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Snow appointed

Gov. Rick Snyder has appointed Northville Township resident and attorney Martha Snow to the 3rd Circuit Court in Wayne County.

Snow, who is a member of the Northville Township Planning Commission, fills the vacancy created by the resignation of Judge Gershwin



Martha Snow

Drain. She is a shareholder of the Xuereb Snow law firm and has more than 20 years of experience as a civil trial lawyer, primarily practicing family law. Snow previously was a special assistant attorney general, shareholder of the Martha M. Snow law firm, and an associate attorney at Pepper and Associates. She was admitted to the state bar in 1991, and has a law degree from Wayne State University Law School and a bachelor's degree from Central Michigan University.

Snow must seek election in November 2014 to serve the remainder of Drain's term expiring Jan. 1, 2017.

Special meeting

The Northville Township Board of Trustees will hold a special meeting at 7 p.m. tonight. The meeting, which will take place at township hall, has a limited agenda. The board will discuss the responsibilities and operations of all township departments, and also review the board's responsibilities, procedures and operations.

There will be an opportunity for public comment on the agenda items, as well as general topics.

After much anticipation
Garage restaurant opens

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

The first thing you see as you walk into the new Garage grill and fuel bar is a colorful, detailed art mural depicting a classic, vintage garage scene. Just to the right of it is a scene of downtown Northville and the other side of it is Detroit. The art sets the tone for what will be a meal of great food and service.

A lot of work went into making this new restaurant in downtown Northville a great hot spot. It's been two years in the making for Bill and Mark

Evasic. Now it's open and if the first few days are an example of what's to come, then all the work has paid off.

"It's been robust," said Mark Evasic of the first few days of business. "We want to be part of this community, so the welcome we've received has been just great."

In its past the building that houses the Garage, which is at the corner of Main and Wing streets, has been an auto repair garage, laundry mat, barber shop and the former Gardenviews location. It

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Northville's Garage grill and fuel bar restaurant is full of patrons already by 5 p.m. on Nov. 30. The former Gardenviews shop underwent a year-long renovation and opened for business last week.

Restoring a legacy
Wayne County Parks reviving 'specimen' trees in historic Bennett Arboretum

By Kurt Kuban
Staff Writer

Back in October, Elizabeth Iszler walked along a trail in Bennett Arboretum and marveled at autumn's glory amid towering trees and rolling hills.

"This is a beautiful place," said Iszler, who was hired back in April as the landscape architect and design manager for Wayne County Parks.

Under Iszler's leadership, the county is taking a fresh look at Bennett Arboretum, which is located in the northwest portion of Edward Hines Park in Northville Township. In addition to its rolling topography and green vistas, Bennett Arboretum contains more than a hundred trees planted back in the 1930s when the park was a major destination for Wayne County families. It also contains an interpretive trail system, wetlands and plenty of wildlife.

Over the years, nature has taken its course in the arboretum and many non-native plants and trees have sprouted up, and in many cases have now overrun the "specimen" trees planted decades ago.

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Elizabeth Iszler walks through Bennett Arboretum in Hines Park back in October. Iszler, with Wayne County Parks, is working to preserve and restore the remaining "specimen" trees dating back to the 1930s. The arboretum is located in Northville Township.

BENNETT ARBORETUM FACTS

- Established in 1930s by J. Merle (J.M.) Bennett, who worked for Wayne County Road Commission as director of Wayne County Parks and Forestry
- Located in the northwest portion of Edward Hines Park, in Northville Township
- Michigan's oldest public arboretum
- 104 of the original 470 or so specimen trees from the 1930s still remain



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What's on your list?

Ava, 7, and Kara Good, 5, right, visit with Santa in his shack in Northville Town Square during the Winter Market festivities that took place over the weekend. — please see page A2.



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With a blur of flying frozen water, ice-carver Ted Waker gets to work on a re-creation of Northville's Main Street clock at the Winter Market on Saturday.

A balmy Winter Market

Christmas spirit in the air despite spring-like weather

By Kurt Kuban
Staff Writer

As the old-fashioned carousel spun around with lots of smiling children holding on, the classic song "It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas" blared over the speakers. But you would never have known it considering the weather was in the 60s for much of the Northville Winter Market over the weekend.

The event, co-sponsored by the Northville Downtown Development Authority, Northville Chamber of Commerce, Northville Art House and Begonia Brothers, brought many holiday-themed activities to the streets of downtown, including horse and carriage rides, live reindeer, the aforementioned carousel, ice sculpture competitions, and a holiday market featuring juried artists. Carolers strolled the streets, and Santa was on hand to check the Christmas wish lists of all the youngsters brave enough to enter his little shack in Northville Town Square.

The unseasonably warm weather didn't bother Alan Cholewiak one bit. The Northville resident, who lives nearby on Randolph Street, came to the event on Sunday wearing shorts. He was with his wife, Kate, and their 18-month-old son Connor. He said the family really enjoys special downtown events, just one of the reasons they love living in North-



The Winter Market included a number of juried artists selling their wares inside a heated tent.



Sierra Przysiecki, 3, rides the carousel along with her dad, Brad.

ville.

"They have a lot of community events like this for every single holiday. We love it," he said, shortly after getting Connor's picture taken with Santa.

The event drew people from outside of town as well, including Bob and Lenore Good of Livonia, who brought their 3-year-old grandson Chayse. They weren't complaining about the weather, either.

"I think this was a great day for it. The horse (and carriage) rides and the reindeer were great," Lenore Good said on Sunday. "And we got him (Chayse) to finally venture in to see Santa. We had a really good time."

Traci Sincok of the Chamber of Commerce said the event drew a fair number of people, especially on Saturday, and organizers were pretty happy with

it overall.

"It went great for a first time event," she said.

DDA Director Lori Ward said the whole point of events like the Winter Market are to get people into the downtown area to discover all that it has to offer, especially the business community.

"We took a little stroll on Sunday, and a lot of the businesses were open and pretty busy. That was really great to see," Ward said. "That's why we are bringing people downtown. We want them to discover all of the great businesses we have."

Alan and Kate Cholewiak know exactly what Ward is talking about. They said they come downtown at least two or three times a week, and any time there are special events like Winter Market.

"We think Northville is the best place to live in the world. I can't imagine another place I would want to raise a family," Kate Cholewiak said.

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Read all about it — online

Northville District Library now offers digitized archives of ‘Record’ dating back to 1869

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Staff Writer

The Northville District Library has introduced a new resource tool allowing users to read digitized copies of the local newspaper dating as far back as 1869 through 2011.

Two weeks ago the library launched its digitized project of the Northville Record and so far it's been a hit.

"We've had over 200 users access it so far, which is a good number considering we just launched it," said library technology coordinator Michael McEvoy.

Assistant library director Anne Mannisto said the project couldn't have had happened without the permission from the Northville Record and the crucial \$36,000 donation from the Friends of the Northville Library. She said this help made it possible.

"The Friends of the Northville Library are such an important part of this library, and we couldn't have done it without them," Mannisto said.

She added the group of volunteers works tirelessly to advocate for the library, raising funds for extra purchases not covered in the annual budget and assists with special events and programs. And they are always looking for more help.

The digitized project was bid out to Graphic Sciences, a Madison Heights company. For a long time the library has offered the back copies of the newspaper on microfilm, which have been



A computer screen shows some of the many articles in the Record over the years on the town's Stinson Aircraft Co. that are now viewable on a search-able collection of articles.

viewed many times over the years. However, the idea to digitize goes back years as well, so it also kept another set of the microfilms in storage for this exact purpose.

The microfilms were digitized by Graphic Science and the more recent copies of the newspapers were as well. McEvoy said the more recent the editions the better the quality of the digital product.

This tool is ideal for anyone wanting to get a historical look at local, national and international news of the day. Mannisto said students, researchers and local organizations will take advantage of it. One being the Northville Genealogical Society, who also played a big part in making the project happen.

Northville librarian and local historian Wendy Mutch said this is an ideal tool because of how far the newspaper goes back. She said it can give the user a birds-eye view of life in Northville throughout the decades.

"We are lucky to have

an historical resource like this," she said.

Record Publisher Sue Rosiek agreed.

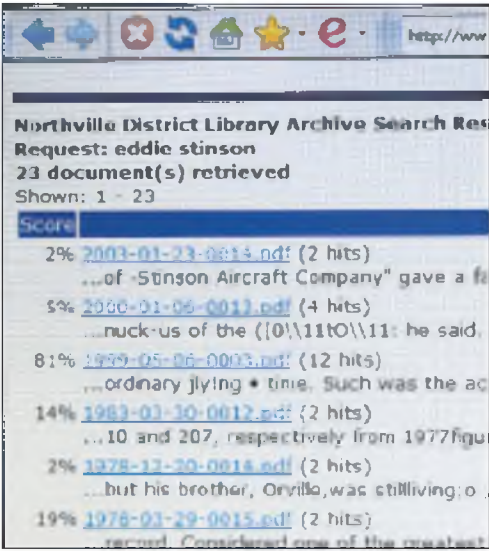
"This is an exciting tool for researchers," said Rosiek. "Thank you to the Friends of the Library and the leadership of the Northville District Library for making this valuable reference available in digital format."

It works by going to the web page and then typing the names or keywords you are searching for in the search box. The user will receive a results page and then can choose a document from the list and click on the name you would like to view.

To check out this new resource go to www.northvillehistory.org and click on Newspaper Archives.

The library will sponsor a class to show interested individuals how to search the newly digitized Northville Record at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 7.

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Library patrons searching for articles in the Record used to have to go through reels of microfiche in order to find information.



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Northville District Librarian Wendy Mutch reviews some of the online pages of the Northville Record after its recent digitization by Graphic Sciences. Mutch and library computer technician Michael McEvoy worked together to have the company scan in all the years of the Record, from its beginning in 1869 to present.

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Kids enjoy their own workshop

Erin Wilbanks, 6, seems to be having fun as she hammers into shape a tin cookie cutter at the Dec. 1 Children's Christmas Workshop at Mill Race Village. The Workshop, an annual event, sponsored by the Northville Historical Society and staffed by dozens of volunteers, and about every Stockhausen in the city, gives kids an opportunity to make a few crafts for the upcoming holiday season that they can keep or give away.



Katie McClure gets some help from Gus Kunes as they work together at the Dec. 1 Children's Christmas Workshop - to finish a license plate wisk.

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The Amerman Green it Up Team displays its Siemens We Can Change the World national finalist banner.

Greening it up

Amerman students earn national recognition in 'We Can Change the World Challenge'

The Green It Up Team of third through fifth graders at Amerman Elementary School has been honored as one of 30 national finalists in the fourth annual Siemens We Can Change the World Challenge.

The challenge — which aims to empower young people to create solutions to today's environmental problems — is the premier national environmental sustainability competition for grades K-12. Through project-based learning, students learn firsthand about science and conservation while creating solutions that impact their planet. As part of the challenge, students also must put together guidelines for how other schools or communities can repeat their project.

At Amerman, the Green It Up Team challenge focused on finding ways to make the school more green. To do this, the team is creating a green roof for the school with the goal of conserving energy, reducing gray water, and cre-

ating a space to grow edible plants and saffron, as well as providing a place for birds to land. The team is currently in the process of raising funds for the green roof project and planting seeds to grow the plants for the trays that will comprise the green roof.

As part of its project the Amerman Green It Up Team also has begun composting the school's lunch waste with the goal of decreasing the amount of garbage thrown out each day and producing the nutritious soil to be used to grow the plants for the green roof trays. As a result, the school's lunch waste has been reduced by about seven pounds a day.

As a 2011-12 national elementary school finalist in the Siemens We Can Change the World Challenge, Amerman received a recognition banner to hang in the school and each member of the Green It Up Team received a national finalist certificate.

"Through this experi-

ence these students have become engaged with the environment in ways that give them confidence to problem solve and make positive change in their world," said Amerman third grade teacher and Green It Up Team mentor Khris Nedam. "Teamwork is emphasized throughout the challenge, which is a very positive element because problem-solving environmental issues can only be done when you bring together individuals from different specialties, interests and perspectives.

"Students use science, math, reading and language arts concepts to create sustainable environmental improvements that other students in other schools can use."

The Green It Up Team projects are part of an overall ecological initiative at Amerman that includes the installation of solar panels at the school to reduce energy cost, membership in the Friends of the Rouge River, and the school's designation since 2008 as a Michigan Green School.

School board members deserve praise for untiring dedication to public education

By Mary Kay Gallagher

Guest Column

January is School Board Recognition Month, and we at Northville Public Schools are joining 552 local school districts and 56 intermediate school districts across the state to thank these community volunteers for their untiring dedication to public education. The theme of this year's state-wide celebration, "School Boards Lead Strong," reflects a combined commitment to leadership and accountability, assuring that all children succeed.

Michiganders benefit every day from the dedicated energies and countless hours devoted by more than 4,000 men and women across the state. These public servants are elected to serve by their communities and receive little recognition for the difficult job that they do.

In a climate of change and challenge, the members of the Northville Public Schools Board of Education work together to develop policies and make tough decisions on complex educational and social issues that affect our entire community and impact individual students. They bear responsibility for a general fund budget of \$64 million, 7,321 students, 800 employees and 12 buildings. They carry out the truest form of representative government in our democracy — public education.

Recognizing Northville's Board of Education members for this commitment and sacrifice takes a combined effort on the part of all of us they serve — administrators, teachers, staff, students and the community. Although I encourage you to show your appreciation throughout the year, taking advantage of School Board Recognition Month assures that these important people receive the thanks they deserve.

There are many ways Northville school families and community members can recognize and celebrate the work of these dedicated public servants during School Board Recognition Month and throughout the year. Invite them out for coffee. Ask how you might help support your local

neighborhood schools. Drop off cookies at one of the January Board meetings on January 15 and January 22. Write your school board members a thank you note. Let them know you appreciate what they do for the students and families in our community.

For Northville Public Schools, this year's School Board Recognition Month also offers the opportunity for the community to welcome several new faces to the board. In the Nov. 6 election, Cyndy Jankowski, Adam Phelps and Matthew Wilk were elected to the Northville Board of Education for four-year terms beginning in January 2013. Ms. Jankowski and Mr. Wilk are currently serving on the board in appointee positions. New to the board, Mr. Phelps will begin his service in January. The district, community and Board of Education also will recognize current Board President Dottie Garrity, who is completing her four-year term of service, at the school board meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 11 at Winchester Elementary School.

We extend our deep appreciation to all of our board members — those who are new and those who have served for many years — for their willingness to serve the school district and the community to ensure the best possible educational experience for all Northville Public Schools' students. Most especially we express our heartfelt gratitude, on behalf of the entire Northville school community, to Dottie Garrity for her dedication over these past four years. Dottie has been a tireless and thoughtful advocate for Northville school children and families."

The men and women serving on the Northville Public Schools Board of Education and their years of service are:

- Dottie Garrity, President, 4 years
- Kenneth Roth, Vice President, 10.5 years
- Joseph Hige, Jr., Treasurer, 3 years
- James Mazurek, Secretary, 2 years
- Scott Craig, Trustee, 1 year
- Cynthia Jankowski, Trustee, 11 months
- Matthew Wilk, Trustee, 6 months
- Adam Phelps, Board Member Elect, effective January 2013

Mary Kay Gallagher is superintendent of Northville Public Schools.

NORTHVILLE SCHOOL BRIEFS

Ridge Wood PTA fundrasier

The Ridge Wood PTA Invites all ladies to its Ladies Night Holiday Shopping Fundraiser from 6-9 p.m., Dec. 6 at 48913 Freestone Drive in the Arcadia Ridge Subdivision model home. Several vendors will be on hand selling their goods, including The Good Time Party Store, Tastefully Simple, Thirty One Gifts, Origami Owl Custom Jewelry, Koko Hat and Sabika Jewelry. Some of the proceeds go to the PTA.

Stakeholder survey

In an effort to gain valuable information on the district's progress in aligning the school community around the shared vision of student learning and our overall work in school improvement, Northville Public Schools officials are asking staff, students, and parents to participate in an AdvancEd Stakeholder Survey between Dec. 3-20.

The district is currently at the mid-point of the five-year AdvancEd/NCA Accreditation process. The last accreditation visit took place in 2009 and the district, with the help of parents and all stakeholders, has made great strides in the school improvement process. This mid-point survey, designed and administered by AdvancEd, measures the district's progress in the five school improvement standards:

- Purpose and direction
- Governance and leadership
- Teaching and learning
- Resources and support systems
- Using results for continuous improvement

Parents can access the AdvancEd survey at the following link: <http://www.advanc-ed.org/survey/public/5715818>

Hillside toy drive

Hillside Middle School's annual toy drive runs through Dec. 19. The school will be accepting donations each week, on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays. You can drop off new toys, gift cards, or money donations in the front

lobby. Donations will count towards spirit points. Gifts are for under privileged kids ages 5-15.

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.

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.

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Katie Abbo (left), a 2003 graduate of Northville High School, along with fellow volunteer Natalie Frnsko, helped with the efforts to feed pets in need after Hurricane Sandy.

Springing into action

NHS grad among group that came to rescue of pets impacted by Hurricane Sandy

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

Katie Abbo, a 2003 graduate of Northville High School, said making a positive difference was the big payoff in traveling to the New York area to help people and families with hungry pets after Hurricane Sandy left many in need.

“While wearing our emergency relief T-shirts around the city, citizens would continually stop us and thank us for our efforts,” Abbo said looking back at the experience. “It really made me feel like we were making a difference.”

After the storm hit the East Coast in October, the PetSmart Charities Emergency Relief team sprang into action. She was part of this team, and is also a category analyst in the Supply Chain department for PetSmart.

The volunteer group managed the receipt and delivery of vital pet supplies including food, litter, crates and leashes so the ASPCA (American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals) knew what could be delivered to animal welfare organizations in the area, Abbo said of their duties.

“We also prepared dog/cat food packages for the Red Cross to deliver to those in need,” said Abbo, who now lives in Arizona.

As the tragedy unfolded on the coast, PetSmart



PetSmart Charities volunteers Natalie Frnsko and Katie Abbo work to fill bags with food for pets impacted on the east coast after Hurricane Sandy.

Charities prepared Emergency Relief Waggin’ vehicles for deployment. Each trailer was stocked with more than \$80,000 worth of essential supplies, including 16 tons of things like pet food, wire crates, plastic carriers, bowls, leashes, fans, generators, battery chargers and lights.

With so many supplies to unload and distribute, PetSmart Charities worked with the American Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) and the state of New York to set up a temporary distribution center to ensure pets received what they needed.

According to Abbo, since the storm, PetSmart Charities has dispatched 20 Emergency Relief Waggin’ vehicles, containing more than \$1 million worth of pet food and supplies.

Through the efforts both in Phoenix and the team in NY, we have assisted in helping over 24,000 pets so far, with the number continuing to grow.

“This deployment marks the largest emergency relief effort in our history,” she said of PetSmart Charities efforts.

She volunteered for this because she believed in the positive impact it would have, and said this something she and the organization will continue to do.

“PetSmart is very involved in helping animals in need,” she said. “It was a great effort to get involved in, so it’s wonderful to work for an organization that supports and encourages volunteerism.”

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Age 71, passed away Nov. 29, 2012. A private family service was held. Arrangements by PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

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KLOBUKOWSKI, STEPHEN JOSEPH

Age 60, passed away November 30th. He was born December 25th, 1951 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Beloved son of Dolores (Pociecha) Klobukowski and the late Leonard Klobukowski. Father of Joseph Klobukowski and Allison (Bobby) Herrell. Stepfather of Eric (Erin) Muir. Grandfather of Chloe and Colton Herrell. Brother of Lawrence Klobukowski, Mary (James) Herro, Luann (Brian) Cook, and Joann (Frank) Malaczynski. He is an uncle, cousin and friend to many more. Memorial service will take place at 12 noon on Saturday December 8th at the VFW Hall, Post 2502, 125 E. McHattie Street South Lyon, MI 48178



KUBAN, JOSEPH ANTHONY

Age 91, passed away on November 24, 2012 in Birmingham, AL from complications of CIPD. He was preceded in death by Patricia Kuban, his wife of 62 years, sons Jack and Karl and three sisters. Joe was born in Czechoslovakia in 1921, moved to Cudahy, WI with his parents at the age of 3. He proudly served his country in WWII, receiving many decorations and citations including a Purple Heart. Joe married Patricia Whidden in 1947. Demand for automobiles prompted Joe to move his family to Westland, Michigan in 1957 to work at Ford Motor Company until his retirement. Joe and Pat chose to spend their retirement years in New Port Richey, Florida. Joe was a very loving and supportive husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. All who shared his life will miss his quick wit, storytelling and amazing memory. He was a good man, mild mannered with an uncanny ability to take life's ups and downs with grace and humility. He loved God and was a good and faithful servant. Joe is survived by his sons Ronald, Rotanda West, FL, and Brian, Westland, MI, daughter Peggy (Dave) Carlington, Hoover, AL., one brother, Frank (Diane) Kuban, Racine, WI. He leaves behind seven grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. A military rites funeral will be held December 6, 2012, 11:00 am at the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, FL.

SCHOOLMASTER, DONNA M.

Age 80, passed away Nov. 27, 2012. A private service was held on Dec. 1, 2012 at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens. Arrangements by: Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon.

LANCINA, GEORGE A.

Age 61, longtime Milford resident, November 30, 2012. George is survived by Lynn, his wife of 25 years, their daughter Heather and many loving extended family members and dear friends. Services were held at Lynch & Sons, Milford on December 4, 2012. For further info, please call 248-684-6645 or visit LynchFuneralDirectors.com



MOORE, JAMES W.

Age 63, of South Lyon passed away December 1, 2012. He was born November 12, 1949 in Wadsworth, New York, son of Arthur and Jeanne (Kaib) Moore. He was married to Carol for over 38 years. Jim was Vice President of Solutions and Execution Standards for Ryder's Supply Chain Solutions (SCS) business segment. He was responsible for overseeing Ryder's Supply Chain Excellence organization. Jim had more than 45 years of industry experience, including executive positions at the Marshall Moore Group, Accenture, US Freightways and Leaseway transportation. Over his career he traveled extensively in Asia, Europe and North America. Mr. Moore earned his Master of Science degree in Applied Math from the University of Akron, and a Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics from Syracuse University. He holds a U.S. patent for trailer design and was co-inventor of Ryder's Logistics Release process and technology. He was a frequent speaker on supply chain and was a member of CLM and CSCMP since 1985. He wrote "The Internet Weather", published by John Wiley, 2002. Jim had encyclopedic knowledge; he was his sons' Google before Google was invented. He was a classical pianist and an avid reader; and also enjoyed playing bridge. He was a loving, devoted, considerate, and generous husband and father. He is survived by his wife Carol; his sons, Gregory Moore of Farmington, Matthew (fiance Clare O'Conner) Moore of Wisconsin, and Sean (Amalia) Moore of Wisconsin; and his siblings, Lloyd (Jane) Liscum of New York, Dr. Michele (Marcus Christian) Hansen of New Hampshire, Arthur (Sue) Moore of Florida, and Marilyn (Steven Bayne) Moore of New York. He was preceded in death by his parents and his sister Maureen Downing. A funeral service was held Wednesday, December 5 at Casterline Funeral Home of South Lyon. In lieu of flowers, donations to research on HLH can be made to the Cincinnati Children's Hospital and direct your donation toward the Immune Deficiency and Histocytosis program www.cincinnatichildrens.org/giving/donate-now/ Cincinnati Children's is the leader in HLH research. Please share condolences at: www.casterlinefuneralhome.com



ZUCAL, KARAN L.

Age 76, passed away November 30, 2012. She was born on October 7, 1936, in Dearborn, daughter of the late Fredrick & Eleanor Rule. Karan was a professional genealogist for over 40 years in the Detroit area and a founding member of the Western Wayne county Genealogical Society. An excellent cook, wine aficionado, and hostess who opened her house to anyone, especially her many rescued cats; Karan enjoyed hosting many gatherings in her home. She also loved to travel with friends and 'camp'. She is survived by her loving husband of 55 years, William, her beloved children, Christopher Zucal and Melissa Zucal (David Maberry). She is also survived by her grandchildren, Daniel and Josh and her brothers, David (Penny) Rule and Stephen Rule and many nieces, nephews and loving friends. The family will begin receiving friends on Saturday, December 8th at 10:00 a.m. with a memorial service held at 11:00 a.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Lupus Foundation of America, Inc. (http://www.lupus.org) PO Box 418629 Boston, MA 02241-8629.

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PAYNE, STEPHEN T.

Age 67, born on July 27, 1945 in Detroit, Michigan, and passed on December 1, 2012 in Clarkston, Michigan. Beloved husband of Donna M. Payne for 45 years; Loving father of Brian (Alison) Payne; Proud grandfather of Olivia Benson and Bradley Pennington; Dear brother of Patti Payne; Steve is a 24 year veteran of the Southfield Fire Department. He will be sorely missed by his friends and family. A memorial celebration will take place at a later date. Arrangements entrusted to the Highland Chapel of the Elton Black & Son Funeral Home Highland, MI; In lieu of flowers memorials appreciated to the Michigan Humane Society. To share a memory please visit: eltonblackandsonhighland.com.

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TREES

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According to Wayne County Parks Naturalist Carol Clements, those trees were brought in from all over the world. In fact, Clements said more than 400 trees were planted during Bennett Arboretum's heyday. Some were native to Michigan and America, but many were imported from Europe and even China.

"We still have 104 of those original trees, including a beautiful fern-leaf beech and an acanthopanax tree from Asia," Clements said. "We've lost a lot of trees, but we still have some great collections left, including beech, maple and oaks collections." She also mentioned a very rare Manchurian maple, which she was told are almost impossible to get these days.

The problem in many cases is finding them. With brushy invasives like buckthorn and honeysuckle growing in thick stands, some of the trees have become hidden to those using the park.

With her landscape architecture background, Iszler brings a new perspective to Wayne County Parks. She was immediately struck by the uniqueness of the arboretum area, and hopes to shine a new light on its legacy.

"There aren't a lot, if any, county arboreturns in the state. It's a big part of the history of Hines Park," said Iszler, a Novi resident. "The fact that it is here offers a great opportunity. I would really love for people to get out and experience it."

Iszler has initiated a restoration plan that will help people do just that.

People who frequent the park or who drive Edward Hines Drive will begin to see that plan go into effect as early as January when the ground freezes. That's when a contractor will



This photo from the 1940s shows how popular Bennett Arboretum was in its heyday when many Wayne County residents used the area's bridle trails and tobogganing hill across the street at Cass Benton.



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Bennett Arboretum, located in Northville Township, features acres of fields and unique trees, and is popular with walkers, birders and area high schools' cross country teams.

begin going out to the arboretum to remove the invasive plants and trees. The work should continue into the spring, when workers will also prune the specimen trees and bring them back to health. There are also plans to add more signage that will explain both the history and natural features of the arboretum.

"People will really notice the changes by

summer," Iszler said. Bennett Arboretum was the brainchild of J. Merle Bennett, a visionary who joined the Wayne County Road Commission in 1922 at a time the county was starting to develop its roadside plans. Bennett became nationally recognized as a pioneer in roadside development, writing several books on the subject and even getting the state of Michi-



Workers plant some of the specimen trees in Bennett Arboretum in the 1930s.

gan to enact the "Roadside Tree Protection Act." He was fascinated by forestry, and was personally responsible for the planting of thousands of trees across the county, and especially along the Middle Rouge Parkway, which we now know as Hines Park. It was Bennett's idea to create an arboretum featuring unique trees from around the world.

According to Clements, back in Bennett's day, Hines Park was a major attraction for Detroiters. The arboretum was the site of popular bridle trails for horseback riders, as well as tobogganing and skiing. Annual Soap Box Derbys were also held on the steep

roadway next to the arboretum.

"This was the place to be in the '30s and '40s. It was kind of like going up north is today," Clements said.

While Wayne County Parks has done a couple of recent surveys of the arboretum with the help of University of Michigan students, Iszler and Clements believe they will know even more after the invasive plants are removed.

In addition to restoring the specimen trees, the master plan calls for creating wetland and prairie ecosystems that weren't part of the original plan. New trees will also be planted to supplement the various collections,

though the focus will be on adding native trees.

Iszler said she is excited about the future of Bennett Arboretum. Her goal is that more people discover what a jewel the county has, even though it hasn't always been treated as such.

"Hopefully this is just the beginning," Iszler said. "My hope is to add to the educational component of the arboretum. I think this would be a great place to bring school kids to learn about nature."

"Perhaps the best part of the arboretum is that it's free, and it's open to the public."

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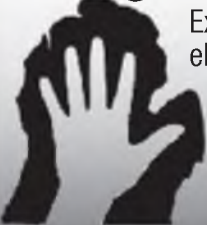
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Taking a closer look

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Christmas in the Village

The Northville Historical Society presents its 30th Annual Christmas in the Village on Sunday, Dec. 9, with an old fashioned Christmas at Mill Race Historical Village. Sounds of holiday music will be heard throughout the Village. Father Christmas will greet everyone entering the New School Church for this year's entertainment. The schedule includes:

- 1:30-2:30 p.m. — Peaches, Puddin' & Fly, a singing duet with accordion accompaniment, will perform a traditional selection of Christmas music.
- 3-4 p.m. — Dr. Charlene Helen Berry, award winning, leading hammer dulcimer, who has performed at Carnegie Hall and Ellipse of the White House, will perform Christmas selections.
- 1-4 p.m. — Relax in the cozy Cady Inn while enjoying a hot beverage and cookies. Mead's general store will also be open for your shopping pleasure.

The event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact the Northville Historical Society (248) 348-1845 or visit www.millracenorthville.org.

Northville Women's Club

The Northville Women's Club will hold its next meeting at 1:30 p.m., Dec. 7 at First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main Street, in Northville. Guest speaker William Sonoma, will discuss the subject of "holiday entertaining." For more information, call Virginia Martin at (248) 921-6892

Emergency food available

The next distribution of emergency food by Plymouth Community United Way is scheduled Thursday, Dec. 20. The Emergency Food Assistance Program provides low-income Plymouth and Northville residents with canned and non-perishable items.

All recipients must be pre-registered. This is a supplemental food program that may be used in addition to other assistance programs. Bridge Card holders automatically qualify, but need to pre-register. Recipients not currently on governmental assistance (food stamps, ADC and general) must provide documentation including proof of income and residency before

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GARAGE

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has been around since the 1940s. With help from local contractors, the Evasics have turned it into a cozy, welcoming place. Creative touches are everywhere. The seating for the booths are covered in denim, the walls have a variety of historical photos, and there's a Model A car parked next to the banquet room. Near the 16-seat bar is a special chandelier created by their father that is made from an old Model A car wheel and headlights. Although this is their first restaurant venture, the Evasics have had help from some knowledgeable people. The Evasics own and operate Master Automatic, a precision machining business in Plymouth.

The Garage was designed by the firm of Ron & Roman of Birmingham. The Begonia Brothers helped landscape the outside. Mark Evasic said they wanted to be respectful of the past and stylish by today's trends. They both credit the designers for giving the restaurant, the bar and outdoor café a visually exciting look that captures the great views of the town. Bill Evasic said the banquet room is perfect for events of up to 80 people, such as wedding rehearsals or work parties. It features its own entrance and lobby, and is a fully equipped room with audio/video. In the kitchen executive chef Steven Siekiersynski brings a lot of experience and creativity, which is evident in the menu. The food selection is mainly of an American grill style, but it has a variety for every appetite. It starts with appetizers



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Garage grill and fuel bar, located at the corner of West Main and Wing streets, underwent a major renovation, but maintained the historical integrity of the building that dates back to the 1940s.

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like the downtown calamari, pretzel sticks or the "not your average" sliders. The pizza oven kicks out some tasty offerings like "the big Sicilian" and farm pizza with grilled chicken, crispy bacon, baby spinach along with melted boursin and fontina cheeses.

There are also a variety

of salads, soups and sides. The truffled fries are certainly worth a try. The entrée selection features seafood with dishes like salmon, whitefish and perch. Chicken dishes like the buttermilk fried chicken with potato tots and seasonal vegetables stands out as well, as does the steak and pork loin. Right now the Garage is just open for dinner beginning at 5 p.m., but the owners expects to be open for lunch very soon. "We are here for the long term and want to be a good local place for the community to come and enjoy," Bill Evasic said. It's located at 202 W. Main Street and can be reached by phone at (248)924-3367. Also check out their website at www.garagenorthville.com or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/garagenorthville.

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Matthew Rovet makes a pizza at Northville's Garage grill and fuel bar restaurant on Nov. 30. The Garage has its own gas-fired brick oven for the pies.



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‘It’s a Wonderful Life’ star talks Hollywood and beyond in Penn Theatre appearance

By Matt Jachman
Observer Staff Writer

Yes, Virginia, there is a wonderful life after Hollywood.

Virginia Patton Moss, who had a bit role in *It's a Wonderful Life*, spoke about her film career — and giving it up — on Sunday after signing autographs and posing for pictures at Plymouth's Penn Theatre ahead of an afternoon showing of the Christmastime classic.

Moss said she couldn't find a role model, among the stars of the era, who appealed to her.

"I couldn't see me doing that for my life," said Moss, who acted as Virginia Patton in 15 movies between 1943 and 1949, according to imdb.com, the Internet Movie Database. "That isn't what I wanted."

Patton instead married Cruse Moss, an industrial engineer who went on to have a long career in vehicle manufacturing. He is credited with developing the Jeep Wagoneer, a pioneering sport-utility vehicle, while a vice president at the Willys Corp.

Virginia Moss recalled that Frank Capra, the director of *It's a Wonderful Life*, told her, "You made the right choice." She and Capra kept in touch for many years.



Virginia Patton Moss, an actress in the 1940s, poses with husband Cruse Moss and an unidentified fan at the Penn Theatre on Sunday. Virginia Moss had a small part in "it's a Wonderful Life," the Penn's weekend feature.

Fans flock to theater

Cruse Moss accompanied his wife Sunday during her appearance at the Penn, which saw dozens of people lining up to meet them before the movie started. The two have been married since 1949.

One fan, Robert Volpe of Livonia, had her autograph an original poster for the 1949 western *Black Eagle*, in which she played the female lead.

"Not a good movie," she told him.

Volpe also had another poster, for *The Horn Blows at Midnight*, a vehicle for the comedian Jack Benny in which Patton had a small role.

Virginia Moss said she was cast in 1946's *Wonderful Life* when she appeared in a play at the University of Southern California that was directed by William DeMille, the brother of legendary Hollywood director and producer Cecil B. DeMille.

She remembered the *Wonderful Life* set as being one of both good camaraderie and professionalism. "When you were on that set you knew your lines," she said.

The Mosses, who live in the Ann Arbor area, had three children and became active in the community, and remain so; Virginia Moss was on



The line outside the Penn Theatre stretched to Main Street on Sunday afternoon as moviegoers waited for a chance to meet Virginia Patton Moss, who had a small role in "it's a Wonderful Life," before the 4:15 p.m. showing of the Christmastime classic. Acting in 15 movies in the 1940s as Virginia Patton, Moss quit her Hollywood career in 1949 and married Cruse W. Moss, who became a noted automobile executive.

the Board of Trustees at Cleary University and is still a docent at the University of Michigan's art museum.

A Bailey foil

In *It's a Wonderful Life*, Virginia Patton played Ruth Dakin Bailey, who marries Harry Bailey, the brother of George Bailey, the film's central figure, played by Jimmy Stewart. It is Ruth who pulls Harry (Todd Karns) from the family business, Bailey Building and Loan, further trapping the unhappy George there.

In a scene filmed at a train station in Pasadena — they only time, the actress said, the cast was filmed off the set — Ruth is introduced to George Bailey and Uncle Billy (Thomas Mitchell) for the first time as Harry returns from college with his new bride.

The Penn audience on Sunday applauded warmly as Patton first appeared on the screen.

"Ruth Dakin Bailey, if you don't mind," she announces smartly when her film husband introduces her.

A moment later, she's talking to George, who realizes he's gained a sister-in-law but lost a successor for the family business, which, at this point in the movie, doesn't suit his dreams.

Patton and Stewart share a bag of popcorn in the scene — something that stands out in the actress' memory.

"I'm eating buttered popcorn with white gloves on," she recalls worrying. "What if Capra pulls in for a closeup?"

After Sunday's screening, Virginia Moss said she was again touched by the movie.

"That really is a wonderful motion picture," she said as she exited the auditorium. "I haven't seen it for a while."

Her visit was arranged by Andy Zazula of Plymouth, a movie buff who found the Mosses lived nearby and looked them up.

"I think it worked out great," Zazula said of the event, which saw a near-capacity crowd turn out to see the actress. "I knew it would happen, people would eat this up."

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Fish Hatchery Park tennis courts to be updated

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

Tennis players at Fish Hatchery Park will notice a newness at the popular location come this spring as the city of Northville looks to update the fencing and court paint in the coming months.

Northville Parks and Recreation director Jason Spiller went before the City Council on Dec. 3 to recommend contracts for the fencing and painting projects, which got approval from the council.

The contract for the fence removal and replacement went

to Novi Fence for a not-to-exceed amount of \$43,276. The department budgeted for the fiscal year 2012-2013, \$80,000 for the tennis court project, sufficient to cover fence removal and replacement as well as the tennis court painting and repair costs.

Spiller said Novi fence has a history of providing quality services to local communities as well as for the Northville Parks and Recreation Department.

The painting bid went to low bidder Racquet Sports of Comstock Park. This company had in its proposal volun-

tary alternates in the current total amount of \$19,090 with the assumption that if current cracks increase, \$18 per linear foot would be added to the total cost.

“The Fish Hatchery Park tennis courts are currently in poor condition,” Spiller said in his report to the council. “Several surface cracks are apparent and the paint is faded in several areas.”

The two voluntary alternates included a Non-Resilient 3 coat color system using an acrylic surfacing material as a texture filler course as well as using the Armor Crack Repair Sys-

tem for crack repair. These two voluntary alternates combined with their original bid price still resulted in Racquet Sports having the lowest fee, Spiller said.

Prior to the vote, he told the council the current contract is priced for 50’ of court cracks and 100’ of net posts and anchor cracks. Current cracks may grow throughout the winter which would result in an increase of \$18 per linear foot above the specified amounts indicated.

Spiller told the council they are currently awaiting approval from the United States Ten-

nis Association for a Tennis Grant applied for in March 2012 that could help pay for this project.

In January 2012, the Northville Community Parks and Recreation Master Plan was adopted by the Northville City Council, Northville Township Board, and the Parks and Recreation Commission. Included in this plan was the Five Year Capital Improvement Plan, Spiller said. Repairing the tennis courts were listed under year one projects.

CHURCH EVENTS

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Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 8
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NORTHVILLE POLICE BRIEFS

Felony assault

A Sterling Heights woman was arrested for stabbing her boyfriend at a residence on Allen Drive.

The incident occurred on Nov. 18 in the 900 block of Allen. Northville city police were dispatched to the location on the report of a man knocking on doors asking for help. The police arrived to find the 51-year-old Northville man covered in blood.

The man had a wound to his chest and he told police the 44-year-old woman stabbed him after he tried to get her to leave his residence. The police report stated alcohol was a factor. The woman purportedly grabbed a steak knife to stab him and remained in the home when police arrived.

There were no injuries reported on the woman. The man's chest cavity was penetrated and his lung collapsed. He was taken to Botsford Hospital. The woman has been charged with a felonious assault of intent to commit great bodily harm less than murder.

Xmas lights vandalized

A Northville Township resident on the 50400 block of Eagle's Nest called police to report someone had vandalized his Christmas lights on two occasions. According to police reports, the man said someone cut the wire on a set of outdoor lights. It was first discovered by his father on Nov. 28. He fixed the wire. However, the same wire was cut the next day.

The man said he isn't having any problems with any neighbors, and he isn't sure who might be responsible for the vandalism.

Navigation system stolen

A Northville Township man living on the 41300 block of Rayburn Drive reported to police a larceny from his Chrysler Town and Country minivan sometime between 8 p.m. and 9 p.m. on Nov. 30. The man said he found the factory-installed navigation-radio-phone panel stolen from the van, which was parked in his

driveway. He had left the door unlocked. Nothing else was taken from the vehicle.

Larceny from vehicle

A Northville woman's vehicle was broken into on Nov. 11 or 12 by a suspect who smashed in a front door window. The vehicle was parked at a residence in the 900 block of Whitegate Drive. An Ipod was stolen. There were other cases similar to this reported in the area.

Intimidation

A Northville woman reported to police that she was intimidated by another driver in a parking lot in downtown.

On Nov. 16, the 28-year-old woman told police she was waiting to park in a spot in a lot on Main Street when another driver attempted to take her spot. He used a profanity in the exchange. She told police she wanted the man talked to, but they were unable to find him afterward.

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Scoop the Newshound is asking Novi families to join the *O&E Media* toy drive to benefit youth served by Methodist Children's Home Society and Orchards Children's Services.

"Both organizations help protect abused and neglected children by providing housing, education and other services," said Choya Jordan, *O&E Media* marketing manager and project organizer. "Please consider donating a new unwrapped gift this year. Your gift will help brighten a youth's holiday season."

Donate a new unwrapped toy and you will receive a voucher for a free Buddy's four-square cheese pizza.

This is the second year the *O&E* has sponsored a toy drive to benefit these local organizations and help brighten the holidays for area children.

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Munce's work featured at Starring the Gallery

Sheri Munce is the featured artist at Starring the Gallery located at 118 W. Main Street in downtown Northville for the First Friday Art Walk event on Dec. 7. Her work will remain on display for the entire month of December, and will be available for sale. Munce calls herself an "extractionist," meaning she lays down a layer of paint on the back of glass and then removes or extracts some of the paint to achieve the desired effect. Then she repeats this process until the painting inside finally comes out. Her approach to her work is not unlike a sculptor that chips away small pieces of stone until the form reveals itself. Munce has been painting almost exclusively on the back of glass. Most of her art is made from old wood-frame windows that are in good shape and typically have unique ripples or "bullseyes" in the glass, which add to the effect of the painting. For more information about the Starring the Gallery, visit www.starringthegallery.com.

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Does your holiday gift list include a car?

By Michelle Muñoz
Correspondent

We've all seen the TV commercials around this time of year — someone looks out their window Christmas morning to find a shiny new car in the driveway with a big bow on top. Have you ever wondered if that really happens?

Area car dealers say it does indeed, and the big bow is part of the deal. Dealers all over southeast Michigan say giving cars as gifts doesn't happen everyday, but when it does the buyer often enlists the help of the dealership to orchestrate the perfect surprise.

Gifting automobiles happens all year, and the holiday season is no exception. John Swanson, Buick and GMC sales consultant from Somerset Buick in Troy, said the deals customers can get during the holidays bring them in, not necessarily gift shopping.

"It definitely happens during the holidays," said Mike Schrieber, new vehicle sales manager at Bill Brown Ford in Livonia. "Every year there is someone who wants to buy a car for a loved one and put a bow on it and have them show up here and surprise them."

Chris Jeannotte of Bob Jeannotte Buick GMC in Plymouth said the dealership already has two cars prepared for Christmas delivery.

"I've been in the business for 22 years and, of course, growing up in it, I have always seen about four or five during the holiday season," Jeannotte said. "It's a lot more common than people are aware."



Ed Pobur, general manager of Cadillac of Novi, likes to remind his sales staff that not only is the customer trying to craft a surprise, but they are also buying a new car,

something that people only do every few years. Pobur and his sales staff do what they can to make the experience special.

Rob Millar, a sales associate at Fred Lavery

Porsche in Birmingham, said he has delivered vehicles to valet stands at restaurants or country clubs. Bob Faust, general sales manager at Jack Demmer Ford in Wayne,

said the dealership has even delivered vehicles Christmas Day to a buyer's home.

Dealers said the cars are going to children from parents for graduation or birthdays, from one spouse to another (usually from husband to wife) and sometimes from children to their parents.

Popular models

A dealership's most popular models are often their most popular gifts as well. Often the people giving the car go for practicality and affordability rather than luxury. Jason Scott, general manager of Dick Scott Dodge in Plymouth, said the customer will go with whatever car fits their needs.

Hunsinger enjoys getting involved and helping to create a magical gift-giving moment.

"There hasn't been a

request that we haven't been able to assist with the gifting of a vehicle yet," Hunsinger said. "It's really a fun and engaging experience."

Ron Chaudoin, general manager at Lou LaRiche Chevrolet in Plymouth, said gifting a car to loved ones is something everyone should take into consideration.

"I don't know why more people don't buy them as gifts," Chaudoin said. "If you're going to buy a car anyway, why not take credit for it and get it as a present for the family."

Before making the move, though, do your homework. Even though it is often a surprise and a gift, picking the right car requires some forethought. Steve Hunsinger, new car sales manager at Jack Demmer Lincoln in Dearborn, said he has seen a few customers try to return a gifted car after the holidays.

Deciding between a lease and a purchase depends on the situation, dealers said. Chaudoin said parents of children heading off to college should consider whether they want the car to last throughout the four years of school when opting for a lease or purchase.

When spouses are picking a car for each other, doing some preliminary shopping can make a big difference, dealers said. Jeannotte said the successful surprises usually start with a couple browsing together before one decides to make the car a gift. He said some spouses also like to go with a pre-paid lease, so the car can be enjoyed worry-free until it's time to pull out another big holiday bow.

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OUR VIEWS

Speak up!
Tell lawmakers what
you think about
budget, school issues

As lame duck sessions go, this one is shaping up to be an interesting one when it comes to the Michigan Legislature and U.S. Congress.

In the past two weeks, Gov. Rick Snyder has rolled out his plans for sweeping reforms of public education and revamping the state's personal property tax. Congress, on the other hand, is in the middle of a stare down with the President that could take the country over the fiscal cliff.

None of these issues as they presently stand, bode well for taxpayers. Michigan cities could lose money with the elimination of the personal property tax that businesses pay. School districts could lose control of their purse strings not to mention unused school buildings. And taxpayers would lose even more, if there's no agreement on continuing tax cuts and a long-term plan to cut the deficit.

This all comes at a time when politics is the last thing people want to think about. It's Christmas. There's gifts to buy, cookies to bake and parties to plan.

Wrong. Voters also need to keep their attention focused on what is happening in Washington and Lansing, and let legislators know what they think about their plans.

In the case of the fiscal cliff, the pain will be felt in pay checks. The House and Senate failed to resolve major party differences on \$1.2 trillion in targeted savings over 10 years, triggering the tax hikes and program cuts scheduled to begin next year. Income tax will increase, if the Bush tax cuts are allowed to expire on Dec. 31, and payroll taxes will climb, if President Barack Obama's two-year-old Social Security payroll tax ends.

It's time to get on the phone, write an e-mail or send a letter. Compromise is needed now, not in the 11th hour. Recovery from the last recession has been painful at best and the financial loses, as the result of it, have affected all citizens. Partisan politics need to be set aside for the good of the country.

Lansing is another place voters need to watch closely.

Gov. Snyder has done well to turn around the state's finances, but at what price? Support to public schools has been cut, and cities have seen revenue sharing slashed. Both entities now must meet a number of devised best practices to get a little extra cash out of the state.

While the elimination of the personal property tax would be phased in, it's still a loss for cash-strapped communities, even with the creation of an authority that would send back money, if the loss is a minimum 2.5 percent of the general fund revenues.

School districts, for years, have said that the funding mechanism for K-12 education is flawed, but the proposed changes which would revamp the School Code go well beyond tweaking.

The governor has said the state's educational system has not given taxpayers, teachers and students "the return on the investment" they deserve." Last month lawmakers rolled out proposed bills that will, among other things, create a new any time, any place, any way, any pace public school learning model in which per pupil school aid would be tied to the student not to a specific district.

The bills also expand the use of virtual learning, putting education just a mouse click away, use performance as the basis for funding and create a list of unused school buildings that could be taken over by the state and repurposed for public academies and charter schools.

Politicians are always good about telling constituents what they want and what they need, whether or not they want it or need it. In these instances, people need to make it perfect clear what it is they want: Higher taxes? Giving up local control of their school districts? Giving up control of school buildings they paid for with their tax dollars?

Whether the answer is yes or no, now is the time for people to let their voices be heard loud and clear. Today is the day to send the Beltway and Lansing a message: You, the people, elected them, and they need represent your interests, not theirs.

Don't wait, don't hesitate. Tomorrow will be too late.

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Do you know what is significant in our country's history about Dec. 7?

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Aiden MacDonald
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LETTERS

Expand bottle deposit law

The Michigan Bottle Deposit Law, enacted in 1976, requires retailers to charge a 10 cent deposit on each carbonated beverage bottle sold. I'm sure anyone who has ever purchased a 24-pack scoffed at the additional \$2.40 applied at the register. Of course, the deposit is called a deposit for a reason: after drinking the contents, bottles can be returned for a full reimbursement. Some people, however, view the return as a waste of time. Bottles that are not returned leave extra deposit money (definitely not a bad thing to have ...).

But where does this extra money go? Three-fourths of the unclaimed deposits are channeled into the Cleanup and Redevelopment Trust Fund, while the other fourth is returned to the retailers. Within the trust fund, the majority of the money directly improves the environment by restoring damaged areas. A smaller portion is set aside to educate communities and businesses on environmental problems. The Michigan Bottle Deposit Law generated over \$215 million dollars of unclaimed deposits from 1990 to 2008.

The law, however, has not been significantly changed since it passed, while consumers' buying habits have. By the time the 1990s rolled around, selling water bottles became an incredibly profitable business. Nestle, Coke, and Pepsi quickly jumped onto the scene with a multitude of bottled water brands. In 2011 alone, an estimated 344 billion bottles of water were sold in the United States, but deposits were not taken on any. Bill 5703 proposes to incorporate water bottles into the Michigan Bottle Deposit Law, which would help keep bottles out of Johnson Creek and slow the growth of the local landfill.

Nestle, Coke, and Pepsi advocate recycling their plastic bottles, a beneficial act for the environment. Other packaging, like aluminum and glass, recycle well. But recycling plastic is different than aluminum and glass: only virgin plastic — plastic that has not been recycled — is used to make containers for comestibles. So, while recycling plastic is a much better alternative than simply throwing it away, the PET bottle you drink your water from are made from brand-new plastic.

The national average for recycling plastic bottles is around 30 percent, while Michigan boasts a 97 percent recycling rate on the containers covered by the deposit law.

The Michigan Bottle Deposit Law made an extreme difference because sometimes, being good to the environment is not enough incentive to recycle. Currently, Bill 5703 is being reviewed by the Michigan House of Representatives Committee on Regulatory Reform. This bill proposes to add water bottles into the Michigan Bottle Deposit Law.

I urge the reader to contact their local representatives, asking for their support of Bill 5703 and the

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addition of water bottles into the Michigan Bottle Deposit Law. The environment is being harmed, and we need to step up to preserve our environment for future generations.

Thank you very much for taking the time to read my article. I am looking forward to hearing back from you very soon.

Andy Kazewych
senior, Northville High School

Bills bad for education

If the Michigan Legislature and governor have their way this week, funding for schools and overall conditions are going to get a lot worse. The Michigan House and Senate lame duck sessions are quietly blitzing through a group of bills that will realize the 20 years of relentless efforts to dismantle ("harvest") public education in Michigan by ALEC, the Mackinac Center, and the Oxford Foundation. These groups' collective goal is to corporatize public education in Michigan and redirect public tax dollars out of our schools to Wall Street profits.

The various bills are House Bill (HB) 6004, its twin Senate Bill (SB) 1358, HB 5923, and SB 620. Specifically, HB 6004/SB 1358 will, if passed, circumvent the voters' recent rejection of the Emergency Manager Law by codifying the Education Achievement Authority in a new law. The EAA creates an entirely separate education system statewide that isn't required to abide by state laws or tests or answer to any voter or school board, but is funded by the taxpayers.

HB 5923 allows for unlimited online and charter schools, and allows for discrimination against students based on academic achievement. These organizations take full public funding for each student but don't provide the full set of resources that we expect, like bus service, art classes, sports, band and choir, well-trained teachers, AP curriculums, and special education. The biggest provider of online schools today in Michigan is K12, Inc. K12 is based in Virginia, was started by convicted felon Michael Milken, and in 2011 paid its

CEO \$5 million in compensation. That's a lot of buses.

It's difficult to summarize in a few paragraphs the threat these bills pose to the outstanding public schools we have. You can Google any of these bills and find a lot of information.

The superintendents of Birmingham, Farmington, Rochester, Grosse Pointe, Northville, Flushing and Chelsea schools have already spoken out against this legislation.

Kathleen Hood
Novi

Know the facts

Gee, Mr. McLaughlin ("Who pays?," letters, Nov. 29), you must have been badly misinformed by watching Fox New about the realities of Obamacare, or like Fox News, you are deliberately trying to mislead people. What information do you have that shows that those that are now without health insurance, will get it from the government when Obamacare is fully implemented? Most of the millions of people who will begin receiving coverage that didn't have it before, will get it from their employers, and not the government. Employers that have a minimum number of workers will begin to provide coverage. Others will be required to carry coverage, and if they can't afford it, they will receive subsidies. The key is, every credible study shows that, in time, when more people have access to doctors and preventive care, the overall cost for insurers and all of us will be less than when millions of people use the emergency room for primary health care.

Under the current system — since you are supremely worried about who pays — you will probably find it disturbing to learn that when the uninsured go to the emergency room, we all pay. I am guardian for a cousin that had a major stroke, and worked at low-paying jobs with no insurance for decades. He had no insurance and couldn't afford doctors — and no one took his blood pressure. After the stroke, he then received his "health care" through Medicaid, and began collecting Social Security disability at a much higher cost to all of us than if he had known about his hypertension and could have taken an inexpensive generic blood pressure medicine to avoid a stroke. Coverage now, or pay much more later.

"Compassionate conservative" has a catchy ring to it, but the more you examine the types of things they are usually against, especially the newly formed Tea Party branch of the Republican Party, you quickly realize that the term is nothing more than an oxymoron.

In my case, the "liberal mind" you speak of, Ernie, is the product of parents that demonstrated and taught care for others, as well as learning about the life and teachings of the original liberal — Jesus Christ. Instead of supporting and seeking ways to help sick people get well or stay alive, some only ask, "Who pays?"

Steve Lawrence
Northville

Mr. Ford — tear down that roof so Lions can get back to their roots

How do they do it? Week after week and year after year, how do the Detroit Lions snatch defeat out of the jaws of victory — and tear the hearts out of all us diehard fans? How? Why?

For a generation (or two) of fans like myself, the Lions have proven the ultimate conundrum. We've watched them take losing to an art form. And I would rank them right up there with the masters — Picasso, Michelangelo and the rest. Nobody — and I mean nobody — can lose a game like the Lions.

Heck, just take the last three weeks, when the Lions had late leads against the Packers, Houston Texans on Thanksgiving and then to the upstart Colts on Sunday — all at home. They blew them all. They failed to make routine plays to ice each game, had one of the best kickers of all time clank a game-winner off the uprights, had their coach overreact to a terrible call that nullified an automatic review and lost to a rookie quarterback who had looked pretty lousy for more than three quarters on the last play of the game with no time left on the clock.

They were three of the most frustrating losses the Lions have ever had — and I say that after watching the team for more than three decades. Oh, there have certainly been more painful losses — the playoff defeat to the Eagles or losing the last game of the season to the Bears when a win would have gotten them into the playoffs. But what is so frustrating about the current team is the talent it has. We've got some studs on the team that we've never had in my lifetime — with the exception of Barry Sanders, Billy Sims and a few others. It's not a question of talent.

So what is it? Is it a lack of desire? Or a lack of preparation? I doubt it. I can promise you the guys on the team want to win as much and work as hard as those who play for the Packers or the Patriots. They were devastated by the outcomes the last three weeks. You could see that even as you were throwing your beer at the television. There's something else at play here. Something in the football cosmos that just isn't right.

A lot of fans blame Lions owner William Clay Ford for the futility of the team. I realize it's difficult to argue in favor of the man when the team has the record it does since he bought the franchise in 1963. But I don't think he's a terrible owner. He spends money. He stays behind the scenes, unlike idiots like Jerry Jones of the Dallas Cowboys who think it's about themselves rather than the team. Ford cares about the team. Many in the long line of failed coaches under Ford have expressed regret that they couldn't win for the man because they realized how much he does care. Many frustrated fans say Ford is too loyal to his people. Just contemplate that statement. People are disparaging him for his loyalty? I was always taught loyalty was an admirable quality in a person.

And it hasn't been complete ineptitude during Ford's reign. With the exception of that dreaded 0-16 era, most of the Lions teams have been competitive — competitive enough to stay in the game until that last whistle blows, when it seems they are always on the bottom of the scoreboard. I'm not trying to let Ford off the hook, I just don't think it's all his fault.

Maybe it's Bobby Layne's 50-year curse. A lot of people believe the Lions' misfortunes date back to the Hall of Famer's statement after being traded that the Lions "would not win for 50 years" as the reason for the team's misfortunes. That was in 1958. How does that explain the last three weeks?

No, I think it's something else. I'm going to throw my own theory out there. I've come to the conclusion that the Lions will never win as long as they play in a dome.

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The Detroit Lions were not meant to play football indoors. Look at those teams from the '50s and '60s, who played in old Tiger (Briggs) Stadium. I realize you have to pull out the old reel-to-reel films to do that, but those teams were known for their meanness and toughness. They had guts. When's the last time you could say that about a Lions team? If you don't believe me, take a trip to the Pro Football Hall of Fame in

Canton, Ohio. The Lions actually have a pretty cool display there, which is kind of shocking considering the last half century of losing.

Dome teams — for the most part — are often flashy, but they aren't usually known for their toughness. I think more than anything, I would like the Lions to be known for that again — their intestinal fortitude. When the game is on the line, they compete and come through. It seems it has always been just the opposite during my lifetime. Just look at those last three losses. They've caved when the game was on the line.

So I say, Mr. Ford needs to tear that damn roof off of Ford Field. If the Tigers can play baseball outside in October and even November, the darn Lions can play football outside. It's time the Lions to get back to their roots. Tear off that roof!

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Rotarians will be out in force Saturday for Goodfellows newspaper sale

By Kurt Kuban
Staff Writer

If you are anywhere near downtown Northville on Saturday, make sure you pick up a copy of the Northville Rotary's annual Goodfellows newspaper. You won't have to look too hard. Rotarians will be out selling the annual newspapers at four main intersections in town: Main and Center, Dunlap and Center, Main and Griswold, and Main and Hutton.

"We will have four volunteers at each intersection," said Rotarian Alan Somershoe, who is helping spearhead the project.

As in the past, all of the proceeds will be donated to Northville Civic Concern for the organization's

efforts to make sure all local children have a Christmas to remember. Civic Concern provides food, toys and other essentials to local families in need. Christmas is one of their busiest times of the year.

In addition to the four main intersections, Somershoe said Rotarians will also be at the Northville Post Office, The Good Time Party Store on Seven Mile west of Northville Road and at Hiller's Market.

Both fire departments will also have firefighters out selling the papers. City firefighters will be stationed at Center Street and 8 Mile, while township firefighters will be at Kroger on Haggerty.

The sale takes place from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

According to Somershoe, the group raised about \$6,000 last year, and is hoping for a similar amount this year. The more the merrier.

The newspapers will be given for a donation. Somershoe said most people give a dollar or two, though some people give more.

"It's always wonderful when someone drives by and drops \$50, or even \$100, which has happened a couple times," he said.

"This is such a great cause. The people of this community have always been so supportive and so generous. We really look forward to it. All of our members, except two who will be out of town, will be out there selling the newspapers."



CHRIS PURCHIS

'This Wonderful Life' coming to Tipping Pointe

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CC student-athlete David Widzinski passed away Monday.

Standout CC football player dies in his sleep

By Tammy Stabies Battaglia
Gannett News Service

As the Catholic Central High School community grieves the loss of a standout football player and friend, David Widzinski's mother hopes he's remembered for his wit, dedication, generosity and faith. "It's just a huge loss — we're in a fog," Barbara Widzinski said today from the family's home in Northville, as her husband, Paul Widzinski, a lawyer for General Motors, and daughter, Emily, 17, a student at Northville High School, attended a mass held in David's honor at the Novi high school. "I just want David's memory to live on. That's just really important to me. He was an amazing son, amazing in so many ways. And I want everyone to know that."

Barbara Widzinski went to wake David, 15, Monday morning for school, but he had died in his sleep. The Wayne County Medical Examiner's Office was conducting an autopsy and should to determine a cause of death, a spokesman there said. Sunday was uneventful, after the family went to church and David hung out at home, according to his mother. "We have no idea," she said. "I went to wake him up for school and he was already gone. And he went to bed healthy. He had a good day. The day before, there was no indication." The Catholic Central community mobilized immediately upon learning of the tragedy Monday. A handful of administrators kept the situation quiet, so the family could tell

David's older brother, Stephen, 20, a Michigan State University student, who was traveling back to Michigan Monday after participating in a mock trial at Yale over the weekend. They also called the parents of David's closest friends and asked them to come to the school with their child Monday evening. Together, they learned that the stand-out football player had passed. Later Monday night, the boys sent a picture to Barbara Widzinski, their hands in fists, surrounding David's number on the Shamrock's football team, 33. "He was very strong in his faith, and he just loved Catholic Central," said his mother. "And he felt it was a brotherhood and those were his brothers there. The support from

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Mustangs hope to avoid growing pains

Boys basketball team graduated seven from last year

By Sam Eggeston
Correspondent

It's never easy graduating seven players from a successful basketball team, and when it does happen it usually means for some frustrating growing pains the following year. The Northville Mustangs boys basketball team, coached by Todd Sander in his fifth year at the varsity level, has just four returning players this season and a slew of new faces that are eager to take to the court. Sander said that the team isn't shying away from any challenge, however, and have shown a great attitude so far this season. "All 14 players are extremely committed and 'all in,'" he said. "They are working extremely hard in practice, and I think our team chemistry will be an asset." The Mustangs' returners have some quality court experience, and Sander hopes to see them lead the team in the coming weeks. Alec Lasley, Jake Hansen, Stewart Henzi and Andrew Meacham are all back for this year's campaign. "All four of them started in some games and played significant, meaningful minutes in our big games last season," said Sander.

"Henzi was a consistent starter and is tough. Meacham really came on as the year progressed and averaged 25 points in our final two games. Hansen and Lasley are steady guards that understand the game and we need them to be solid." Newcomers to the varsity ranks are seniors Andrew Jeslo and Austin Rogers, juniors Andrew Stevens, Joe Hewlett, Dan Sims, Eric Fox and Malik Bazzi and sophomores Nathan Kelum, Ryan Roberts and David Moorman. The three sophomores are odd additions to Sander's team, but it's a gamble that could pay off for the Mustangs. Kelum stands at 6 feet, 7 inches, as does Roberts, and Moorman is 6-5. With the exception of Meacham, who is 6-6, and 6-5 Henzi, the young cagers comprise the height of the squad this year. Last year, Northville finished with a 14-8 record, advancing to both the conference finals and the district semifinals and were ousted by Plymouth Salem in both tournaments. The Mustangs will be looking to win the annual Northville Holiday Tournament Dec. 28

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"Every year Northville wrestling is very proud to host the Todd Schoenheide Memorial Wrestling Challenge. This event gives us a chance to contribute to an annual scholarship in the name of one of our fallen family members," said Adam Coe, assistant wrestling coach. "Todd Schoenheide was an outstanding example of sportsmanship, friendship and community service, and these are the traits that we get to reinforce in his memory."

Schoenheide memorial tourney fighting cancer

Annual event Saturday at Northville High

Bradley Moore, Jr. needs to find someone, and the Northville High School wrestling team is going to help him search. The Todd Schoenheide Memorial Wrestling Challenge and the Mustangs welcome nine teams, and together on Saturday they will host Be the Match National Bone Donor Registry and try to help with Bradley's search. Bradley is a 6-month old from Clyde, Mich., who needs a bone marrow transplant. His family has not found a matching donor. Be the Match will be registering volunteers and accepting donations at the wrestling event. Registering only requires a quick swab of the inside

of your cheek. This simple, painless test records DNA information necessary to determine if you could ever save the life of someone like Bradley, suffering from cancer. Teams coming to Northville High will include Plymouth Wildcats, Saline Hornets, Dearborn Heights Crestwood Chargers, Dearborn Pioneers, Detroit Cesar Chavez Aztec Eagles, Manistee Chippewas, Tecumseh Indians, Rochester Adams Highlanders, and the Lakeland Eagles. Northville's wrestling team hosts this tourney every season in memory of their fallen teammate, Todd Schoenheide,

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South Lyon's Reinig spikes top position

By Jeff Theisen
Sports Writer

South Lyon's Chloe Reinig is easy to spot on the floor. The 6-4 senior played front and back row while knocking down ridiculously hard shots at the net all night. Reinig is the 2012 All-Area Volleyball Player of the Year. Reinig finished with 631 kills with a .354 hitting efficiency. On defense she accumulated 292 digs and had 72 blocks while also serving 36 aces. "Even though Chloe was out for 10 games this year injured, she still managed to rake up some serious numbers in the stat column," said coach Mindy Collins. "This is a testament to how dominating of a player she really is. She is not only our strongest force at the net, but is also our most consistent passer in the back row. "Chloe set numerous records for South Lyon throughout her career and would have broken her own kill record this year if she hadn't been out with her ankle injury. We will miss having her presence on the court next year, but are excited to see her playing down the street and look forward what she can do in her collegiate years."

Reinig recently signed her letter of intent to play at Michigan State University.

First team
Rebecca Martin, Northville

The senior filled the stat sheet with 1,331 assists, 179 kills and 89 aces. On defense she had 297 digs and 115 blocks (23 solos). Martin also picked up 166 points on serve. Martin earned a ton of awards in helping Northville to the final four in Division 1 — Honorable Mention All-National team, 1st team All-State, All-Region and top 100 recognition for the Under Armour All-American Team. She is a four-year varsity player, senior captain, Northville volleyball's all-time leader in assists, second all time in blocking, second all time in aces and signed for Georgia Tech. "Rebecca Martin has left a legacy to live up to at Northville," said coach Amanda Yaklin. "She is an intelligent,

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PLAYER OF THE YEAR
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South Lyon — Abby Sigler
Novi — Kati Timar (jr)
Northville — Isabel Fabacher (jr)
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Milford — Madison Carr
South Lyon East — Mackenzie Nieto (so), Samantha Cook (sr), Sydney Tasker (jr)

driven teammate that works hard on and off the court. Her work ethic leads by example to show what it takes to be successful. Rebecca has made huge improvements every year to take a below .500 team her freshman year to a state semi-finalist team her senior year. "Thank you for your contribution to the program. You will be missed." **Cassidy Minghine, Northville** The junior outside hitter was a jack-of-all-trades for the Mustangs. Minghine recorded 349 digs, had 219 perfect serve receptions, 186 points on serve, 151 kills, 82 aces, 30 assists and 15 blocks. She was yet another force as the Mustangs captured a North Division title and made it to the final four in the state playoffs. "While Cassidy is not a leader in any particular stat category, she leads the team with a balanced skill set as a six rotation player," said Yaklin. "Her heart and work

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South Lyon's Chloe Reinig is the 2012 All-Area Volleyball Player of the Year.

Division, district titles on their minds



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The Northville Mustangs get ready for a Nov. 30 practice at their home facility.

Girls basketball team focuses on Central Division crown

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

The focus for the girls basketball team at Northville is a simple one this year: Contend for the Central Division title and try to repeat as the district tournament champions.

For fifth-year head coach Todd Gudith, those goals don't seem far fetched at all because he watched his 15-8 team earn the district championship for the first time in 26 years last season. The key to those goals? Communication, defense and team chemistry.

"The chemistry seems to be coming along," said Gudith of team practices. "The girls are starting to feel comfortable playing with each other."

The team has several new faces with just two starters returning, though the roster is fairly small with just 10 players on it. Senior guard Brittany Berehulka and senior forward Kendra Brenner return this year to lead the team while junior Heather Randall has come into the season showing marked improvement over last year. Junior Anna Giocomini, sophomore Emi-

ly Maresh and senior Clare Townsend will be competing to fill the void left by graduate Alex Moynes. Junior guards Gabby Mencotti and Megan Buckingham provide the speed in the back court this year while senior Diane Myers will be counted on to run the offense. Newcomer Sunny Demirjian has potential as well and is learning the team's system.

The team needs to focus on rebounding and communicating on defense, said Gudith, who listed the two focus areas as the biggest challenges the squad will face in the early weeks of the season.

"We have some speed and players that can shoot the ball," noted Gudith. "We are not as big as we have been in the past so having that speed will have to make up for the lack of size."

"With losing six seniors we have a lot to replace. We have to count on our returning players to step up and take on a bigger role along with the girls who have moved up from the junior varsity. Even with the in-game inexperience most of our players have, we're confident that we have a deep bench to go to."



Mustang Brittany Berehulka and her teammates work out during a Nov. 30 practice as they get ready for their winter campaign. Northville's first game was Dec. 4 at Walled Lake Northern.

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and 29 before focusing on the Central Division title and, hopefully, a chance at the conference and district titles after.

Of course, several teams would like to have

a say in those titles heading to Northville.

"The Central Division is the toughest in the KLAA," Sander said. "Salem returns some key players, and they will be a tough opponent again. Novi is always tough, and South Lyon is incredibly tough to beat."

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Northville Christian volleyball team goes undefeated



The Northville Christian School varsity volleyball team finished their season undefeated, going 31-0 in match play. Made up of 7th and 8th graders, the team had an undefeated regular season, winning the Western Lutheran Athletic League. They also won several tournaments, including the St. John Waltz Wildcat Invitational, Guardian Invitational, and the St. Paul (Ann Arbor) Invitational. To end the season, they went 5-0 in the WLAL tournament. The 8th graders on the team completed an incredible run, going 47-2-3 in match play over two seasons. Pictured (front row from left) are 8th graders Reagan Mumford, Bethany Schmid, Lauren Sibley, Jesse Fannon, and Veronica Johnston. Back row from left are 7th graders Jenna Khoury, Alexis Koehler, Abbi Pray, Coach Scott Gray, Jaeda Porter, Grace Kellogg, Nastia Glover, and Elizabeth Hiscock. The school draws students from Northville, South Lyon, Plymouth, Novi and surrounding communities.

Mustangs hit for the cycle

Hockey team wins, loses and ties last week

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

The Northville Mustangs boys' hockey team found itself in a couple of tight games last week and ended up adding a win, a loss and a tie to their season record when all was said and done.

The Mustangs picked up a 7-2 victory over the Canton Chiefs last week after taking a 2-1 loss against Farmington Harrison and a 2-2 tie against South Lyon.

Against the Chiefs, the Mustangs allowed just one goal in the first period and one in the second as they picked up a goal of their own in the first, three in the second and three in the third period to secure the victory.

Northville scored at the 3:51 mark on a power play with Tyler Gardiner, a senior forward, finding the back of the net off assists from Alex Shuart and Ryan Bloom to make it a 1-1 game at the end of

ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs hockey boys' hockey team will be back in action when they play 3 p.m. Dec. 15 at home against Brighton.

the opening period. They tacked on a second goal to open the second period when Bloom fired a shot home, assisted by Gardiner and Ben Crabil, to make it a 2-1 game. The Chiefs tied it up five minutes later, but two power play goals by Northville to end the period blew the game open and the team skated away for the win. Scoring on the power play were Bloom and Buddy DeBrabader. Bloom was assisted by Danny O'Malley and DeBrabader while the second goal was assisted by Gardiner and Crabil.

In the third period, the Mustangs scored off the stick of DeBrabader at the midway point to

make it a 5-1 game before Crabil and Joe Chase added goals of their own to seal the game up. Assists were credited to Jacob Strom, Jack Meacham, Gardiner, Todd Goebel and Ken Kosinski.

Jake Pawloski earned the win in goal for the Mustangs.

In the 2-2 tie against South Lyon, the Mustangs scored first to take a 1-0 lead in the opening period on a power play that found Crabil firing the puck home with assistance from Bloom and Gardiner. South Lyon tied the game up in the second, 1-1, before the Mustangs added a second tally off steal by Bloom that he turned into an unassisted short-handed goal for the 2-1 advantage.

Unfortunately, the third period found the Mustangs committing four penalties, which kept the Lions on the power play for much of the stanza. They took advantage of the situation and scored a

tying goal off a rebound shot.

Northville's last-ditch effort on a power play with just 30 seconds left couldn't come up with a solid scoring opportunity. Pawloski took the tie in net.

The loss to Harrison found Northville falling behind 1-0 in the first period before tying the game up in the second on a shot by Todd Goebel off an assist from Andrew Rosati. The tie wouldn't last long, however, and Harrison regained the lead just minutes later for a 2-1 advantage that they held through the final period.

Northville did fire home a shot at the buzzer off a shot from Crabil that appeared to go in with time remaining, but the officials waived off the goal, citing time had expired.

Chance Boutin took the loss between the posts for the Mustangs, making 13 saves on the night.

ALL-AREA

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ethic proved to be the rock we needed to lead the team to a semifinal appearance."

Kacey Sheldon, Novi

The senior outside hitter accounted for 572 kills on 1,291 attempts for a 44.3 kill percentage. Sheldon averaged 4.2 kills a game while also putting together a strong defensive game with 631 digs. She also had a 93.3 serving percentage and had 58 aces. She was named All-KLAA as well as All-Region. Sheldon was one of the main factors in Novi winning the KLAA Association title.

"Kacey is one of the best all-around players in the state," said coach Jen Cottrill. "She consistently took the offensive load for our team from the front and back row, was our best defensive player and passed in a two-person serve reception pattern for most of the season."

"She is a three-year varsity player as well as team captain this season. She is the hardest worker in the gym, extremely passionate and a great teammate."

Emily Robb, Novi

The Novi junior setter passed out an astonishing 10.2 assists per game en route to 1,294 assists on the year. Robb was strong all over the floor with 242 digs, 53 blocks, 120 kills and 40 aces.

"Emily had an outstanding season running our offense," said Cottrill. "Her 1,294 assists and 10.2 assists per game ranks among the best in the state. She also is efficient at the net with 53 blocks as well as 120 kills. She does a great job of spreading the offense and getting our attackers in a great position to score."

Kelly Merkle, Lakeland

The senior setter did more than just set for the Eagles. While dishing out 1,003 assists, she also recorded 200 kills, and 270 digs and 90 aces. Merkle earned the team honors MVP and the Eagle Award while earning All-KLAA and All-Region honors.

"Kelly is the complete

package," said coach Jean Dukic. "She works hard at all she does and was a great leader on the team. She played in every set, sweeping the KLAA North without losing a set."

Jonna Villemure, Milford

The senior finished off a three-year varsity career with 752 assists and 431 digs to go with a 94 percentage serving with 52 aces. Villemure finishes her career with 2,021 assists (4th all-time for Milford), 872 digs (6th) and 120 aces (4th). She earned All-Region, All-KLAA and was voted the Milford Player of the Year. Villemure is committed to Michigan Tech.

"It was because of Jonna's skill set and leadership that we were able to bring up our young attackers this year and find success," said coach Jeff Stark. "She is the complete student-athlete. She will long be remembered in the line of great Milford setters that went on to the next level."

Second team

Olivia Landis, Northville

The junior middle hitter recorded 247 kills and 86 blocks.

Isabelle Glancy, Novi

The junior outside hitter knocked down 315 kills on 771 attempts (40.9 kill percentage) while producing 587 digs and had a reception percentage of 94. Glancy only had eight service errors on 431 attempts and had 49 aces.

Brooke Laney, Novi

The junior middle blocker had a 48.7 kill percentage with 253 kills on 519 attempts. Laney also had 88 blocks.

Carolyn Nelhaus, Lakeland

The senior libero earned All-KLAA honors after producing 442 digs to go with 71 aces. Nelhaus had just 11 errors on 370 serve receptions.

Maddie Harris, Lakeland

The sophomore outside hitter earned All-KLAA and All-Region honors after recording 318 kills and 123 digs.

Peyton Skupln, South Lyon

The senior 6-1 middle blocker accounted for 211 kills, 240 digs, 106 blocks and 66 aces.

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Catholic Central has been amazing. We feel the love and support from Catholic Central and our friends and family."

David, one of two sophomores on Catholic Central's storied football team, was at Ford Field Nov. 26 for Catholic Central's 36-21 loss to Cass Tech for the Division 1 title.

"He had a lot of just natural athletic ability, but he was always very humble, very generous, very loving," his mother said. "He just had a lot of friends. He connected very well with people and was very sensitive to people's needs — just a wonderful, son, brother and friend."

Leading the team in tackles as a linebacker, he continued playing even though he broke his hand on one of the downs.

"He had the most tackles on the team and just an amazing game," said his mother. "He didn't want to hear anything about that. Every time I talked about (his prowess), he said, 'It's about the team' and it was a loss and how he was looking forward to next year."

Despite his hand swelling, David insisted he wanted to attend the next day's team workout — to be with his buddies.

"He begged and begged and said he wouldn't strain it and would just do his lower body workout," she said. "And that's what he did that Monday. He was just very determined and very strong in his convictions, and very committed to Catholic Central and the Catholic Central football team."

"He was just very determined and very strong in his convictions."

BARBARA WIDZINSKI
mother of David Widzinski

Catholic Central Principal John Huber posted an announcement about David's death on the school's Website Tuesday.

"Our entire community stands with David's parents, Paul and Barbara, his sister Emily and his brother Stephen," Huber said. "Their pain is our pain: we are all one family."

The school held a prayer mass at 8 a.m. Tuesday for students and expects to have counselors in each of his classes. The football players will also be meeting as a group with counselors and school staff. Funeral arrangements, which are being handled by Schradler-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth, are pending.

It's the second tragedy in a year for the school. Tanner Cipriano, whose brother is accused of bludgeoning his father to death and attacking his mother and another brother, is also a student at the school. Tucker Cipriano and a friend are accused of using baseball bats to kill Robert Cipriano, 52, and injure Rose Cipriano and Salvatore Cipriano on April 16.

"The hearts of our CC community have been tugged in several different and painful directions over this past year," Huber wrote. "We are confident in the prayers, love and support of the greater community, as we have already experienced over this past year."

Hockey team has sights set on KLAA title

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

The Northville Mustangs boys hockey team knows what it wants and what it is going to take to obtain it.

The goal of the season is a steep one, but coach Clint Robert said his squad wants nothing less than a KLAA championship to add to the trophy case. In order to make that a reality, the team is focused on working together to overcome challenges and take on some of the area's top

teams.

"Each and every kid is working their tail off," said Robert. "They are all pulling in the same direction and they really seem like a 'team.'"

There are plenty of hurdles in the way for the Mustangs. The largest is the fact that they play in the toughest division in one of the best overall leagues in the entire state.

"Making sure we are on our A game each night will be our biggest challenge," said Robert.

Last year, the Mus-

tangs finished with a 13-9-3 record and bowed out in the first round of the playoffs with a 3-0 loss against Detroit Catholic Central.

This year's team is full of experienced skaters, including senior defender Joe Chase, senior forward Jacob Strom, senior forward Ben Crabil and senior forward Todd Goebel. Other experience this year comes from seniors Ken Kosinski (defense), Andrew Rosati (forward), Buddy DeBrabader (forward), Danny O'Malley (forward), Tyler Gardiner

(forward), Dominic DiComo (forward) and Jake Pawloski (goalie). Juniors on the squad are Ryan Bloom (forward), Alex Shuart (defense), Connor Brown (defense), Tim Eis (forward) and Jeremy Onofrio (goalie) while sophomores include Chance Boulton (goalie), Jack Meacham (forward), Kyle Abraham (forward), Alex Morgan (forward), Grand LaLonde (forward), Peter Elieff (forward), Alec Melucci (defense) and P.J. Schnepp (defense).

Mustangs see surge in gymnastics numbers

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

It's never easy to get seven new freshmen on a varsity squad and ask them to prepare for competition in just a matter of weeks.

But for a team that had just six gymnasts on the squad last season, having such an influx of new athletes is not only the biggest challenge for the squad this year, but also potentially the biggest blessing.

"Last year we topped out at 6 team members total, and this year we've done such a fabulous job

of recruiting that our team stands at 16 (and cuts were made)," said coach Erin McWatt, who is in her ninth season as head coach. "However, seven are freshmen who need to learn the ropes."

This year's roster includes captains Erin Warwood and Taylor Dempsey, both seniors, as well as seniors Kelly Shashlo, Morgen Lindsay and Jenn Upmeyer. The lone junior this year is Julia Lange. Sophomores include Lauren Rodriguez, Alyssa Breen, Gerianna Dauber and freshmen are Jayla Morgan, Mattison Corriveau, Alyssa Long,

Brooke Stecker Sarah Rasbury Greenspan, Eleni Heller and Maddie DeGroff.

One of the biggest surprises, said McNeff, is how well the team has come together despite so many new gymnasts being on the roster.

"We've only practiced for about a month and the team is very bonded already," she said. "I've noticed a real sense of commitment amongst the girls."

The Mustangs may be young, but McWatt said that many of them are very athletically gifted.

"We are very young, however, so I have some

molding to do," she said. "The newbies are very athletic, yet their experience training events other than floor is limited. So, we have some work to do in building upper body strength for bars, especially, which is always a weaker event for us."

The team goals are to have every girl on the squad compete in at least three meets this year with the season goals to be to qualify each individual for regionals in as many events as possible and advance as a team to the regional tournament in March.

WINTER VARSITY SPORTS SCHEDULES

Northville

BOYS HOCKEY

All games at 7 p.m. unless noted
12/15 Brighton 3 p.m.
12/17 Novi
12/21 Livonia Churchill
1 /4 @Salem 8:30 p.m.
1/5 Plymouth 6:30 p.m.
1/9 South Lyon
1/11-1/12 @Ann Arbor Pioneer TBA
1/19 @Novi 6 p.m.
1/25 Dakota
1/26 @Farmington TBA
1/30 @Livonia Stevenson 8 p.m.
2/1 @Grand Haven
2/6,2/8 Public School Showcase TBA
2/13 KLAA Crossover
2/22 Canton
2/25, 2/27 MHSAA Pre-Regional 6 p.m., 6:30 p.m.

BOYS BOWLING

All events at 3:30 p.m. unless noted
12/7 @Lakeland
12/12 @Plymouth
12/14 @Novi
12/17 Canton
12/18 Salem
1/8 @John Glenn
1/14 @Wayne Memorial
1/15 Waterford Mott
1/22 Novi
1/23 @Plymouth
1/30 @Salem
2/1 @Canton
2/6 @John Glenn
2/12 Wayne Memorial
2/15 @KLAA Association Meet TBA
2/22-2/23 MHSAA Regionals TBA
3/1-3/2 MHSAA State Finals TBA

GIRLS BOWLING

All events at 3:30 p.m. unless noted
12/7 @Lakeland
12/12 @Plymouth
12/14 @Novi
12/17 Canton
12/18 Salem
1/8 @John Glenn
1/14 @Wayne Memorial
1/15 Waterford Mott
1/22 Novi
1/23 @Plymouth
1/30 @Salem
2/1 @Canton
2/6 @John Glenn
2/12 Wayne Memorial
2/15 @KLAA Association Meet TBA
2/22-2/23 MHSAA Regionals TBA
3/1-3/2 MHSAA State Finals TBA

BOYS BASKETBALL

All games at 7 p.m. unless noted
12/11 @Walled Lake Central
12/14 @Plymouth
12/18 Canton
12/28-12/29 Northville Invitational TBA
1 /4 @Salem
1 /8 Livonia Stevenson
1/11 @Novi
1/15 @South Lyon
1/18 South Lyon East
1/25 Salem
1/29 @Livonia Stevenson
2/1 Novi
2/5 South Lyon
2/8 @South Lyon East
2/15 @Conference Tournament
2/29 Conference Tournament
2/22 @Conference Tournament
2/26 @Association Crossover

GIRLS BASKETBALL

All games at 7 p.m. unless noted
12/11 Walled Lake Central
12/14 Plymouth
12/18 @Canton
12/28-12/29 Northville Invitational TBA
1 /4 Salem
1 /8 @Livonia Stevenson
1/11 @Novi 5:30 p.m.
1/15 South Lyon
1/18 @South Lyon East
1/25 @Salem
1/29 Livonia Stevenson
2/1 Novi 5:30 p.m.
2/5 @South Lyon
2/8 South Lyon East
2/12 Conference Tournament
2/14 @Conference Tournament
2/18 Conference Tournament
2/21 Association Crossover

BOYS SWIMMING

All meets at 6:30 p.m. unless noted
12/6 Brother Rice
12/13 Livonia Churchill
1/5 @Salem TBA
1/10 @Novi 6 p.m.
1/12 Northville Quad Noon

1/15 @Walled Lake Western
1/17 North Farmington
1/24 Salem
1/31 Livonia Stevenson
2/7 @South Lyon East
2/8-2/9 @MISCA Meet TBA
2/15-2/16 @Division Meet TBA
2/22-2/23 @Conference Meet TBA
2/28 Last Chance Meet
3/5 @MHSAA Diving
3/8-3/9 @MHSAA State Finals TBA

GYMNASTICS

All meets at 6:30 p.m. unless noted
12/11 @Livonia Churchill
12/21 @Milford
1/7 @Livonia Stevenson
1/14 @Walled Lake Central
1/19 @Farmington Invitational 9:30 a.m.
1/30 @Canton
2/2 @Canton Invitational TBA
2/7 @Salem
3/2 @MHSAA Regionals TBA
3/8-3/9 @MHSAA State Finals TBA

CHEERLEADING

All events at 6 p.m. unless noted
12/12 @Brighton Quad
12/15 CCCAM Invitational TBA
1/9 South Lyon
1/12 @Stoney Creek Invitational TBA
1/16 @South Lyon Quad
1/23 @South Lyon East
1/26 Northville Invitational 8 a.m.
2/2 @Association Invitational TBA
2/9 @Delta Plex Invitational TBA
2/16 @MHSAA Districts TBA
2/23 @MHSAA Regional TBA
3/1 @MHSAA State Finals TBA

WRESTLING

Meets at 5:30 p.m. unless noted
12/8 Northville Invitational 9:30 a.m.
12/12 @Farmington Quad
12/15 @Wayne County Invitational TBA
12/19 Quad Meet
12/22 @Pinckney Invitational TBA
1/5 @Rochester Adams Invitational 9:30 a.m.
1/9 Quad at Grand Blanc
1/12 @Livonia Stevenson Invitational TBA
1/16 Quad Meet
1/19 @Franklin Invitational TBA
1/23 @Salem Quad Meet
1/26 @Livonia Churchill Observerland Invitational 9 a.m.
1/30 Association Quad
2/2 @Association Tournament TBA
2/7, 2/9 @MHSAA Districts TBA
2/16 @MHSAA Regional TBA
2/28, 3/1-3/2 @MHSAA State Finals TBA

Catholic Central

SWIMMING

12/22 @Saline Noon
1/5 Schack Invitational @Cranbrook 9 a.m.
1/10 @Livonia Stevenson 6:30 p.m.
1/19 @East Grand Rapids 11 a.m.
1/24 University of Detroit 7 p.m.
1/26 @Ann Arbor Pioneer Noon
1/29 @DeLaSalle 6 p.m.
2/1-2/2 Oakland County Championship TBA
2/7 Brother Rice 7 p.m.
2/8-2/9 MISCA TBA
2/14 @Cranbrook 5:30 p.m.
2/21 Notre Dame Prep 7 p.m.
3/1-3/2 CHSL Championship
3/5 State Diving Finals @Holland
3/8-3/9 State Finals @Holland

BOWLING

12/8 Farmington Tournament 8 a.m.
12/10 Divine Child 3:30 p.m.
1/5 Ladywood Tournament 12:30 p.m.
1/11 Notre Dame Prep 3:30 p.m.
1/12 Plymouth Tournament 1 p.m.
1/17 DeLaSalle 3:30 p.m.
1/19-1/20 Oakland County Tourney TBD
1/22 Brother Rice 3:30 p.m.

1/24 University of Detroit 3:30 p.m.
1/26 Tri-County Tournament 9 a.m.
1/28 Divine Child 3:30 p.m.
1/1 Notre Dame Prep 3:30 p.m.
2/2 Mercy Tournament 9 a.m.
2/4 DeLaSalle 3:30 p.m.
2/5 Brother Rice 3:30 p.m.
2/10 Novi Tournament 1 p.m.
2/11 University of Detroit 3:30 p.m.
2/16 CHSL Championship 8 a.m.
2/19 Mixed doubles 3:30 p.m.
2/22-2/23 State Regionals TBD
3/1-3/2 State Finals TBD

BASKETBALL

All games at 7:30 p.m. unless noted
12/7 Taylor Kennedy 7 p.m.
12/14 Lincoln Park 7 p.m.
12/22 @Ypsilanti Lincoln 1 p.m.
12/26 Roundball Classic @Detroit Cody 2 p.m.
1 /2 Guido Tournament @Dearborn 5 p.m.
1 /4 @Detroit Loyola
1 /8 Brother Rice
1 /11 @DeLaSalle
1 /18 University of Detroit
1 /22 @Orchard Lake St. Mary's
1 /25 @Brother Rice
1 /29 DeLaSalle
2/1 Notre Dame Prep
2/5 @University of Detroit
2/8 Orchard Lake St. Mary's
2/12 Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard 7 p.m.
2/16 CHSL Quarter Final
2/19-2/20 CHSL Semi-Finals
2/24 CHSL Championship
3/4, 6, 8 State Districts
3/11, 13 State Regionals
3/19 State Quarter Finals
3/21-3/22 State Semi-Finals
3/23 State Finals

WRESTLING

12/8 Rocket Duals @John Glenn 9 a.m.
12/12 Canton/Rochester/Rockford 5 p.m.
12/15 Tim Horn Memorial Tournament @Holland 9 a.m.
12/21-12/22 Oakland County Tournament
2/28-2/29 Medina, Ohio Invitational @Medina 9 a.m.
1/5 CC Invitational 9 a.m.
1/12 CC Super Duals 10 a.m.
1/18 @St. John's 4 p.m.
1/20 @Lowell 4 p.m.
1/26 @Cincinnati Moeller 5 p.m.
1/30 Oxford 6:30 p.m.
2/6 Team District
2/9 Individual District
2/13 Team Regional
2/16 Individual Regional
2/22-2/23 Team Finals
2/28-3/2 Individual Finals

HOCKEY

All games at 7 p.m. unless noted
12/7 @Cranbrook
12/8 @DeLaSalle 4 p.m.
12/12 Trenton
12/14 Gilmour Academy
12/15 @Orchard Lake St. Mary's 8 p.m.
12/22 University of Detroit 2:30 p.m.
1/5 @Wyandotte Roosevelt 7:45 p.m.
1/10 Port Huron Northern
1/12 Cranbrook 2:30 p.m.
1/18-1/19 @Culver Academy 8 p.m., 1 p.m.
1/25 @Brother Rice 7:30 p.m.
1/26 Livonia Churchill 2:30 p.m.
1/30 @Trenton 7:30 p.m.
2/2 Livonia Stevenson 2:30 p.m.
2/6 Grosse Pointe North TBD
2/7-2/8 MIHL Showcase
2/16 CHSL Playoffs
2/20 University Liggett

SKIING

Events at 6 p.m. at Mt. Brighton unless noted
1/8 Pinckney 5 p.m.
1/10 Farmington
1/15 Howell 5 p.m.
1/17 South Lyon United
1/22 University of Detroit 5 p.m.
1/24 Brighton
1/29 Birmingham United 5 p.m.
1/31 Okemos
2/7 League Championship 9 a.m.
2/11 CHSL Championship @Alpine Valley 5:30 p.m.
2/14 MHSAA Regional 9 a.m.
2/18 SEMSL Meet TBA 9 a.m.
2/25 State Finals @Boyne Mountain TBA

Cheer squad looks to get back in race of title

Team rebuilt last year, hopes to be highly competitive this season

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

A rebuilding year is never easy. It means getting experience for the inexperienced, building skills, routines and a solid base for success to prosper on.

That was last year for the Northville Mustangs competitive cheerleading team. This year, under the guidance of nine-year head coach Mindy Gentz, the Mustangs will be looking to get back into the race for the KLAA Central Division and the district tournament titles.

“Our talent level continues to improve,” said Gentz. “This group is very coach-able and is open to making changes and trying new things. They are very goal oriented.”Northville finished 3-1 in the Central

Division last year and fifth in the MHSAA district tournament, making it the first time in three years the squad didn’t advance to the regional tournament.

The Mustangs have plenty of experience coming back this year, however, and they are still mighty young. Valerie Trupiano and Sarah Raymond, both seniors, will help lead the team this year while returning juniors are Suzie Gutowski, Arielle Iafrate, Alyssa Kowalski, Alison Iafrate, Miho Morioka and returning sophomores are Shayla Croteau and Ashley Williams.

This year also sees the varsity roster with several new faces. Juniors Ashten Tucker, Rachel Rosal, Hannah Mitchell, Lauren Hubbard, Hannah Haas, Mary Dalrym-

ple and Abbey Baum are on the squad along with sophomores Alyssa Corn, Emma Hollon, Jayda Hubbard and Julia Moore and freshmen Anna Mayer, Jenna Garbacik, Tri-sha Cox and Andrea Bartlett.

“We have a large number of athletes that have many years of experience competing at the varsity level,” said Gentz. “We also have a large group of girls that are new to the varsity team. One challenge we face is bringing the new athletes up to the level of the more experience girls.”

The team will be looking to win the KLAA Central Division and qualify for the Gold Pool in the KLAA Association Championship and place in the top four in the district in order to advance to the regional.

CC notches two big wins

Squad topples Orchard Lake St. Mary’s, Port Huron Northern

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks rebounded nicely from their first loss of the season two weeks ago by picking up two big wins last week in league play.

The squad, coached by Todd Johnson, took home a 4-1 victory over Port Huron Northern before collecting a huge 6-1 victory over Orchard Lake St. Mary’s just two days later.

Against St. Mary’s, the Shamrocks got on the board early and often and began the scoring when senior Charlie Green intercepted a pass and skated in for the unassisted, short-handed goal to give his squad a 1-0 lead. It was long until that lead was doubled off a shot by senior Mike Babcock, who took a pass from Luke Turner and fired it

ON TAP

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks hockey team will be back on the ice at 7:15 p.m. Friday when they visit Cranbrook before taking to the road for a 4 p.m. showdown against DeLaSalle Saturday. The team will then host Trenton at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

the victory in net for the Shamrocks, which climbed to 4-1 on the season with the victory.

Two days before, the Shamrocks earned a 4-1 win over Port Huron Northern. Scoring began when Connor Gaffney, a junior, took assistance from Wade Orlowski and Andrew Kinney and fired home the shot for a 1-0 lead. Babcock added the second, and eventually the fourth, goal of the game with assists from Austin Linville and Evan Kearns on the former and Green and Sorisho on the latter goal.

The other goal scored by the Shamrocks came off the stick of Brady Jones, who took a pass from Max Wanko and finessed it past the Port Huron Northern goalie for the score.

Moore earned the victory between the posts for the Shamrocks.

Shamrocks hope to continue success

Basketball team has strong nucleus back for 2011-12

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks basketball team has several positives and a few negatives to consider as the season starts up.

The largest negative that the team will have to overcome is the late football run. That sounds like it shouldn’t be a problem, but many of the team’s standouts also play on the gridiron and their run to the second-place finish in the state finals kept them off the basketball court. But coach Bill Dyer, who has helmed the varsity team of 15 years, isn’t worried —

he knows his squad will start the season with plenty of gusto.

Leading the team will be senior forwards Nick Malzone and Garrett Moores, while junior guards Mitch Katkic and Austin Beyer and junior forward Noah Lee will look to gain experience right out of the gate.

“We are young and don’t have a lot of late-game experience,” noted Dyer.

But the team knows what it takes to be successful. Last year the Shamrocks finished with a 17-7 record, earning the first Catholic League title in 15 years, capturing the

first City Championship in 44 years and collecting a District Tournament title. They fell to Orchard Lake St. Mary’s in the Regional final, 48-46, to end their season.

The Shamrocks are no stranger to a playoff run, either. In the past four years, they have made it to the regional final or state quarterfinals three times.

The Shamrocks will be looking to make a run at defending their titles this year, but Dyer said getting experience for the younger players is the first focus of the team as they build into the season with a highly-competitive schedule.

TOURNEY

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who was killed by a drunk driver on April 10, 2005.

“He was the embodiment of the true athletic spirit with a dedication to excellence,” remembers JV Head Coach Steve Minier, NHS ’04 graduate. “It is hard to believe it has been over seven years since the tragic events in 2005. This is the first year that the tournament has joined efforts with Be the Match.”

Todd’s junior year, he wrestled at the MHS-

SA Regional Championship. Less than one month later, the avid 17-year-old cyclist was returning from a Sunday afternoon bicycle ride to Ann Arbor with friends when he was struck by a Ford Mustang at the intersection of Plymouth-Ann Arbor and Gottfredson roads.

Dale Schoenheide, Todd’s father appreciates the tournament.

“I think it’s pretty amazing that the team has chosen to remember Todd. It’s a wonderful tribute to the caring, fun-loving person he was,” said Dale. “He died

doing one of his favorite activities because of a drunk driver. I’ll always wonder what might have been.”

A \$1,000 award is presented every spring to a Northville High School senior who shares one of Schoenheide’s passions, either football, scouting or wrestling.

Northville High School is located at 45700 Six Mile Road, east of Beck. Admission will be \$5 Saturday at the door. Concessions will be available throughout the day and commemorative T-shirts will be sold.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS – PUBLIC HEARING

The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) has scheduled a public hearing for Wednesday, December 19, 2012 at the Northville Township Municipal Office Building, located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168. The ZBA will consider variance requests **for property located at 15617 Frv Avenue (Chapter 77, Fences) and property located at 40062 Millpond Court (Chapter 170, Article 18, Schedule of Regulations—Setbacks)**. Written comments regarding this request will be received by the ZBA at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168. The meeting will begin at 7:30 P.M.

Paul Slatin
Zoning Board of Appeals

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Gov. Rick Snyder was at Hiller's Market last week to launch the new Michigan Saves Business Energy Financing Program. On hand were (from left) were Justin Hiller, vice president of Hiller's, State Sen. Patrick Colbeck, Julie Metty Bennett, executive director of Michigan Saves, State Rep. Kurt Heise, Gov. Snyder, Greg White, MPSC commissioner, and Tom Conzelmann, of Ervin Leasing.

Helping businesses go green

Gov. Snyder stops at Hiller's to tout energy efficiency

Gov. Rick Snyder made a stop in Northville last week to launch a new program to help Michigan businesses make changes to become more energy efficient.

On Friday, Snyder was at Hiller's Market on Center Street to tout the new Michigan Saves Business Energy Financing Program. Hiller's is the first business to take advantage of the program, which offers Michigan businesses low-interest financing for energy efficient lighting, heating and cooling systems, insulation, refrigeration, equipment, and more. Businesses make the upgrades with the help of authorized contractors and affordable financing of \$2,000 to \$150,000.

The program's advocates say participating businesses can lower operating costs and improved cash flow for a quick return on investment.

"The Michigan Saves Business Energy Financing Program is a win-win-win for Michiganders," said Snyder. "It helps businesses save on costs, creates good-paying jobs and moves us toward a greener energy future."

The financing is avail-

able through Michigan Saves and lending partner, Ervin Leasing and capital provider Bank of Ann Arbor. Michigan Saves is a public-private partnership, which was seeded with public funds and works with private lenders to provide affordable financing to help homes and businesses save energy and money.

"We were proud to help thousands of homeowners across the state with the Michigan Saves Home Energy Loan Program and now we want to help local businesses lower their costs and improve on energy efficiencies," said Julie Metty Bennett, executive director of Michigan Saves. "When businesses use inefficient ways to operate, they are losing money they could spend to hire more people or make more products."

Buildings and properties that are owned or occupied by businesses or nonprofit organizations located anywhere in the state of Michigan are eligible for Michigan Saves Business Energy Financing, subject to credit review by Ervin Leasing. Typical improvements to the business

could include: replacing T12 fluorescents with T5 fluorescents or LEDs; installing anti-sweat heater controls; installing vertical night covers on open deck coolers and replacing door gaskets on walk-in coolers.

Hiller's Vice President Justin Hiller said they will use the program to move to more efficient lighting and other cost savers.

"We are pleased to have a welcoming, light and bright presence at all of our grocery markets," he said. "But that signature business model comes at a price. We are always looking for advantageous opportunities for our business and our customers and this program will help us speed up our efforts to go green while saving money. We thank the governor for highlighting our efforts."

Snyder said energy efficiency is "a pro-growth strategy that aligns with the state's plan to provide local businesses with the tools they need to foster economic growth and grow new jobs."

Businesses can get more information by visiting www.MichiganSaves.org.

Michigan-centric retailer launches new online store

Northville-based YesMichiCAN®, maker of "Don't Mess with the Mitten®" apparel and accessories, has launched a new online store. Just in time for the holidays, the redesigned e-boutique makes it easier than ever to order the company's T-shirts, hoodies, air fresheners, decals, and coffee tumblers emblazoned with the "Don't Mess with the Mitten®" logo and Michigan silhouette.

The new website was designed by Axis Cross Media of Troy and focuses on the beauty and spirit of Michigan with full-color photographs and references to the state's most famous attractions.

It reflects the Don't Mess with the Mitten® Facebook page, a community of more than 7,400 fans that showcases beautiful pictures and positive news and events in the Mitten State.

"Our company is more than what we sell," says Terri O'Brien, co-owner of YesMichiCAN®. "We are all about promoting Michigan pride and shedding light on the wonderful people, places and opportunities in our great state."

O'Brien and her longtime friend Lisa Burnia founded YesMichiCAN® in 2009 to help out neighbors, family and friends affected by econom-

ic turmoil. A percentage of sales are dedicated to help families in the inner city of Detroit. Purchasing Don't Mess with the Mitten® products helps families in need while reinforcing the belief that MichiCAN!

"We can't do everything but we CAN do something. One T-shirt at a time," Burnia says.

YesMichiCAN® is headquartered in Northville and uses all local vendors — T-shirts from Border Bros. in Plymouth, screen printing at the Identity Source in Novi and layout by Pryor Design in Ann Arbor. For more information, visit www.dontmess-withthemitten.com.

NORTHVILLE BUSINESS BRIEFS

Businesses help Civic Concern

With the "Simply Give" program at the Northville Meijer (8 Mile and Haggerty road), which continues until Jan. 1, the purchase of a \$10 donation card at each register directly benefits Northville Civic Concern, which provided food to local families in need.

Northville Civic Concern will also be providing complimentary gift wrapping at Barnes and Noble (6 Mile and Haggerty roads) purchases on Saturday, Dec. 22. The group will be on site to accept cash and food donations.

The group will be hosting its annual Christmas Party for its clients on Saturday, Dec. 15, and they are in need of freshly baked or purchased cookies for this event. Please call (248) 344-1033 for more information.

New Vistage Michigan member

Northville resident Kevin McKervery, managing director of Southfield-based Clayton & McKervery, P.C., has become a member of Vistage Michigan, a part of the world's leading chief executive organization. Vistage Michigan provides business leaders with access to new business perspectives, innovative strategies and actionable items.

As a member of Vistage Michigan, McKervery will enjoy an advisory board of CEO peers who meet in small groups, nine times

a year, to help one another make better business decisions and achieve better results. He also will partake in one-to-one business coaching from a seasoned and accomplished Chief Executive (C.E.) Group Chair.

McKervery has been with Clayton & McKervery since 1990, playing a fundamental role in the firm's contributions to the international business community. His efforts have focused on business attraction with organizations including the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, Detroit Regional Economic Partnership, Michigan Export District Council, Automation Alley and the county economic development teams in

the region.

McKervery is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants, where he has led the International Committee. He is a graduate of the University of Michigan-Dearborn, which recently named him the 2012 College of Business Alumnus Difference Maker.

For more information about Vistage Michigan, which includes more than 150 chief executives throughout southeast Michigan, visit www.vistagemichigan.com.

DataFactZ anniversary

DataFactZ, a Northville-based highly specialized system and data integration company, is celebrating 10 years of service. Since their introduction to the marketplace in 2002, the company has grown to be an international force in data warehousing.

Nationally, DataFactZ has 450 employees. The company added 185 employees in the last two years. Of those, 32 joined the team in Michigan — five in 2011 and 27 in 2012. They have also added 20 new clients this year, including major brands such as, Gap, Inc., MARS Sales Force Solutions, Lord & Taylor, Saddle Creek Corporation, Meijer, Enova Corporation, Midwest Emergency Services and the American Association for Community Colleges.

For more information about DataFactZ, visit www.datafactz.com or call (866) 739-0820.

Statewide insurance officer

Northville's Rob Anderson, legislative counsel for Farm Bureau Insurance in Lansing, was elected chair of the Insurance Institute of Michigan (IIM) for 2013. The elections took place on Nov. 27 at the IIM Annual Meeting held in downtown Lansing.

IIM is a government affairs and public information association representing property/casualty insurance companies and related organizations operating in Michigan. IIM member companies provide insurance to 74 percent of the automobile and 65 percent of the homeowners markets in Michigan. For more information about insurance, visit the website, www.iiminfo.org or Facebook, www.facebook.com/insuranceinstitutemichigan.

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As temps fall, be aware of safety in home heating

'Tis the season for rosy cheeks, button-down coats, and cranking up the heat. According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), it's also the time of year when home fires peak, many of which are caused by heating equipment.

"Half of all home heating fires occur during December, January, and February, when we are fully utilizing our heating systems," said Lorraine Carli, vice president of communications for NFPA. "The public can reduce their risk of getting left out in the cold by following NFPA's safe heating behaviors."

In NFPA's report "Home Fires Involving Heating Equipment," in 2009, heating equipment was involved in an estimated 58,900 reported home structure fires, 480 civilian deaths, 1,520 civilian injuries, and \$1.1 billion in direct property damage. Stationary and portable space heaters accounted for one-third (32 percent) of reported home heating fires, but nearly 80 percent of the home heating fire deaths, two-thirds (66 percent) of associated civilian injuries, and half (52 percent) of associated direct property damage.

Overall, fires, injuries and damages from fires involving heating equipment were all lower than in 2008 and fit into a largely level trend over the past few years. The number of deaths from heating equipment was virtually unchanged.

As temperatures begin to drop, here are some safe heating behaviors to follow:

- All heaters need space. Keep anything that can burn at least three feet away from heating equipment, like the furnace, fireplace, wood stove, or portable space heater.

- Have a three-foot "kid-free zone" around open fires and space heaters.

- Never use your oven to heat your home.

- Have a qualified professional install stationary space heating equipment, water heaters or central heating equipment according to the local codes and manufacturer's instructions.

- Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional.

- Remember to turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.

- Always use the right kind of fuel, specified by the manufacturer, for fuel-burning space heaters.

- Make sure the fireplace has a sturdy screen to stop sparks from flying into the room. Ashes should be cool before putting them in a metal container. Keep the container a safe distance away from your home.



- Test smoke alarms monthly.

NFPA is a worldwide leader in fire, electrical, building, and life safety. The mission of the international nonprofit organization founded in 1896 is to reduce the worldwide burden of fire and other hazards on the quality of life by providing and advocating consensus codes and standards, research, training, and education.

Lincoln strong college town

By Robert Meisner
Guest Columnist

Q: My son is thinking about going to the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. I am wondering if you happen to have any information about the opportunities for rental and/or purchase in that city?

A: I find that the Lincoln real estate market is similar to that of Ann Arbor. There are lots of apartments and condominiums available for purchase and/or rental, and the economy is relatively strong. Indeed, I have



Robert Meisner

found, in my experience, that the people there are extremely friendly and helpful to persons visiting the city as

they appreciate the basis for an energized economy. You should consult with at least two or three Realtors to find who is best able to fill your needs.

Q: Has the property in San Francisco, in terms of residential housing, taken a dip at all because of the recession, and how does it stand now?

A: It has basically stayed stable. It has not decreased as much as most of the rest of the country; however, the constant appreciation that you would continue to see in, for example, Marin County, has not directly benefited San Francisco proper itself, but it is still extremely expensive to buy or rent real estate in the city. There are opportunities if you find the right location, but obviously zoning limitations preclude new construction in various designated historic areas and as always you are best to consult with an experienced real estate professional in the locale in which you are interested.

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. 27-31, 2012, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON	1956 Liberty St N	\$325,000	14117 Mayfield St	\$125,000	40564 Newport Dr	\$70,000
43524 Bannockburn Dr	42173 Saratoga Cir	\$137,000	19451 Merriman Rd	\$100,000	11759 Parkview Dr	\$128,000
354 Charterhouse Ct	4052 Sherwood Cir	\$202,000	18377 Norwich Rd	\$120,000	13036 Portsmouth Xing	\$470,000
41300 Cherry Hill Rd	45549 Southwick Dr	\$354,000	11201 Oxbow St	\$64,000	14993 Robinwood Dr	\$168,000
45164 Danbury Rd	2473 Westgate Ct	\$212,000	19909 Rensellor St	\$63,000	101 S Union St	\$165,000
39834 Deepwood St	2349 Woodgreen Ct	\$230,000	32922 Southgate St	\$205,000	101 S Union St	\$166,000
6636 Edgewood Rd	2411 Woodgreen Ct	\$221,000	14459 Summerside St	\$123,000	49966 Standish Ct	\$467,000
6636 Edgewood Rd	GARDEN CITY		42149 Crestview Cir	\$306,000	50591 Top Of Hill Ct	\$500,000
45486 Fieldstone Dr	7070 Burnly St	\$81,000	16229 Crystal Downs E	\$530,000	9393 Village Manor Dr	\$305,000
46550 Geddes Rd	28523 Donnelly St	\$14,000	16761 Franklin Rd	\$45,000	REDFORD	
7261 Heron Way	32930 Kathryn St	\$29,000	18790 Grande Vista Dr	\$110,000	12828 Beech Daly Rd	\$28,000
8304 Holly Dr	LIVONIA		46444 Greenridge Dr	\$400,000	18292 Gaylord	\$32,000
6908 Kings Mill Dr	15352 Brookfield St	\$100,000	16046 Morningside	\$120,000	9624 Hemingway	\$92,000
43156 Lancelot Dr	17148 Brookview Dr	\$115,000	17022 Niagara Ct	\$483,000	25711 Lyndon	\$80,000
	30261 Buckingham St	\$134,000	17553 Parkshore Dr	\$790,000	17451 Macarthur	\$62,000
	9258 California St	\$83,000	16136 Thorndyke Ct	\$315,000	18401 Negaunee	\$67,000
	28554 Cleveland St	\$58,000	PLYMOUTH		13995 Seminole	\$28,000
	9130 Colorado St	\$130,000	1664 Cassidy Place Dr	\$170,000	23643 W Chicago	\$15,000
	14449 Fairway St	\$215,000	9862 Dorian Dr	\$283,000	WESTLAND	
	11736 Farmington Rd	\$76,000	44853 Erin Dr	\$95,000	2103 Elbridge Ct	\$4,000
	19001 Gillman St	\$55,000	11665 Lorenz Way	\$392,000	6605 N Wildwood St	\$80,000
	18351 Heatherlea Dr	\$301,000	40526 Newport Dr	\$58,000	1266 Selma St	\$94,000
	35940 Jamison St	\$120,000			1536 Woodbourne St	\$79,000

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND

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

BEVERLY HILLS	658 Sedgefield Dr	\$224,000	26384 Crestwood Dr	\$473,000
32850 Bell Vine Trl	1440 Stuyvesant Rd	\$643,000	51152 E Bourne Ter	\$45,000
16233 Birwood Ave	856 Thorntree Ct	\$321,000	24912 Hadlock Dr	\$656,000
18860 Devonshire St	3680 W Bradford Dr	\$279,000	24368 Hampton Hill St	\$129,000
16993 Kinross Ave	138 W Hickory Grove Rd	\$485,000	25613 Hillside Dr	\$530,000
32300 Lahser Rd	COMMERCIAL TOWNSHIP		25786 Island Lake Dr	\$440,000
31794 Mayfair Ln	2871 Augusta Dr	\$246,000	40598 Lenox Park Dr	\$257,000
15955 Reedmere Ave	2969 Gabriel Dr	\$119,000	40608 Lenox Park Dr	\$261,000
20100 Village Dr	FARMINGTON		40622 Lenox Park Dr	\$259,000
BINGHAM FARMS	22611 Brookdale St	\$125,000	24407 Saybrook Ct	\$486,000
23920 Greenglen Ct	22799 Hawthorne St	\$68,000	45342 Sedra Ct	\$40,000
BIRMINGHAM	35072 Bunker Hill Dr	\$190,000	40437 Village Wood Rd	\$212,000
1358 Bowers St	29700 Drake Rd	\$140,000	2012 West Lake Dr	\$158,000
1662 E Maple Rd	23116 Glenmoor Hts	\$117,000	28279 Wolcott Dr	\$84,000
1626 Hazel St	34227 Gloucester Cir	\$295,000	SOUTH LYON	
1340 Latham St	33117 Hopecrest Ct	\$150,000	23791 Copperwood Dr W	\$68,000
1113 N Old Woodward Ave Unit	30146 Kimberly Ct	\$225,000	20919 Greenbriar Cir	\$210,000
356 Pilgrim Ave	24153 Noble Dr	\$152,000	435 Lyon Ct	\$81,000
1497 Pilgrim Ave	32308 Red Clover Rd	\$175,000	24739 Martindale Rd	\$35,000
671 S Bates St	21521 Riverwalk Ct	\$234,000	24317 Padstone Dr	\$75,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	12684 Rockwell St	\$139,000	24445 Peters Barn Ct	\$325,000
2558 Aspen Ln	30336 Shiawassee Rd	\$121,000	23497 Prescott Ln W	\$406,000
2975 Aspen Ln	23217 Springbrook Dr	\$93,000	24848 Purlin Ct	\$71,000
4403 Barchester Dr	36451 Valley Ridge Dr	\$118,000	1143 Shetland Dr	\$305,000
211 Barrington Rd	25390 Wykeshire Rd	\$189,000	53903 Springwood Dr	\$25,000
1439 Kirkway Rd	Lathrup Village		SOUTHFIELD	
285 Barden Rd	17545 Roseland Blvd	\$98,000	28209 E Kalong Cir	\$110,000
87 Boulder Ln	MILFORD		21754 Frazer Ave	\$32,000
142 E Hickory Grove Rd	840 Annie Lang Dr	\$385,000	30161 Marshall St	\$55,000
4402 Ramsgate Ln	215 Franklin St	\$222,000	23012 Plumbrooke Dr	\$72,000
1735 Tiverton Rd Unit 10	1433 Hunters Lake Dr	\$413,000	28540 Selkirk St	\$29,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	800 Milford Glen Cir	\$288,000	21700 W 11 Mile Rd	\$2,050,000
1346 Ardmoor Dr	192 Turnberry Ct	\$244,000	21270 W Eight Mile Rd	\$124,000
2835 Chestnut Run Dr	1302 Yellowstone Valley Dr	\$25,000	WHITE LAKE	
1908 Eagle Pointe	NOVI		490 Burgess Dr	\$379,000
	50719 Amesburg Dr	\$530,000	8706 Cooley Beach Dr	\$155,000
	24576 Bashian Dr	\$45,000	2008 Drury Ln	\$115,000
	50685 Calvert Isle Dr	\$505,000	814 Farnsworth Rd	\$370,000
	50721 Calvert Isle Dr	\$635,000	9463 Marina Dr	\$43,000
	24468 Cavendish Ave E	\$425,000	1490 Midwood Dr	\$160,000
	50875 Chesapeake Dr	\$625,000	10225 Pontiac Lake Rd	\$110,000
	23418 Cranbrooke Dr	\$124,000		

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59 Shepherd
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It's time to shake your job search blues

Kaitlin Madden
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In both his books and speeches, Donald Trump often mentions a story that his father told him when he was a child that goes something like this: There once was an entrepreneur who started a soda company called Three Up. Despite the man's passion for his company, though, Three Up eventually went under. Undeterred, the entrepreneur started another cola company called Four Up, which also went bankrupt. He persisted on, but after Five Up and Six Up failed as well, the man was tired of struggling and gave up. A short time later another company came along and invented 7 Up, which was wildly successful. The point of the story, according to Trump, is that if the man hadn't quit, he would have created 7 Up.

If you're a job seeker, you can probably relate to the entrepreneur in the story. It may seem hard to stay motivated in the face of rejection and success can seem elusive — you might even feel like giving up on your job search or settling for a job you don't really like. But, if you quit when the going gets

tough, you may miss out on the opportunity of a lifetime — like the entrepreneur did.

The job search blues can certainly be tough to conquer — but it can be done. Here's how to get through the tough times in a job search.

Pay attention to your thoughts

"Listen to the things you say to yourself about your job, your abilities and your chances of achieving your career goals," says Colette Ellis, founder of leadership consulting firm In-Step Consulting and author of e-book "Focus on your vision."

If you realize that your "self-talk" is predominately negative, make an effort to change it any time a negative thought pops into your head. "When you hear your negative messages and begin to feel badly, say 'stop!' and replace the thought or message with a more positive statement," Ellis says.

Dave Sanford, an executive vice president at recruiting firm Winter, Wyman, agrees: "You can't force hiring decisions to go your way. But you can control your reaction to the circumstances.

Allow yourself that healthy moment of disappointment and then pick yourself up and dust yourself off. This will help you move on a lot more quickly, which is imperative to your search," he says.

Set goals

Let's face it: The mod-

ern job search can be a long and tedious process — but that doesn't mean it can't also be rewarding. Set smaller goals throughout your job search to keep you focused and give you a sense of achievement.

"As part of your job search, you will certainly have set goals for yourself, such as the number of networking meetings you will have each week, how many résumés you will send out per day and the number of hours you will dedicate to researching opportunities," Sanford says. "Feel good about completing your objectives and find ways to celebrate accomplishments."

Be careful not to be too hard on yourself when setting goals, though. When outlining your job search goals, don't limit yourself to an overly-stringent time deadline for getting a job. "It may feel proactive to say 'I will be working by June 30' but you are really setting yourself up to be let down," says Cheryl Heisler, president of Lawternatives, a career coaching firm for lawyers. "Concrete goals are good — as long as they are within your control. Do commit to goals that you can reach, like 'I will make five new contacts each week.'"

Talk to people

Making an effort to talk to people in your industry can give your job search a much-needed boost for a number of reasons: It's great for networking, it can provide you with a renewed sense of motivation and energy, it'll help you stay abreast on what's new in your field, and it can present you with options



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Best of all — talking with your industry peers can help you get a job faster. "After speaking with someone and building a rapport, they are much more likely to bring up potential job leads or contacts for you, rather than you having to ask for them," says Kathryn Minshew, co-founder and editor-in-chief of Pretty Young Professional, a blog and online resource for young professional women.

Is there someone in your field that you'd like to know, but don't? Reach out and ask the person for an informational interview. "I firmly believe in informational interviews," Minshew says. "Everyone loves being asked for advice, and sometimes the best thing you can do to get your foot in the door is to find people who work at the company or industry you're targeting, and ask them if you can meet."

Take a break

Although it's important to

maintain momentum and keep up a steady job search, it's also important to take time out of your day to de-stress. "Stress can be palpable and you don't want to present yourself to prospective employers or networking contacts as someone who will crack under pressure," Sanford says. "Whether it's a morning yoga class or walking around the block, find what works for you and incorporate it into your daily routine."

Reducing stress also means fighting the e-leash during "you" time. While you may feel compelled to check your e-mail or voice mail every five minutes, fighting the urge will help you relax. "Access your voice mail and e-mail a few times a day — and then let it go," Sanford says.

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Audi Doubles Down on Diesel, Offering TDI Across Lineup



By Dale Buss

The new TDI-powered Audi A8, Audi A7, Audi A6 and Audi Q5 will debut at the Los Angeles Auto Show this month, joined by an updated Q7 model that has been clean-diesel equipped since 2009.

Each TDI delivers up to 30 percent better fuel economy and 30 percent lower carbon-dioxide emissions than gasoline engines, Audi said, resulting in longer range and fewer trips to the fuel pump. By being denser than gasoline, diesel packs more energy content into the same amount of fuel, which helps maximize the miles per gallon when that energy is released during a more powerful combustion cycle.

The move means that Audi has made by far the most extensive commitment to clean-diesel technology of any automaker in the United States; previously, the brand made only its A3 and Q7 available in TDI. Sibling brand Volkswagen of America makes a number of its U.S. models available in TDI.

No other brand operating in the American marketplace, luxury or mainstream, has made anything close to Audi's substantial commitment to clean-diesel power and its benefits.

And this backing of clean diesel goes beyond the significant benefits in Audi TDI versions in terms of performance and

fuel economy. It's a matter of devotion to helping secure U.S. energy independence, a benefit of harnessing clean diesel that Audi has been pointing out in TV ads and other marketing communications for three years.

"Owners of Audi TDI engines have helped save over 4 million gallons of gasoline, or the equivalent of more than 240,000 barrels of foreign oil, since the introduction of Audi TDI to the U.S. in 2009," Scott Keogh, president of Audi of America, said in a press release.

In fact, in order to "fuel" the conversation surrounding the benefits of TDI technology in the U.S., Audi will use the hashtag, #FuelForThought, and invite fans to weigh in through a social experience at the display and online.

Audi buyers have steadily ramped up their demand for TDI versions, as gasoline prices have risen and word-of-mouth about the performance and mileage characteristics of the Audi A3 TDI and Audi Q7 TDI have spread. In October, about 45 percent of all Audi A3 models sold in the U.S. were TDI, while about 29 percent of

all Audi Q7 models sold were diesel-equipped.

The first new TDI version will be the Audi A8, coming onto the U.S. market in Spring 2013. TDI versions of Audi A6, Audi A7 and Audi Q5 will be available in the fall of next year.

Audi will drop out the TDI version of the A3 this model year and introduce a new, redesigned model in early 2014.

The flagship A8, in its TDI version, will provide estimated fuel efficiency of 24 mpg in the city and 36 mpg on the highway. The new 2014 A8 sedans expand the line's engine offerings by moving from two variants (4.2-liter V8 and W12) to six, including the entry-level A8 3.0T V6, the 420-horsepower A8 4.0T V8, the new Audi S8 4.0T V8, the A8 6.0-liter W12, and the new A8 3.0 TDI V6.



Audi is doubling down on clean diesel by expanding its TDI lineup.

statement; the car also was the first car in the world to feature available factory-installed Wi-Fi for up to eight passenger devices. The Audi A6 TDI clean-diesel engine can make up to 2,000 "decisions" per second, like its A6 TFSI gas engine counterpart.

The Audi Q5 TDI offers the driving appeal of a sedan with high versatility in its interior space. The new TDI engine is the fourth variant for the model line, which also includes the current four-cylinder 2.0T, the 3.0T V6, and the Q5 hybrid.

For 2014, Audi also plans to freshen the Q7, whose TDI variant already has proven so popular. Its revised V6 TDI engine offers a 10-percent efficiency improvement compared with gasoline engines and boasts an increased output of 240 horsepower and 406 lb.-ft. of torque.

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