending against both Yowch-



Yowchuang

uang and Seewald. Braxton will hold a hearing to consider a motion filed by the defendants to quash the charge on Jan. 9. The Michigan Attorney General's office has indicated it will oppose the motion in court.

No plea or sentencing agreement was offered, according to Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette.

"As Attorney General, I have a responsibility to enforce the law and ensure public integrity," said Schuette in a prepared statement. "After a thorough investigation, my office deter-

mined that criminal acts were committed, and the appropriate criminal charges were filed. We will continue to prosecute those involved with this disgraceful violation of the public trust."

On Aug. 9, 2012, Schuette announced the results of an investigation by the Attorney General's Public Integrity Unit into the alleged fraud surrounding nominating petitions filed in May 2012 on behalf of former Congressman Thaddeus McCotter. At that announcement Schuette explained the former congressman was "asleep at the switch" and that four staff members were to face criminal charges.

Schuette alleged that members of McCotter's Michigan staff were

involved in a deliberate fraud involving a pattern of copying and altering petitions in order to qualify the five-term congressman for the 2012 Michigan ballot.

On Sept. 18, 2012, Lorianne O'Brady, 52, of Livonia, who worked as a scheduler to the former congressman, pleaded no contest in Wayne County's 16th District Court before Judge Kathleen J. McCann to five counts of falsely signing a nominating petition as circulator, a misdemeanor punishable by up to 93 days in jail.

O'Brady was sentenced to 20 days in jail or 20 days in a work program. Following that sentence, she will serve 18 months probation, with the first 12 months as reporting

probation. O'Brady was also ordered to pay \$2,625 in fines and court costs.

The fourth staffer, Mary Melissa Turnbull of Howell, faces one count of falsely signing a nominating petition as circulator and one count of conspiracy to commit a legal act in an illegal manner. She was bound over for trial Nov. 1 on both charges by Judge Dennis Drury of Troy's 52-4 District Court.

Turnbull is next due in court for a pre-trial hearing before Judge Leo Bowman on Jan. 8, 2013.

McCotter was not charged. Investigators say there was no direct evidence of his involvement.

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"Another difficult request was hand-cutting a triangular crystal for a special-edition Masonic pocketwatch by Rolex," Miller continued. There's good reason over 172 jewelers in the area rely on Triple Crown and Miller for those hard-to-fix assignments. "I enjoy the challenge of restoring unique timepieces to their original functioning state. It is as much an artform as it is pure mechanics, and it is extremely rewarding to see these old pieces correctly keeping time again."

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OUR VIEWS

Don't forget about local merchants this holiday season

OK, the dust has cleared from another "Black Friday" and the busiest shopping weekend of the year is now behind us. Many of you braved the crowds at the local malls and shopping centers, and perhaps you've already purchased the majority of the Christmas gifts on your list.

Chances are, however, that most of you still have a lot of shopping to do for all the loved ones in your lives. The good news — we still have nearly a month before Christmas arrives, so there are still plenty of opportunities to get that shopping done.

We are encouraging our readers to shop local. And by that we mean, we hope you will spend your hard earned dollars at the stores and businesses right here in Northville. Fortunately, this town has so much to offer, and is home to a business community that offers just about any kind of gift idea imaginable.

Looking for ideas to support the local business community? You can start right here in this newspaper. Most of our advertisers are local business owners who work as hard for their income as you. Their advertisements feature excellent deals. So take a look at them — you might just be surprised.

Another good avenue is to visit the Northville Chamber of Commerce, located at 195 South Main Street. They also have a website, www.northville.org. The Northville Downtown Develop Authority also has a great website (www.downtown-northville.com) that features news and event announcements about downtown Northville.

Perhaps the most fun way to discover the local business community is to find a parking spot in downtown Northville, get out and walk the streets, which are currently looking quite festive. We have one of the most charming downtowns in the region. It is packed with fantastic businesses. There really is a lot to discover if you take the time.

In fact, this weekend will offer the perfect opportunity to do just that. Begonia Brothers, the Northville Downtown Development Authority and Northville Chamber of Commerce are sponsoring the Northville Winter Market on Saturday and Sunday. The event will feature plenty of holiday cheer, horse and carriage rides, a juried art show, live reindeer exhibit, ice carving competitions, and a visit from Santa. The streets will be closed to traffic, so it will be a great opportunity to take a stroll and see everything downtown has to offer.

Of course, there is nothing wrong with shopping at the big box stores — and Northville certainly has its share. They offer all kinds of wonderful deals. But shopping at locally-owned businesses is very important. Remember, spending money locally is really an investment in your own community. It strengthens the town and will insure Northville remains a vibrant, desirable place to shop and to live.

Volunteers needed now for 2013 Relay for Life

The Novi/Northville Relay for Life won't take place until June 15-16, 2013 in downtown Northville's Ford Field, but volunteers are needed now to organize the joint community event.

The 2013 Relay motto is Dream Big. And even though it's more than seven months away, right now is the critical time because the more committee members join, the bigger and better the Relay for Life will be for both Northville and Novi.

There are chairperson positions ranging from promotions, to entertainment, to accounting — and all are desperately needed.

The only age requirement for a committee member is that they be at least in high school.

If anyone is interested in learning more about how they can volunteer, contact Rachel Leas the community staff partner rachel.leas@cacer.org (248) 663-3436.

COMMUNITY VOICE

When should we start hearing Christmas songs?

We asked this question in downtown Northville.



"Probably the 1st of December."

Wendy Wiikinson
teacher at Silver Springs Elementary



"After Thanksgiving."

Mark Kassa
Northville



"12:01 a.m. the day after Thanksgiving."

Bill Irving
Northville



"It's too early now. I would say start in December, probably around the 8th of the month. Then we might appreciate them more."

Judy Caroselli
Northville

LETTERS

A great experience

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of my supporters in my unsuccessful bid for Oakland County commissioner. With friends, I campaigned during the summer and fall by knocking on doors throughout Novi and Northville.

I met many interesting people. Quite a few said they had never had a candidate come to their door before. I learned about our community from the people who live here. Whether they live near Walled Lake, in an apartment or in one of the diverse neighborhoods, many people took the time to have a conversation with me about their ideas for our government. Thanks to everyone for your time and encouragement.

I congratulate Mrs. Crawford on her victory, and I wish all of our community a safe and happy holiday season.

Gwen Markham
Novi

Support local businesses

There is something to be said for shopping local at our "mom and pop" stores. I have to give a shout out to Northville Lumber. Recently, we updated our kitchen. Because they are not a big chain store, I thought they would be way over our budget. They were \$3,000 less than Home Depot. Their pride and integrity showed every step of the way. Northville Lumber did everything they said they would and more. They were a pleasure to work with and I highly recommend.

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Susle McKillop
Northville

Who pays?

Regarding Steve Lawrence's letter to the editor last week ("Right to life has new meaning"), I thought it was very interesting that he views the addition of 50 million more people's health care being paid by the government as new revenue for some rather than a drain of revenue from the U.S. Treasury for all. Certainly a new twist on the effect of the Affordable Health Care for America Act on our economy.

I guess the liberal mind never asks the question, "who pays?" Rachel Davis's letter from the previous week ("The blame game," Nov. 15) was right on.

Ernie McLaughlin
Northville

Fans were supportive

The Northville volleyball team just completed a record-setting season and a run through the state tournament that will be remembered for a long time. What we, the players and parents of the team, will remember however is the wonderful support and enthusiasm that was brought to

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the gym by a dedicated group of fans.

Throughout the season our home games were spirited and the "seventh player" on the court was the difference many times. The enthusiasm and innovative cheers were often as entertaining as the court play. Who could forget the arrival of the "Teletubbies," the regular appearances of "Banana Man" and "The Ghostbusters" who helped the volleyball girls dispatch their opponents? The team huddles during timeouts were mirrored by the student section with their own huddle and a loud cheer of "one, two, three, MUSTANGS!" as they broke the huddle.

Without a doubt our cheering section was the envy of every opposing team and was truly a difference maker this season. While our season ended one game earlier than we would have liked, we will forever be grateful for the support for the team as they battled with the eventual state champs, and for just being there as the players exited the locker room after the toughest loss of the year.

So from the players, coaches and parents of the volleyball team, a great big thank you is in order. You truly represented us and Northville High School well throughout the season. We look forward to next year.

Northville High School volleyball program

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I want to thank the voters of Oakland County for their support of my candidacy for Oakland County Water Resources commissioner. And I especially thank all the people who supported me with contributions, time and moral support. I could not have won without you.

My time serving on the Oakland County Commission has been an honor and the most rewarding experience of my life. I have had the opportunity to serve with so

many dedicated public servants and community volunteers, in our two cities and at the county, region, state and national levels. Locally and at the county, we can be truly proud of the people who work for us and those who volunteer in so many important capacities.

I have worked with county human services, veteran and mental health agencies and the non-profits serving Oakland County, and can honestly say there are few people more devoted to service and the best interests of those they serve. For many of those I have worked closest with, theirs isn't just a career, it is a calling. Their work helps so many, especially over the last five years.

From the beginning, I focused my efforts on green building and sustainability, both as county policies and in public/private planning and economic development efforts. I have worked with dedicated public employees in these areas, too, through the facilities department, IT and Planning and Economic Development, where we lead the state and nation in many aspects of our operations.

Likewise, I am taking over an agency in January that has a huge impact countywide and a shining record of accomplishment in serving our communities. They are a group of dedicated workers in a wide range of jobs, directly impacting our citizens in many ways that have a lasting environmental and economic impact. From administrators to engineers to service workers, they work hard to make our water infrastructure the best it can be.

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I take the county's excellent AAA credit rating very seriously and will continue all the policies that contribute to our great fiscal record. I will always work toward the triple bottom line of economic success, environmental protection and social equity and consider long-term consequences of all decisions. I promise to work with all our communities and visit every community annually, so we can have real collaboration on our infrastructure issues. I can't say we will always agree, but I will always listen to and consider all sides.

Finally, I will continue my work to develop real, lasting regional cooperation and collaboration in southeast Michigan. There are issues facing our region that can only be addressed in the context of multi-county and regional-state-federal cooperation. I will work to make that happen.

Jim Nash
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Rocco-Green

Jeff Green and Lauren Rocco, both of Palmer, Alaska, are engaged to be married. The bride to be is the daughter of Rachel and Joe Rocco of Northville. She is a 2004 graduate of Northville High School and 2008 graduate of Dartmouth College. She is currently employed at the National Outdoor Leadership School. Green is the son of Carolyn and Randy Green of Marion, Ohio. He is a 2005 graduate of Marion Harding High School, a 2009 graduate of Ohio State University and a 2012 graduate of Alaska Pacific University. He is also employed at National Outdoor Leadership School. A fall 2013 wedding is planned in either Alaska or Michigan.



LIBRARY LINES

The Northville District Library, which is located at 212 W. Cady Street, has a number of upcoming programs. For more information about these events or about the library, call (248) 349-3020 or visit <http://northville.lib.mi.us>. Upcoming events include:

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7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 4
Details: Kick off the holiday season with a concert by the Twelfth Night Singers performing a range of a capella seasonal music wearing Renaissance costumes. This program will be held at the Northville Community Center and is sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Call to register at 248-349-3020.
- **DROP-IN COMPUTER TUTORING**
10 a.m.-Noon Saturday, Dec. 1
Details: Free sessions with a volunteer tutor to answer basic computer questions. Each session is up to one hour.
- **WORLD WINTER HOLIDAY SHOW**

4:15 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 6
Details: Join musician Guy Louis for a fun and interactive musical show celebrating the wonder of winter holidays. All ages. One hundred free tickets will be available five minutes prior to show. Special groups can't be accommodated.

4:15 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 11
Details: Tweens ages 9-12 can make delicious hot cocoa cones. Limit 30. Call to register.

MILL RACE MATTERS

Mill Race Historical Village is located at 215 Griswold Avenue, north of Main Street near Ford Field.

- **DETAILS:** Office open 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Monday-Friday. Archives open Thursday and Friday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Village buildings open 1-4 p.m., Sundays, mid-June to mid-October.
- **CONTACT:** (248) 348-1845

WEEKLY EVENTS

- (*Grounds closed to public)
- **Thursday:** 9 a.m. Archives open; 9 a.m.-3 p.m. TARTS Stitching Group
- **Friday:** 9 a.m. Archives open; 5 p.m. private party in Cady
- **Saturday:** 10 a.m.-noon and 1-3 p.m. Children's Christmas Workshop in Church; noon-4 p.m. private party in Cady
- **Monday:** 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Hands-All-Around Quilters in Church; 6 p.m. Girl Scouts #844
- **Tuesday:** 9 a.m. Stone Gang; 6 p.m. Girl Scouts #737
- **Wednesday:** 9 a.m. Mill Race Basket Guild; 1-4 p.m. AAUW Bridge Group; 6:45 p.m. Mindfulness Meditation Group

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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.

Choir performance

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.

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.

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.

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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 Mullolland 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 cit-



Local potters to be part of big sale

Potters Sue Mullins and Bill Beaver, of Northville, work on some clay pots recently. Beaver, who is known for his beautifully crafted pieces, and Northville's Amanda Walter will be among the many artists bringing their work to The Potters Market, the largest pottery sale of its kind in the country. The event will take place Nov. 30-Dec. 2 at the UF & CW (United Food and Commercial Workers) Union Hall at 876 Horace Brown Drive (one block south of Thirteen Mile, between I-75 and John R.) in Madison Heights. The pottery sale features 138 potters offering nearly 40,000 pieces of pottery ranging from pots, vases, platters, tiles and mugs to bird baths, jewelry, ceramic framed mirrors, sculpture, lamps, tile-topped tables and just about every product possible in clay. Hours are 10 a.m.-8 p.m. on Friday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. on Saturday, and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Sunday. Admission and parking are both free. For information call (248) 554-5570 or visit www.thepottersmarket.com.

izens understand the challenges that plague the Rouge River and what they can do to help preserve this valuable natural resource."

The Rouge River flows through 48 communities before emptying into the Detroit River and eventually to Lake Erie, which is a source of drinking water for south-east Michigan, Canada and other surrounding states.

To register for the event, contact Erin Cas-

sady at repastmgr@therouge.org. For more information please visit www.therouge.org in the events section.

Live musical

The historic Marquis Theatre in downtown Northville will currently featuring the live musical "Tinkerbell Visits Storyland". This energetic, live musical includes lots of singing and dancing. Join Tinkerbell, Peter Pan, Wendy, John and Michael as they visit Oz, Snow

White, Little Red Riding Hood, and more.

Shows are Saturdays and Sundays through Sunday, Jan. 27.

Visit northvillemarquistheatre.com for a complete list of dates and times.

The Marquis Theatre is located at 135 East Main Street. Tickets are \$8.50 each, and can be ordered by phone at (248) 349-8110 or at the box office. Group rates are available. Please no children under the age of 3.

New advertising rep wants to help local small businesses grow

Brian Cullins has joined the Hometown Weeklies / Observer & Eccentric staff as the account executive handling the territories covered by the *Novi News* and *Northville Record* newspapers.

He is a graduate of Grand Valley State University and has worked in pharmaceutical sales the past 22 years.

"I want to help small business identify their customer base and grow their revenues by using targeted and smart advertising," said Cullins.

The Detroit native currently resides in Lathrup Village. He has three daughters and two sons. He coaches track and



Cullins

soccer for various sports clubs.

"Brian is very excited about helping the businesses in Northville and Novi increase the traffic to their business with all of the marketing opportunities we have available," said Lisa Vernon, retail ad manager for the Hometown Weeklies (which also includes the *South Lyon Herald* and *Milford Times*).

To contact Cullins, e-mail bcullins@hometownlife.com or phone him at (248) 850-6440.

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Northville's Last Chapter Bookstore and Bistro chef David Reese whips up an order of crepes at the Main Street shop. Last Chapter has been offering authentic crepes since the summer and has sold more than 1,600 since then.

Record: Tell us about your business, including the types of services and/or products you feature?

Dan Comaianni: We are a store with many facets all within the setting of a relaxed European-like atmosphere. We like to say that there is something for everyone here. We feature a customized book selection with a frequent buyer program. Unique and popular gifts adorn the shelves with a Papyrus greeting card section. Live professional acoustic music on Wednesdays and smooth jazz on Sundays. A innovative espresso bar with an extensive selection of locally roasted freshly brewed coffees, loose leaf teas and fruit smoothies. Our freshly baked scones, muffins, cookies, specialty breads and biscotti are all baked in house with natural ingredients. We offer a delightful selection of sandwiches, paninis, salads and homemade soups. Our most recent exciting offering is our homemade french crepes which we make on our double griddle that came straight from the origin of crepes, Brittany France. Our homemade batter and homemade specialty sauces that we drizzle over the crepes have helped make this recent endeavor a huge success. In just 4 1/2 months of offering crepes we have sold more than 1,700 crepes.

Record: How did you get started in this business?

Dan Comaianni: My original thought was to open a coffee espresso bar. I have been a coffee connoisseur for years, studying the innovation



Next Chapter's David Reese holds up the finished product — a berry crepe at the downtown Northville bistro and bookstore.

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of specialty coffees so the concept of a coffee espresso bar appealed to me but as the business plan developed, I decided that I wanted to delve in to other interesting concepts as well which soon developed in to the bistro/bookstore/French creperie part of our operation.

Record: What's the best reason to do business in the Northville area?

Dan Comaianni: The people, it is a true joy for us to offer to the people of Northville an establishment that has been so well received and

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Record: How are things going lately?

Dan Comaianni: Fantastic! In the book area, we were excited to recently be voted "#1 Bookstore" in Detroit by Click On Detroit's Vote 4 The Best contest. We thank all of our supporters for that. Our future outlook is exciting for us, we plan on further developing all aspects of the business with a special emphasis on our french crepes.

NORTHVILLE BUSINESS BRIEFS

Annual holiday event

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

The silent auction/fundraiser is being held in honor of photographer, Dionne Haglund, who on Sept. 10 was diagnosed with a very rare and aggressive form

of breast cancer. She is a mother of two young sons, 13 years and 3 months. She has been told by her doctors that she will be unable to work during her 20 weeks of chemotherapy, which adds additional financial stress along with fighting for her life.

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

Project Heat

Saturday will mark the 26th consecutive year for the special event "Al Keats Day — Project Heat," which is sponsored by the Southeast Michigan chapter of the Air Conditioning Contractors of America (SEMIACCA). Fifteen contractor member companies and approximately 40 volunteer employees will participate in this year's project to perform

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The event will begin at 7:30 a.m. at Day & Night Heating & Cooling, 27629 Haggerty Road in Novi (south of 12 Mile Road). For more information call SEMIACCA Chapter Executive John R. Hall at (313) 804-4885 or jhall@semiacc.org, or visit www.semiacc.org for information on the chapter.

OAKLAND COUNTY BUSINESS WORKSHOPS

Business owners and entrepreneurs who need assistance are invited to attend seminars in February offered by the Oakland County Business Center. Business Basics workshops are now offered in the evenings on alternating months.

Unless otherwise noted, all programs take place at the Oakland County Executive Office Building Conference Center, 2100 Pontiac Lake Road, west of Telegraph, Waterford. For pre-registration and location specifics, visit online at www.advantageoakland.com/expand, or call (248) 858-0783.

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Small Business Loan Workshop

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Business Research: Feasibility to Expansion

Thursday, Dec. 6, 5:30-8:30 p.m. at the Farmington Hills Library, 32737 W. 12 Mile Road.
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By Dennis Zelazny
Contributing Writer

Carrabba's Italian Grill in Novi is celebrating their Ten Year Anniversary. On November 11, 2002, Jeff Wilk, the Managing Partner, opened his Carrabba's on the northwest corner of I-96 and Novi Road, across from the Twelve Oaks Mall. Jeff is an 18 year member of the Carrabba's family with almost 30 years of industry experience. This Michigan State graduate knew exactly the type of hospitality and delicious food he wanted to provide when he opened his 220-seat restaurant. He attributes the restaurant's success to serving high quality food at a great value and providing terrific hospitality and customer service.

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When Jeff is not at the restaurant or helping out at a charity event he is an active leader with the Novi Chamber of Commerce. He has been a Board Member for five years and is currently approaching his second year as Chairman of the Board.

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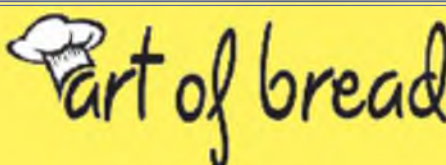
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Again, no luck

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

With just a few minutes left in the game and his squad trailing 29-13, Detroit Catholic Central senior quarterback Garrett Moores fired a pass toward one of his receivers. Once the ball left his hand, he could only watch as a Detroit Cass Tech defense intercepted it and returned it more than 70 yards for the touchdown.

It was really the story of the night. The Technicians seemed to be everywhere and always in the right place at the right time. That's how they upended the Shamrocks for the second-straight year to secure the Division I MHSAA football championship title, this time with a 36-21 final.

"The most disappointing part of Saturday had to be the self-inflicted mistakes," said assistant coach Michael Mach. "We felt we were good enough to win the game on Saturday, and we still do, but not when you make those kinds of mistakes. This is especially true when you play a team as talented as Cass Tech."

The Shamrocks didn't go down without a fight, though, scoring on a deep pass from Moores to John Malone with just 44 seconds left in the game to narrow the contest to two scores. An inside kick was recovered by the Technicians and the Detroit squad knelt the



David Houle bulls through the Cass Tech defensive line.

PHOTOS BY DENNIS BARNES

ball to end the game. The Shamrocks just couldn't seem to get a bounce to go in their direction. The Technicians earned the first

score of the game on a long 89-yard pass on the first snap of the game that found them jaunting into the end zone for the early lead. They made

CC can't topple Cass Tech in second-straight state title game

it a 12-0 game when they scooped up a fumble by the Shamrocks and raced down the length of the field for 59-yards and the score.

The Shamrocks made it a 12-7 contest in the second quarter when Moores fired an 18-yard strike

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Plymouth Salem junior Jake Sealy (right) shields the puck along the boards.

Northville standout signs with Georgia Tech

Rebecca Martin will play collegiate volleyball as a setter

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

When Rebecca Martin found out that she was going to have to change her game and focus on being a setter just two years ago, she likely had no idea that was going to lead her to Georgia.

The Northville senior, who recently helped lead her high school volleyball team to their first-ever district and regional championships and a semifinal appearance in the state playoffs, recently inked her National Letter of Intent to play for the Georgia Institute of Technology.

Martin, who was recruited as a setter, will receive a full athletic scholarship to play for the Yellow Jackets.

"I'm so excited, I can hardly wait to go," said Martin. "It is such a great fit. Academically, I want to be an industrial engineer and GT has the number one program in the country. Volleyball-wise, the ACC is so strong and I can't wait to play at that level. Also, the campus is so nice. It is a regular college campus with lots of grass and open spaces, but it's in downtown Atlanta so you can see skyscrapers above the trees. And being in the South, I can get away from the cold winters and snow."

In addition to playing for Northville, Marin has played club volleyball for Michigan Elite Volleyball Academy for the last six years. This past summer, the club team won its



GREG MARTIN

Northville volleyball standout Rebecca Martin recently made the decision to play her collegiate years with Georgia Tech.

Please see MARTIN, B5

Wildcats scratch way past Rocks in league opener

Novi icers survive Salem push in 3-2 victory

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

For a league opener, Novi and Plymouth Salem's ice hockey teams provided quite the back and forth show on Thanksgiving Eve in Novi.

The Wildcats (1-2-0, 1-0-0 KLAA Kensington) came away with a 3-2 victory, but not before both teams missed break-away opportunities and then scored on less likely plays, showing the coaches that there is a bit of work to do before they get too much deeper into conference play.

"I think we're learning to win," Novi coach Todd Krygier said. "We were



Novi sophomore Bryan Fegert (right) pulls back for a wrist shot Nov. 21 as Plymouth Salem sophomore Noah Miller (left) cuts off the passing lane. The Wildcats won 3-2.

ON TAP

Novi's hockey team (1-2-0, 1-0-0 KLAA Kensington) hosts Canton 6:30 p.m. tomorrow before visiting Artic Edge in Canton (0-3-0, 0-2-0 Kensington) 8 p.m. Wednesday to face Plymouth (1-0-0, 1-0-0 Kensington).

Please see HOCKEY, B3

Shamrocks bow to Brother Rice in early-season rivalry game

Loss is first for Catholic Central this year

By Sam Eggjeston
Correspondent

It doesn't matter what sport it is or who has what records on the season—when Brother Rice and Detroit Catholic Central meet in the sports arena, there is always going to be a lot of intensity and a desire to walk away victorious.

Unfortunately for the Shamrocks, when the two Catholic High School League and Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League members met last week, it was the Warriors who skated off with a 7-4 victory.

The difference in the game was Brother Rice's ability to keep the puck out of their zone and in the Catholic Central end of the rink. The Warriors took a 2-0 lead in the game

ON TAP

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks hockey team will be back in action when they take on Port Huron Northern on the road today at 6 p.m. before hosting St. Mary's at 2:30 p.m. Saturday.

with a goal by Conner Jean at 1:36 in the first period followed by a goal by Andrew Royce at 6:54. That lead held until the 12:50 mark when Catholic Central's Matt Sorisho took a pass from Charlie Green on a powerplay and fired it home to slice into the lead, 2-1.

The two teams continued to work against one another until Danny Middleton tied the contest at 7:46 in the second period

on an unassisted play that found him firing the puck past Jack Bowman for the score.

But Brother Rice put in two goals to regain the lead in the second period, with the first coming off the stick of Blake Bazzi on a powerplay at 12:53 before Royce scored his second goal of the night three minutes later to make it a 4-2 contest.

The Shamrocks mustered a goal in the early minutes of the final period off a shot by Middleton that made it a 4-3 game.

Assists were credited to Sorisho and Connor Gaffney. Brother Rice, however, tacked on another goal at 4:56 on a powerplay shot by Russell Cicerone that put the game out of reach despite Michael Babcock scoring another goal for the Shamrocks

just four minutes later. Sorisho and Evan Kearns earned assists on the play, making it a 5-4 game.

Brother Rice added two insurance goals in the final minutes, scoring at 10:09 on a shot by Matthew Manning and another at 12:07 by Cicerone.

The Shamrocks ended the night with 29 shots on goal with Bowman stopping 25 for the win. Ryan Mulka took the loss between the posts, stopping 15-of-22 shots on the night.

Brother Rice had six penalties totaling 12 minutes in the box while Catholic Central had just four penalties for eight minutes.

Sam Eggjeston is a freelance writer and former staff sports writer for the Northville Record and Novi News.

NOVI GIRLS BASKETBALL PREVIEW

Top two scorers return with cast of young Wildcats

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

Coming off their third-straight KLAAC Central Division title, Novi's girls basketball lost six of their top nine student-athletes to graduation.

However, the Wildcats (16-6, 8-2 Central in 2011-12) return their top two scorers from a year ago in junior point guard Kerri McMahon and senior center/forward Jade Antolec, along with junior guard Taylor Pavlika and a few other pieces from the successful squad.

"Trying to get the returnees and new players on the same page and see who is going to be ready to help from the new girls (will be our biggest challenge)," said Novi coach Bill Kelp, who is entering his 10th season at the helm.

Kelp said the Wildcats have eight new student-athletes on the varsity squad, so much of the workload is sure to be between McMahon, Antolec and Pavlika early in the season as the rest of the team adjusts to varsity speed and play.

With a large portion of their top defenders graduated and their top two scorers returning, the potential exists that games could become an offensive shootout as the Wildcats try to keep pace with any defensive breakdowns as the younger Wildcats adjust to their role.

But the offensive end of the court could be Novi's strong point. McMahon (13.7 points) and Antolec (7.0 points) combined to average nearly half of the team's 42.0 points per game last season. Pavlika had the team's sixth-highest aver-

ON TAP

Novi's girls basketball team (16-6 last season) was set to start the new season off at Walled Lake Central two nights ago before tonight's 7 p.m. home opener against Farmington. From there, the 'Cats visit Walled Lake Western 7 p.m. Wednesday.

age with 3.6 points per game despite missing the first half of the season due to transfer restrictions.

Kelp said he expects Livonia Stevenson (7-3 Central) and Northville (6-4 Central) to again be the primary challenges within the division.

His Wildcats will look to improve on the .371 team field goal percentage and .557 free throw percentage from last season. McMahon (.466 FG, .629 FT) and Antolec (.459 FG, .448 FT) return the top two field goal percentages for the Wildcats.

The duo were among the leaders for the 'Cats in several categories. McMahon averaged 3.7 rebounds, 2.3 assists and 2.5 steals per game, while Antolec added 6.6 rebounds, 0.7 assists and 1.4 steals per game. Pavlika chipped in with 3.6 rebounds, 1.2 assists and 0.8 steals to go with .769 shooting percentage from the charity stripe.

As a team, Novi averaged 25.0 rebounds, 8.2 assists and 9.4 steals per game last year before bowing out 45-37 to Canton in the district semifinals.

Chris Jackett is a freelance writer and former staff writer for the Novi News.

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Plymouth Salem senior netminder Anthony Veresan (right) comes up with a big stop on Novi senior Luke Bageris late in the first period Nov. 21 during the Wildcats' 3-2 victory.

HOCKEY

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ahead both of our first two games and the guys worked hard; we just didn't finish. And then today again we found a way to win, which is an improvement, but we didn't make it easy on ourselves.

"We're just turning the puck over too much at the offensive blue line and our own blue line. We're just not playing smart hockey, but we're a young, inexperienced team. We're teaching, working and trying to get these guys up to speed."

Novi senior Collin Pew got the scoring started 6:12 into the game when he knocked home a shot at the top of the crease off a pass from senior Mark Baker, who was behind the net.

"I thought the guys did a pretty decent job, the returning play-



Novi senior Carl Faraon (back) knocks the puck into the back of the net Nov. 21 against Plymouth Salem despite a crowd of Rocks. The Wildcats won 3-2.

ers," Krygier said. "Collin (Pew) had a nice goal. Carl (Faraon) stepped up."

With Novi up 1-0, Novi

senior Luke Bageris and Salem junior Jason Newell traded breakaways 11 seconds apart in the final 90 seconds of the first

period, but Salem senior Anthony Veresan (16 saves) and Novi senior Patrick Carney (15 saves) both came up with huge stops in net for their respective teams.

"He kept us in the game in the second period when we were kind of falling apart there," Krygier said of Carney.

However, Novi senior Connor Kenrick gave the Wildcats some breathing room with 19 seconds left in the opening stanza after receiving a cross-ice pass while streaking up the right side. Junior Joshua Ward and sophomore Brendan Wexler assisted on the goal that led to a 2-0 lead at the first intermission.

Salem (1-1-0, 1-1-0 Kensington) cranked up the momentum in the second period, closing in on the deficit with 2:51 remaining when sophomore Noah Willer knocked one into the back of Novi's net on a coun-

terattack. Juniors Jake Sealy and Justin Katulski assisted on the goal that made it 2-1 heading into the third period.

"I don't think we were making good decisions on our breakouts most of the game," Krygier said. "We were making it difficult because we were passing into traffic, not making the first open pass that we saw. Our defensemen would look at that open pass and then decide to do something different."

"I think they're just not thinking to keep the game simple. They're making it more complex. The play is to hit the open player, but they're not doing it and responding fast enough. We've just got young kids who didn't play varsity hockey. We've only got six returning skaters."

The third period featured spurts of offense from both teams, but the Wildcats regained their

two-goal lead 27 seconds into the period with a goal from senior Carl Faraon, who celebrated with a "Gangnam Style" after crashing the back post on the right side to receive a cross-ice pass at the goal mouth. Senior Kyle Lash and junior Jacob Lynch assisted on the play.

Salem continued to get their chances, but were cautious of the Wildcat counterattack. With a power play starting with 5:03 remaining, Salem took just 15 seconds of it to draw the score to 3-2 with 4:48 remaining when sophomore Noah Saad slid a shot in from the left portion of the blue line that skipped into the net off the post.

"That last goal he was screened on and it went off the post and in," Krygier said. "Patrick (Carney) did a nice job."

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NOVI BOYS BASKETBALL PREVIEW

Wildcat cagers return depth from distance, inexperience inside

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

Inexperience was the tale of last season for Novi's boys basketball team.

With a coach new to the program and most student-athletes new to playing time at the varsity level, not to mention a bevy of injuries, the Wildcats (7-14) finished fifth in the KLAA Central Division at 4-6 before a season-ending 53-33 district quarterfinal loss to Canton.

Despite losing all but one of their big men to the graduation of six teammates, Novi returns their top two scorers and their point guard, along with a few other guards, all which now have a year of experience in the system of coach Brian Tass.

"We are a tale of two teams," Tass said. "We are pretty experienced at the senior end and very, very young at the other. The challenge is to get our guys working together as a team and focused on the process, not on the product. The depth of the team depends on how quickly the young guys develop."

That depth will begin with junior Nelson Cagle (8.1 points, 2.5 rebounds per game) and senior Charles McKinney (7.3 PPG, 3.4 RPG), who look to show the league what they've done in the off-season. The duo were the only two student-athletes to average more than 19 minutes per game last season, shooting .367 and .375 percent from



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Returning Wildcat Nelson Cagle works out with his teammates on Nov. 26 as Novi High practices for their upcoming season.

the field, respectively, while also hitting .760 and .641 percent of their free throws in averaging more than 22.5 minutes of play.

"(Cagle is a) solid point guard, shooter, improved defense," Tass said. "(McKinney) can score

and defend."

Senior point guard Tre Cadwell will add his speed and improved defense to the mix. Cadwell averaged 4.8

points per game last season in just 7.9 minutes of action per game. He shot

.423 from the field and fought for 1.0 rebounds per game against opponents that were generally six or more inches taller.

Tass expects defending KLAA champion Plymouth Salem (8-2 Central) to again be a force within



Second-year Wildcat varsity basketball coach Brian Tass tosses a pass to one of his players during a Nov. 26 practice.

ON TAP

Novi's boys basketball team (7-14 last season) is set to start the new season off 7 p.m. Tuesday in a home contest against Walled Lake Central.

es were by single digits last season, while only three of the seven victories were by single digits. The 'Cats also came on strong late last season, winning three of four KLAA tournament games before the district opener loss.

both the Kensington Conference and Central Division, as Northville (7-3 Central) adds to the Central Division strength and defending South Division champ Westland John Glenn will add to the conference strength.

"I think we have a good chance to compete within our division if we play well together," Tass said. "I think our toughness factor has to improve.

Our guys have to realize that it's a physical battle every night just to score a basket and stop other teams from scoring. I see it that close in this division every game. One or two points either way."

Seven of Novi's 14 loss-

In order for the Wildcats to find success, the team's big men will have to step up to help out the experienced core of guards. Senior center Blake Brown, at 6-feet-5 a year ago, is expected to take a larger role this year after serving as the third option at his position last season, where he averaged 0.3 points and 2.0 rebounds per game despite playing just 0.1 minutes per game.

"(Brown is) our only real inside player," Tass said. "(He) works hard to improve daily and (is a) good leader."

Chris Jackett is a freelance writer and former staff writer for the Novi News.

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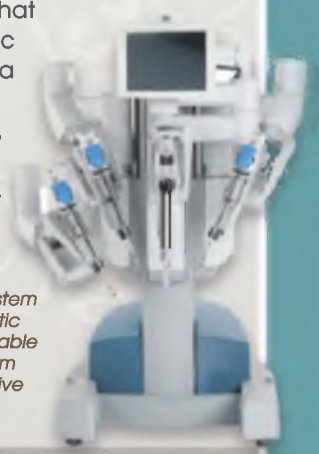
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Parade poms



Six Novi High School girls participated in Detroit's 86th annual Thanksgiving Day Parade last Thursday. They auditioned over the summer to be part of the Mid-American All-Star Pom Team. The girls met up with about 150 other girls from around the state on Wednesday to rehearse all day at the Novi Sheraton for the parade. Shown are Olivia Ghannam, Renee Weil, Mackenzie Betts, Morgan Shepherd, Emma Weil and Jessica Leone. Mackenzie and Morgan were recognized for being on the all-star team for three years.

MARTIN

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fourth-straight Michigan AAU championship and placed 14th in the open division of the USAV Junior National Championships. In August, she was named number 71 on Prepvolleyball.com's Senior Ace list of the nation's top volleyball recruits.

Martin is a four-year varsity player with Northville and a co-captain this season. Martin helped lead the Mustangs to the most successful season in school history with a 49-4-4 record. Her contributions this year earned her Under Armour All-American and Michigan First-Team All-State honors. Martin also earned Academic All-State honors with a cumulative 3.9 grade-point average.

"I've learned so much from these past four years and have had so much school support throughout my entire career," said Martin. "Playing in front of my friends, family, and the student section has been so amazing and winning regionals has been so memorable.

I couldn't ask for a better high school experience."

Georgia Tech volleyball coach Tonya Johnson noted the program is looking forward to seeing how far Martin will continue to grow as she takes to the court with the Yellow Jackets.

"I'm excited about the progress Rebecca has made since her commitment to our program," she said. "She is a dynamic setter with great hands and a great understanding of the game."

Martin will be joined by two other recruits, London Ackerman, a libero from Louisville, Ky. and Lauren Pitz, a middle blocker from Carmel, Ind.

"I'm excited about this class (of incoming recruits)," said Johnson. "This class will certainly help in changing the culture of our gym. They are all blue-collar-attitude kids who come from winning programs. I look for all of them to contribute to our program very early in their careers."

Sam Eggleston is a freelance writer and former staff sports writer for the Northville Record and Novi News.

Sims, Coleman race in Footlocker Regional

Neither Mustang advances to state final despite strong runs

By **Sam Eggleston**
Correspondent

It was a bit chilly when Rachel Coleman and Dan Sims stood at the starting line in Racine, Wis. last week.

The two Mustangs were greeted by 39 degrees for the start of the Footlocker Regional race last Saturday as they prepped for a chance to run in the national race next month. Unfortunately, despite strong showings, neither Northville harrier finished high enough to race in the championships. When the race concluded, just two boys runners from Michigan earned the right to compete at the nationals and no girls from Michigan finished high enough to earn a berth.

"I think it is always hard to go to an unfamiliar race and not have any of your teammates racing with you like you do all season," said Northville girls' cross country coach Nancy Smith. "This was an extremely competitive race that was a great experience for the both of them."

Sims ran to 64th place out of a field of 235 runners and came across the finish line in 15:55—one of his best times of his career. Coleman finished in 103rd place out of a whopping 273 runners and completed the race in 19:30.

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FOOTBALL

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to Zach Bock and then kicked in the extra point to slice into the lead. Cass Tech ended the scoring in the first half with a 31-yard field goal with 45 seconds left on the clock.

The Technicians added 14 more points in the third quarter before Moores once again found Bock with 5:57 left in the contest to make it a 29-13 game.

Moores ended the day with three touchdowns and 221 yards on a 12-for-23 performance. The leading rusher was David Houle, who rumbled 77 yards on 13 attempts while Anthony Darkangelo added 41 yards and Bock had 40. Bock also pulled down 91 yards receiving and two touchdowns while Malone had 61 yards receiving and a score. Darkangelo caught two passes for 71 yards on the day.

Defensively, David Widzinski led the Shamrocks with an impressive 16 tackles.

The loss left the Shamrocks with a 9-5 record and is the sixth time the team has been state runner-ups under Tom Mach's



Anthony Darkangelo receives pass from Garrett Moores for a long gain for the Shamrocks.

leadership. Detroit Cass Tech finished 12-2 on the year.

"We're extremely proud of our kids and the great effort they gave, both on Saturday and throughout the playoffs," said Mach. "I think a lot of people outside of our practice were

skeptical about what this team was capable of, given their 5-4 record entering the playoffs, but this group never stopped believing and never stopped working, and they have a lot to be proud of. Especially our seniors, who played the maximum

of 14 games for two years straight, which not many high school kids can say—that is a great accomplishment in itself."

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Anthony Darkangelo sweeps around the Cass Tech defense.



CC's Zach Bock sprints up a seam in the Cass Tech defense for a 24-yard gain.

NOVI SPORTS ROUND-UP

By **Chris Jackett**
Correspondent

VanderMey, Berg sign letters of intent to swim in college

Having verbally committed earlier in the season, senior swimmers Andrea VanderMey and Kara Berg made their collegiate commitments official Nov. 19 by signing letters of intent. VanderMey will continue her athletic career at Western Kentucky University, while Berg will continue hers at Ball State University.

Varsity cagers hosting Holiday Hoops Camp for grades 3-8

Novi's boys basketball team is hosting a Holiday Hoops Camp for boys in grades three through eight. The camp will run from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Dec. 27 at Novi High School. Coach Brian Tass and several current Novi varsity team student-athletes will lead the campers through a series of individual offensive and defensive skill improvement drills and contests before an afternoon filled with games. Cost to attend the camp is \$25. Attendees should bring gym shorts, a T-shirt, basketball shoes, socks and a bag lunch. For more information, contact coach Tass at (248) 408-2463 or btass@novi.k12.mi.us. To register, visit www.totalgatesolutions.com/SelectEventTickets.aspx?eventId=31474.

Chris Jackett is a freelance writer and former staff writer for the Novi News.



COURTESY OF NOVI ATHLETICS

Andrea VanderMey (left) and Kara Berg signed letters of intent Nov. 19 to continue their swimming careers at Western Kentucky University and Ball State University, respectively.

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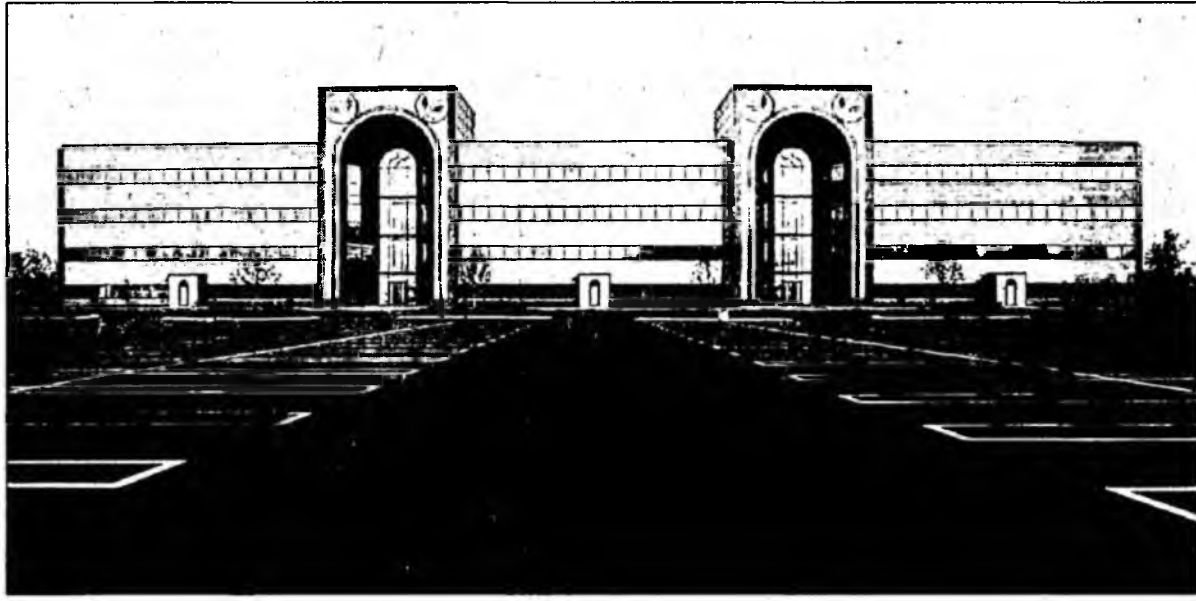
Laurel Park Place Office Center garners kudos, among other pros, properties

The Building Owners and Managers Association of Metro Detroit (BOMA) held its annual awards program, The Outstanding Building of the Year (TOBY) and Leadership Awards Presentation on Nov. 9 at the MotorCity Casino Sound Board, Detroit.

The program honors outstanding leaders and commercial properties in the local commercial real estate industry. The TOBY Awards, now in its 28th year, is the most prestigious and comprehensive program of its kind in the commercial real estate industry, recognizing excellence in office building ownership and management.

William M. Wylonis, president of BOMA of Metro Detroit, addressed the large gathering and paid tribute to BOMA's outstanding members, "This afternoon we recognize and celebrate our collective and individual efforts... our people, our innovations and development in our industry."

With a sold-out crowd of nearly 300 people in attendance, Kevin Livingston of Hines was named Property Manager of the Year; Laura Marble, FMA of General Services Administration, Facility Manager of the Year; Plumbing Professors, Service



Laurel Park Place Office Center in Livonia took first place in its square footage categories as Building of the Year.

Provider of the Year; and Kristin Falconer of Signal Restoration Services, Supplier Member of the Year; Cindy Wiegand of KIRCO, Emerging Leader; Linda Emert-Grimm of Dietz Property Group and David Glaser of Stone Restoration Services, Outstanding Service Awards; The Plumbing Professors, Service Provider of the Year; Kristin Falconer of Signal Restoration Services, Supplier Member of the Year; and Daniel Fitzgerald received the President's Award.

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Citizenship & Immigration Services Region 7, Detroit District Office; Southfield property One Northwestern Plaza; and Laurel Park Place Office Center in Livonia all took first place in their respective square footage categories as Building of the Year. The Coleman A. Young Municipal Center in Detroit was first in the Government Building class, 50 West Big Beaver in Bloomfield Hills took the top award in the Medical Office category, and the Bingham Center in Southfield was recognized in the Suburban Office Park Low-Rise grouping.

Local TOBY winners advance to regional competition and then move on to international competition at the BOMA International North American Real Estate Congress and the Every Building Show in San Diego, Calif., in June 2013. For additional information on the 2012-13 TOBY and Leadership Awards, visit www.bomadetroit.org.

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Security good idea at meetings

By Robert Meisner
Guest Columnist

Q: I am a member of our homeowner association and I am worried about one vocal and, sometimes, violent resident who attends the meetings. Should they have security at the meeting? I have asked the board for it.

A: I am deluged with emails from fellow community association



practitioners who can recount numerous stories where violent behavior has been perpetrated at meetings of the association and/or on directors. One story I have heard was about the treasurer of his condominium association being at a meeting where one of the owners in a community called the board president "as queer as a three dollar bill," whereupon chairs were thrown at various individuals sending the rest of the board members under the table. The individuals involved were all over the age of 70, so age has no bearing upon judgment or conduct. To say the least, where there is any potential threat, adequate security should be provided if for no other reason than to enhance the participation by the members of the association.

Q: Has the Michigan legislature enacted a statute that prohibits nonrecourse mortgages and deficiency judgments?

A: No. However, the Michigan legislature did enact the Nonrecourse Mortgage Loan Act, 2012 PA 67, MCL 445.1591 et seq., which retroactively prohibits a postclosing covenant in a nonrecourse loan from being used as a carve-out or basis for a deficiency judgment against a borrower or guarantor. The Act does not apply to loans that are initially classified as recourse loans, and the Act specifically states that it does not prohibit fully recourse loans.

Q: What is a deficiency judgment in a mortgage, and does my mortgage company have the ability to pursue one?

A: When a borrower cannot repay their mortgage and the lender pursues foreclosure, the lender may or may not be able to sue the borrower to collect the shortfall commonly known as a deficiency. In Michigan, the key is whether or not the note, not the mortgage, is classified as a recourse or nonrecourse loan. If the note is classified as a recourse loan, the lender can pursue a deficiency judgment on the covenants contained in the note. Generally speaking, conventional residential notes do have recourse provisions. However, in order for you to determine if you may be subject to a deficiency judgment, you may need to contact a real estate attorney to review your specific situation.

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

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Aug. 20-24, 2012, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

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41520 Alleghany St	\$120,000
47011 Bartlett Dr	\$236,000
45471 Brunswick Dr	\$210,000
2386 Cleveland Way	\$212,000
50509 Coolidge St	\$236,000
4065 Cornerstone Dr	\$100,000
412 Country Club Ln	\$335,000
4188 Forest Bridge Dr	\$220,000
41627 Glade Rd	\$180,000
45945 Graystone Ln	\$148,000
7514 Green Meadow Ln	\$145,000
8660 Holly Dr	\$3,000
7585 Kingsbridge Rd	\$160,000
43622 Lombardy Dr	\$150,000
44691 Meadowcreek Ln	\$138,000
2583 Mistwood Ct	\$402,000
6205 N Ridge Rd	\$480,000
44302 N Umlerland Cir	\$150,000
556 N Willard Rd	\$136,000
47286 Northgate Dr	\$210,000
43467 Proctor Rd	\$155,000
2842 River Meadow Cir	\$190,000
45598 S Stonewood Rd	\$172,000
45622 S Stonewood Rd	\$178,000
44099 Southampton Dr	\$145,000
41430 Stafford Ct	\$130,000
47859 Stratford Ct	\$310,000
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31758 Maplewood St	\$62,000
32714 Rosslyn Ave	\$77,000
29896 Windsor St	\$78,000

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36004 Bobrich St	\$192,000
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9017 Danzig St	\$70,000
15906 Deering St	\$91,000
14166 Denne St	\$96,000
14277 Denne St	\$131,000
15406 Doris St	\$104,000
9362 Eastwind Dr	\$147,000
29620 Edward Pl	\$133,000
28428 Elmira St	\$111,000
30106 Fairfax St	\$56,000
32643 Five Mile Rd	\$54,000
18623 Floral St	\$43,000
31632 Gable St	\$78,000
35034 Grove Dr	\$172,000
33735 Grove St	\$140,000
29948 Hathaway St	\$95,000
33501 Hathaway St	\$165,000
37107 Kingsburn Dr	\$329,000
38995 Lyndon St	\$130,000
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18435 Mayfield St	\$260,000
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15710 Operto St	\$65,000
19387 Rensellor St	\$59,000
31719 Summers St	\$118,000
33845 Trillium Ct	\$161,000
18055 University Park Dr	\$83,000
32901 W Chicago St	\$128,000
30510 Wentworth St	\$134,000
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9825 Westmore St	\$138,000
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1199 S Sheldon Rd	\$48,000
14596 Shadywood Dr	\$145,000
46045 Wesboro Dr	\$330,000

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7370 Sandy Creek Ln	\$460,000
333 Westbourne Ct	\$279,000
659 Wilshire Dr	\$243,000
292 Yarmouth Rd	\$700,000

24240 Locust St	\$137,000
29140 Millbrook Rd	\$266,000
30747 Mystic Dr	\$278,000
30255 N Meadowridge	\$134,000
32519 Nestlewood St	\$185,000
29436 Regents Pointe	\$110,000
36922 Ridgedale Ct	\$95,000
21580 River Ridge Ct	\$140,000
28294 Secluded Ln	\$310,000
21714 Sheffield Dr	\$300,000
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44494 Gwinnett Loop	\$155,000
25364 Sutton Ct	\$50,000
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Searching for a job is hard work. Scanning help-wanted listings, researching companies, sending out customized cover letters and résumés and attending interviews can be tiring and time-consuming.

In some cases, a pressing need for a paycheck may outweigh any potential drawbacks to a new role, especially given the uncertain economy and rising prices for gas and food.

Scrutinize the job description

Carefully reviewing the job requirements, key tasks and responsibilities, as well as whom you will report to, may be the single most important step in assessing an offer from a potential employer.

- Will you enjoy the day-to-day duties of the position?
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Is the level of responsibility appropriate considering your experience?

Are you willing to make any required lifestyle changes (e.g., travel, longer commute, rigid work hours) that may affect your quality of life?

If the answer to any of these questions is no, accepting the position might not be in your best interest. While some negative factors can be overlooked — a slightly lower starting salary than you prefer, for instance — fundamental problems with the job itself are a definite deal-breaker.

Evaluate the company

The work environment affects how you feel on a daily basis, so make sure it's one you feel comfortable in. If, for example, you strongly prefer a conservative corporate culture with set hours and established processes, you probably won't be happy in an informal atmosphere with a "fly-by-the-seat-of-your-pants" business approach.

Also consider the work styles of your future boss and co-workers. If you sense that you and your potential colleagues have conflicting styles or personalities, tread carefully. While differences in character and opinion can result in better group dynamics, frequent disagreements often lead to unproductive and unhappy work teams.



Review the compensation package

How does the salary compare to what you made in your last position or what others in your specialty and with the same skills earn? Take a look at the benefits package, too. How generous are the perks? Keep in mind that attractive benefits can sometimes outweigh sub-par compensation.

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Ask about opportunities for growth

There's nothing worse for your career than getting stuck in a dead-end job. While a so-so role may be fine in the short term, holding a position that does not allow for advancement for an extended period of time can take a toll on your health and happiness.

Try to get a realistic idea of the growth opportunities available within the company. For example, have people who held the job before you moved up with the firm? Where did your prospective manager start out? If

the answers to such questions don't seem to support a policy of promoting from within, you may want to continue your job search.

Careful consideration of the issues discussed above will help you decide whether to accept, reject or negotiate a better offer. If, after evaluating each of these points, you are still unsure which way to swing, go with your gut. If your intuition tells you that something is a little off, conduct some additional research or ask more questions of the hiring manager before making your decision.

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