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Food items will be donated to Northville Civic Concern.

"This is a program that we thought would resonate with our community," said Julie Herrin, library director. "This is a great way to have fines waived that may have been on your card for awhile, and at the same time, help feed the hungry in our

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Photo contest

Enter your favorite holiday photo in a contest for a chance to win a \$20 gift card to a department store. Upload a picture of your house in lights, a visit with Santa or anything related to the holidays. Share the link with friends and see if you come out on top! You and your Facebook friends are allowed one vote per day. To find the contest, go to our website, Hometownlife.com and look on the right-hand side in our Don't Miss module. Clicking on the photo of the Christmas presents will take you to the contest page. The voting ends Dec. 30. Good luck!

'Neighbors helping neighbors'

Nearly 200 local families relying on Northville Civic Concern

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

Each time Askia Allison goes to Northville Civic Concern, he is reminded why he does the work he does.

Allison works with Ross Innovative Employment Solutions, which is connected with Michigan Works and refers unemployed people to Civic Concern to work and gain some job skills. For him, this local organization's consistent helping hand is inspirational.

"I see it every time I come here. People being helped out in a variety of ways," he said of Civic Concern. "This place is a reminder of why I do what I do, and that's try to help people in need."

The community organization's office/distribution center off of Seven Mile Road was busy during the last distribution day. Many clients were there to receive food, clothing and other crucial assistance. There are currently 190 client families from the Northville area benefiting from this all-volun-

teer organization. Although they wanted to remain anonymous, many of the people benefiting from this service

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HOW YOU CAN HELP

Northville Civic Concern. located at 42951 Seven Mile Road, is always in need of help to fulfill its mission of serving local families down on their luck. In fact, it couldn't succeed without the generous help of the community. Its is hosting its annual Christmas party for the client families Dec. 15. The nonprofit is always in need of the following:

- Canned goods
- Soups
- Paper products
- Cereal
- Baby products

• Monetary donations are also accepted and are used to purchase food for their pantry

Volunteers are needed to help distribute the food to their clients from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. the second and fourth Friday of each month.

For more information. call (248) 344-1033 or visit http://www.northvillecivicconcern.org.

Pointed in the right direction



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Detroit Lions linebacker Stephen Tulloch shares a high-five with student Christian Tibaudo during the Dec. 5 D.A.R.E. graduation at Northville High. Tulloch was impressed with Tlbaudo's abilities to avoid peer-pressure.

Lions linebacker gives advice to D.A.R.E. graduates

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

Detroit Lions linebacker Stephen Tulloch made a special appearance at the D.A.R.E. graduation in Northville last week before one of the bigger group of students to go through the program. He told the students that at their age he was also in D.A.R.E. and what he

learned helped him in life.

"The decisions you make today will carry you a long way through life," he told the gathered crowd Dec. 5 at Northville High School.

He said surrounding oneself with positive people was one thing he learned at the program in which he participated in Florida, where he grew up. Thanking his mother and the officer involved in his

D.A.R.E. class, he further told the kids that focusing in on school and sports helped him become successful, as well as doing what they just did.

And that was completing the 10-week D.A.R.E. program. There were about

140 students participating. "That fact that you're here today in this program

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The 2012 D.A.R.E. graduates say the Pledge of Allegiance at Northville High before their Dec. 5 ceremony. This year about 140 5th and 6th graders graduated from the program in Northville Townshlp.

Police warning residents not to fall for 'gypsy scams'

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

The Northville and Novi police are warning the community of "gypsy scams" and want residents to be on the lookout for strangers attempting to gain access into homes.

The one attempt in Northville Township was unsuccessful, according to Northville Township police. However, the scam has worked in Novi.

During the month of November, police said older adults were approached at their homes and engaged in a conversation by a female suspect. The woman uses various stories to gain the trust of the homeowner and is ultimately invited into the home, police said.

Once inside, the woman distracts the homeowner while a suspect man sneaks into the home and steals jewelry and/or cash. Those targeted live in residential neighborhoods.

According to Northville Township police, the female suspect works to distract the victim(s), typically away from the front door. She will engage the victims in conversations about a scar on her stomach and has gone as far as lifting up her shirt to show her stomach. This is believed to be a distraction to prolong the conversation so a second subject (male) can enter the house to take items, which includes jewelry from the bedroom.

The suspect has also told victims that she is moving to their neighborhood and has some ques-

The female suspect is described as being approximately 5 feet, 3 inches, 30-40 years of age with medium skin tone and dark, collar-length hair. She is also heavy set with a round face.

The man is described as being 6 feet tall with a thin build and short dark hair, as well as medium

The suspect vehicle is a white Ford Edge or Explorer.

Police remind citizens of the importance of keeping the house locked, even when at home, and not allowing any strangers into one's residence. Northville Township police officials are telling residents to call 9-1-1 immediately if you see or encounter anything like this.

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Design excellence

Local landscaper garners kudos, enjoys work in field

By Julle Brown Staff Writer

Marie Muehlenbein of Northville Township enjoys being a landscaper. Her Global Garden Inc., based here, recently won a silver award in landscape reconstruction, including design and construction, from the Michigan Green Industry Association, a trade

group. The competition is judged on points as judges evaluate sites, said Muehlenbein, who earned an associate of science degree in landscape technology from Oakland Communi-

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ty College. The landscaper tells what challenges he or she fac-

es, along with the plant pal-

Photos are submitted. "They actually go to all the sites," she said of the judges. "It keeps

ette and elements used.

us on our toes." The award is for work on the Keys home in Northville Township.

"I am positively thrilled," said homeowner Sarah Keys. The Global Garden crew

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was on time, Keys said, and clean and professional. She had the work done in August/ September 2011.

Muehlenbein, 54, started in the field in her 20s. She's owned Global Garden for 15 years.

She was born in Northville when there was a hospital here, raised in Livonia and has called Northville Township home again the last 15 years. Her work takes her and crews to Northville, Novi, Plymouth, Livonia and also Ann Arbor, now easy to get to with M-14 in place.

"There's not a lot of us," she said of women in her field. "There still are not a lot of women in the field." There are more women owners.

Muehlenbein found she likes the work and is good at it.

"I love it as much now as ever," she said, adding she likes her Northville Township base and making clients happy.

Muehlenbein has crews for big work, but does much herself, including maintaining beds by pruning, mulching and perennial maintenance. She draws designs by hand and coordinates proj-

She visits different nurseries, so she can get the best plants for the job, noting those who work for one nurs-



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Award-winning Northville Township landscape architect Marie Muehlenbein tours a new home build site off Seven Mile that she's designed. Muehlenbein put in three different patios to take advantage of the site's good views.

that. My mind is too free," she said.

When not working, she enjoys running, which she took up in her 40s, to stay in shape. She recently did the Jingle Bell Run in Northville as well as the Turkey Trot.

Some of her clients have been with her since the start and she appreciates their vote of confidence.

"It's very important to me," Muehlenbein said.

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Landscaper Marie Muehlenbein won an award for the design of this home's landscaping.





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Northville Civic Concern's Marlene Kunz (left) and some of her elf-helpers, Gretchen Kaminski and Joy Bloxam (right), and many others will be getting together on Dec. 15 for the charity organization's annual holiday distribution, which will provide all of its needy families with some basic Christmas gifts. The party will be taking place at the First Church of the Nazarene on Haggerty north of Eight Mile.

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speak of its importance in their lives.

"These are nice people here and they do a lot of good help," said one man, a middle-aged recipient of Civic Concern for the last year.

Another woman said, "They're kind and caring. They help out in any way they can. They helped me recently with my electric bill."

Director Marlene Kunz said the need for Civic Concern has only grown over the years. It's gone from serving around 50 families to nearly 200. In the last several months, there were times when the shelves at the office were bare, but this didn't last too long because of community help that came through.

Kunz thanks the entire Northville community for their donations

Through this generosity, Kunz said every client was furnished with a complete Thanksgiving dinner and now it's receiving donations for the Christmas holiday.

"The things given to us and that we provide to our clients are essential because it helps free up money for other important things that they are having a difficult time affording," she said. "So any help is good help."

Buckminister's Pub in downtown Northville recently helped out by giving a substantial donation to Civic Concern as part of its name a bar stool cause, which has patrons purchasing a space on a seat for their names.

During distribution day, another family was looking for bunk beds, so the word was sent out to the different gathering resources — ranging from the schools, businesses to homeowners associa-

One source of donations has been the Northville Hills neighborhood. One woman representing the neighborhood wanted to remain anonymous, but said their help originated with her daughter setting up a project to gather clothing for the community organi-

"Neighbors helping neighbors," she said of the motivation for her daughter's project.

Civic Concern is hosting its annual Christmas party Dec. 15.

The need is ongoing, so if you want to help out you can take items to the office at 42951 Seven Mile Road or call (248) 344-1033 for information. It's funded primarily by the contributions of community residents, so if you would like to give one, mail it to Northville Civic Concern at P.O. Box 323, Northville.

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DARE GRAD

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is going to send you in the right direction," Tulloch said.

The Northville Township Police Department hosted the graduation, which is an annual event. Northville Township is one of only five departments in Wayne County that still offers D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education).

Officer Caroline Czelada has been directing the program for more than a year now and led the graduation. She said this group was special for a number of reasons, one being that out of the 23 Meads Mill Middle School students,

14 of them returned from last year.

She said D.A.R.E. is a group effort and thanked all of the supporters at Northville schools, township and the Public Safety Department.

Part of the graduation had eight students reading an essay they wrote as part of D.A.R.E. They were handpicked by Czelada and Northville Township Public Safety Director John Werth as standout essavs.

One was read by Moraine Elementary student Sedona Shipka, who made a pledge to live a healthy life and stay away from drugs. She said what she learned in the program made her see the downfalls of bad decisions.

"Thank you for providing me with the D.A.R.E. program," she ended her

essay. Another was Amerman Elementary fifth-grader Harrison Asher. He said the program made him think differently about his love for sports and how drugs could negatively impact them.

"This program has also given me the information and confidence to make good choices, and be myself," Harrison said.

The graduation ended with each student receiving a certificate of recognition, which was handed out by Detroit Red Wings coach Mike Babcock.

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Holiday arches

Northville High School junior Lindsey Atherton goes through a welcoming tunnel of her fellow Varsity Dance Company members at their Dec. 6 Holiday Dance Party. The group put on a activity-filled afternoon for elementary school kids that day in the high school's cafeteria. The event was also a fundraiser.



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NHS dance teams shine in local competitions

The Northville High School varsity and junior varsity dance teams had outstanding showings during their competition season this year. Under the leadership of varsity coaches Sarah Benish and Katy Pop, and junior varsity coach Meaghan Priebe, the teams earned top honors for their performances.

Before the competition season began, the dance program experienced a few important changes. A junior varsity team was added to allow more students to participate in representing their high school in dance events and competition. In addition, new coaches were brought onboard to accommodate the new JV team and to bring a fresh perspective to team development and choreography.

Both teams have had great performances during their competitive season. At the UDA Great Lakes Dance Championship held on Nov. 17 at Clarkston High School, the varsity team placed 2nd in Var-



PHOTOS BY AUBREY BECHLER — GRACE PHOTOGRAPHY

The Northville High School varsity dance team includes (back row from left) Coach Sarah Benish, Delaney Dickens, Catherine Drummond, Dee Evasic (co-captain), Christina Zitkus, Renee Dempsey, Coach Katy Pop, (middle row from left) Jillian Moraitis, Carly Marquardt, Kristen Jarzembowski, Lauren Gron, Andrea Bess, Emma Gessert, (front row from left) Lauren Hall, Emily Zion, Katelyn Bonanno, Haley Galindo, and Emma Yakima (co-captain).

sity Hip Hop and 4th in the Large Varsity Jazz division, while the JV team received 4th place honors for JV Hip Hop and 3rd place for their JV Jazz routine.

Both teams improved their results at the Chippewa Valley Dance Invitational, held on Dec. 9 at Chippewa Valley High School in Clinton Township, with the varsity team receiving 1st place in the Large Varsity Hip Hop division and 2nd place for their Large Varsity Jazz number. The jazz number was also recognized for Best Choreography. The



The Northville High School junior varsity dance team members are (back row from left) Lauren Nash, Melody Allyn (co-captain), Coach Meaghan Priebe, Claire Varvatos, Sarah McCormick, (front row from left) Nikki Krings (co-captain), Diamond Pearson, Rachel Curtis, and Emma Rife.

JV team also performed extremely well with 1st place in the JV Jazz division and 2nd place for their JV Hip Hop rou-

The dance teams also attended the 8th Annual Oakland Dance Festival at Farmington Harrison High School, which held master classes taught by Michigan colleges with dance degree programs. Both teams had dance pieces adjudicated by college dance professors and received positive feedback for their works. Several senior dancers had the opportunity to audition for college scholarships and acceptance into college dance programs.

Although the competition season has ended, the team continues to perfect their performances for the NHS Dance Team Showcase on Friday, Jan. 18 at 6:30 p.m. in the Northville High School auditorium. This annual event showcases the performances of the dance teams, as well as local dance studios associated with team members and other performance guests.

In addition, the teams have scheduled a Dance Clinic to share their love for dance with dancers age 8 through 13 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 12 at Performers Edge Dance Company in downtown Northville. Participants will learn a dance routine that will be featured in the NHS Dance Team Showcase. For more information, visit the NHS Dance Team website at www.northvilledanceteam.com.



Art contest

Northville's Jennie Wei, a 2nd grader at Ridge Wood Elementary, came in 3rd place in 17th annual art contest of the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES). Wei's submission (pictured) is called "The beautiful earth is our home!". Winners received gift cards, and certificates of participation. To view winning entries from the 2012 contest and previous years, visit http://www.strategies.org/ArtContest.



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High school Concerts Celebrate Holiday Music Magic

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Concerts are Tuesday, Dec. 18, Wednesday, Dec. 19 and Thursday, Dec. 20. All shows begin at 7 p.m.

While some groups (including TrebleMakers and BackBeat) will perform all three nights, others will only be on stage one night. Voices and instruments will blend to present seasonal music of many styles.

"At all three performances, the Chorale will enter the darkened auditorium in a candlelight procession," said Mary Kay Pryce, a NHS choir director. "We will surround the audience with singing."

singing."
According to Mike
Rumbell, an NHS band
director, Symphonic
Band 9 and Symphonic
Band 10 will open Tuesday and Wednesday's
shows with "Christmas

Spectacular."
Concerts will close with another cherished tradition when current choir students share the stage with the FATS Choir to sing a carol medley and the "Hallelujah Chorus". Pryce explains that "the

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 344-8420 ext. 50711, or send an e-mail to pryce-ma@northville.k12.mi.us

and prior to the perfor-

FATS (Friends, Family, Alumni, Teachers and Students) Choir started in the mid-1980s when there were so few singers in the choir, and we were looking to add to the number of singers already on stage. Over the years, we kept adding and adding. We no longer need to add singers, but the FATS Choir tradition contin-

The NHS Music Boosters will invite Thursday night's audience to gather for light snacks and desserts at the annual afterglow in the cafeteria. Attendees are encouraged to donate to Northville Civic Concern at the afterglow. For alumni, Thursday evening will end with the annual party at Pryce's home.

ues."

The Music Boosters continue to sell raffle tickets, as they have since September. This fundraiser will conclude when 10 winning tickets will be drawn at the afterglow. If all 1,500 tickets are sold, prizes will range from \$100 to \$5,000. If fewer tickets are sold, prize amounts must be modified, as specified in the terms of the raffle run by the 501(c) 3 Boosters' non-profit organiza-

In the 1980s, NHS holiday concerts spanned two evenings. Rumbell recalls that "the strength and popularity of our highly sophisticated music programs made it clear that we needed a third night. We're always growing and improving. Currently, we have an immediate need for band tuxedos. We're so close to having enough money. We're counting on the Boosters' successful fundraiser to put us over the top. We want our professionallevel musicians to look as great as they sound."

Tickets are \$7, and can be purchased at the NHS box office 2:15-3 p.m. Monday through Friday and prior to performances. Reservations are highly recommended and can be made by e-mail to prycema@northville.k12. mi.us or by phone to (248) 344-8420 x50711.

Moraine officials alerting parents after student diagnosed with mumps

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

A case of the mumps virus was reported last week at Northville's Moraine Elementary School.

"We are working closely with the Wayne County Health Department in response to this situation," Principal Dr. Denise Bryan and school district nurse Marie Boczar said in a letter to parents.

The infectious disease alert went out on Dec. 6 and with it the district gave some facts to help inform concerned parents.

In the letter, Bryan and Boczar described mumps as a viral illness with symptoms that include fever, headache, fatigue, and swelling and tenderness of several glands under the ears and jaw. These symptoms usually last seven to 10 days and it further stated some people with mumps may have very mild or no

symptoms. According to the district's fact sheet, items used by an infected person, such as cups or soft drink cans, can also be contaminated with the virus, which may spread to others if those items are shared. In addition, the virus may spread when someone with mumps touches items or surfaces without washing their hands and someone else then touches the same surface and rubs

their mouth or nose.
In most children
mumps is a mild disease,

but sometimes it can cause serious problems like meningitis, deafness and male sterility.

It was emphasized that anyone exhibiting symptoms of mumps should be evaluated by their health care provider.

"Only a health care provider can diagnose and test for mumps," the letter stated.

The mumps virus is spread from person to person by contact with the saliva or mucus of an infected person though coughing, sneezing, or direct contact. The symptoms first appear 12 to 26 days after exposure to an

infected person.

Bryan and Boczar said there is no "cure" for mumps, only support-

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Mrs. Klokkenga says goodbye to students

Retiring Meads Mill teacher 'loved every minute of it'

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

After 30 years of teaching and having a positive impact on Northville kids, Meads Mill Middle School teacher Shirley Klokkenga said goodbye two weeks ago to her students for the final time and told them she would cherish each day she was able to spend with them.

"I loved every minute of it," she said looking back at a career that included 28 years at Meads Mill. "What I will miss the most are the kids. I'm retiring and moving on, but I get choked up thinking about it."

She will be missed. Meads Mill Principal Susan Meyer said they are losing one of the best, but wished Klokkenga all the best in the future.

"She's been one of our most recognized and talented teachers," Meyer said.

November 30 was the last day for the long-time English teacher, who taught eighth grade. There were many goodbyes said and tears shed.

The day was a celebration in a lot of ways.

Music was always a teaching tool for Klokkenga, so it was no surprise her final lessons had the class singing. The rendition of "I Will Always Love You" by students in her class hour before lunch was just great. It ended with many smiles and applause.

With snacks passed around the class turned into a going away party. Klokkenga's classroom chalkboard was decorated with a lot of good-byes. One in particular stood

"Thank you for being the shining light that shows me the joy of writing," wrote Meads Mill student Leah Petty.

That spoke for many who went into her classroom over the decades, including former students and parents who got to see her teach.

This work didn't go unnoticed. Klokkenga's honors and awards for her great teaching are many, including the Detroit Writer's Guild English Teacher of the Year in 2002 and Michigan Association of School Boards Education Excellence Award in 2000. Those are just two of the



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As she and her class sings a Dolly Parton classic, retiring Meads Mill teacher Shirley Klokkenga points to her students as they get to the refrain "and I will always love you." Klokkenga retired from the school on Nov. 30.

many such recognitions.
Her style of teaching was to see each student as an individual and give them the attention they needed to succeed.

"God puts us (teachers) in a position to give each child what they need to learn and grow, so I've always been very grateful to be able to teach,"

he said.

Now she will move on from her adopted hometown of Northville and live in Virginia to be close to family. Although physically far away, she will always have a place in her heart for each student she taught.

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ive treatment for symptoms including rest, fluids, and fever reducing medications. It is however, a vaccine-preventable

disease.
It was advised that children with mumps should be excluded from school or daycare settings for at least 5 days after the onset of symptoms.

"Vaccination with the

MMR (measles/mumps/ rubella) vaccine is required for entry into both childcare and school settings in Michigan," the letter further stated. "If your child has not been fully immunized, we encourage you to consider it at this time."

For additional information on the mumps, go to the Center for Disease Control web site at www.cdc.gov.

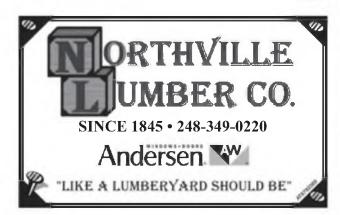
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New trustees praise college, plan to make a difference

By Jill Haipin Correspondent

Although the three newest members of the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees come from different backgrounds, they all agree on one thing: the tremendous value that the community college provides for residents in surrounding communities as well as the state of Mich-

"We are so fortunate to have this fantastic resource right in our own backyards," new Trustee Gretchen Alaniz said.

Livonia residents Alaniz and Eric Stempien, an incumbent since June 2012, were both recently elected to serve a six-year term on the board. Terry Gilligan, also of Livonia, was elected to serve a partial term ending December 2014, filling the vacancy left by the retirement of long-time

Trustee Mary Breen. The Schoolcraft College District includes the school districts of Clarenceville, Garden City, Livonia, Northville and Plymouth-Canton.

The trio brings a broad spectrum of career experience that mirrors the diversity of the occupations of the district's residents: Alaniz has had a long career in manufacturing, while Stempien is an attorney with experience in both private and corporate practice. Gilligan, who holds a position with the Pipefitters Union Local 636, has a background in skilled trades.

It is a mix that has many positive implications for the college and its surrounding area, Gilligan

"I am hopeful that we



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Gretchen Alaniz of Livonia was elected last month to a six-year term to the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees.

can continue to develop some strong programs that result in putting people to work in good positions that pay a fair wage," he said.

Career preparation

"Schoolcraft does a great job of preparing students for transfer to a fouryear university. However, let's face it — a fouryear degree is not necessarily for everyone. People need to know that there are career opportunities in skilled trades that allow you to make a nice living," he said.

Gilligan, married to wife Barb, is the father of two children, Allyson, 19, and Joe, 21, both of whom attended schools in the Livonia School District. His son is currently pursuing a degree in culinary arts at Schoolcraft.

After growing up in Dearborn, Gilligan moved to Livonia with his wife in 1993. He has been a journeyman pipefitter for

the past 24 years and has worked in various capacities for the pipefitters union, most currently as a business agent, which includes acting as a career facilitator for high school students.

"Many students have no idea that these types of career opportunities exist, so we are trying to raise awareness among those who may not be interested in a four-year degree. You can complete a certification or a two-year degree and still have the chance to make a good wage," he said.

Gilligan said that he is looking forward to the opportunity to become involved with the welding program and set up a program to identify quality students in order for them to qualify for apprenticeship programs that can enable them to earn a wage while still learning.

He is also hoping to work with Schoolcraft instructors to develop a curriculum for a Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration program.

First-time candidate

While this is the first time that Gilligan has run for public office, he said that it was his experience working with the college that provided the impetus to seek election to the board. He has had experience serving on committees and boards such as the joint apprenticeship training committee, as well as serving as the chairman on the political action committee. He has also served in various trusteeship capacities in the past, and currently serves as a trustee of the

Insurance Trust Fund. Gilligan also said that he is hopeful for the chance to work with school officials to make some improvements to the school's online registration system.

"As the father of a current student, I have sat up at night with him countless times, waiting for midnight to roll around so he can be the first to register for a spot in a class only to find out that there is no room in class. This can delay a student's progress and we need to address it," he said.

"If we have programs that are so in demand, let's address it," he added.

Alaniz also has a personal link to Schoolcraft: her daughter Amber, now married, attended Schoolcraft.

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Alaniz, who has lived in Livonia for the past eight years, grew up in mid-Michigan and attended Central Michigan University, graduating in 1985 with a degree in business management information systems in 1985. Her career path led her into the world of the computer internal auditing, landing her in her current position as a senior auditing manager with TRW Automotive.

It was in that role which involved some work as a community liaison - that led to a growing awareness of community needs, she said.

"I blame it on TRW," she said with a smile. "They asked me to be on the Livonia Chamber board, and that is when it all started."

Alaniz said that after spending some time on the board, she began to develop an understanding of the struggles of both the business and the manufacturing industry in the area.

"The business landscape in Michigan has changed so drastically over the past four to six years," she said, adding that advanced manufacturing machines and computers that require skilled and trained operators have replaced manual labor positions.

"There are openings for these positions right now and we cannot fill them because they require certain skill sets and proper training," she said. "I would like to see Schoolcraft work to develop the programs to meet these needs and get people

Northville's Stempien

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Alaniz said she agrees with Gilligan that, while Schoolcraft does a "wonderful job" of providing courses to continue in a four-year program at a university, not all students may wish to choose that path.

"There are many jobs available in skilled trades and advanced manufacturing that require a few classes or certifications or two-year degrees that pay very well. These are not only long-term career options, they can also be short-term career options that would allow someone to make a decent wage to help them pay their way as they do pursue a four-year degree and graduate without a lot of debt," she said.

Alaniz said she is also hopeful for the chance to interact with surrounding communities regarding educational issues within the K-12 arena.

For instance, she said, the state currently requires six hours of each school day be spent on college preparatory classes, leaving little room for students who may not even wish to go to college. Their time, she said, may be spent more wisely exploring and learning options in skilled trades and advanced manufacturing.

Alaniz also said that she is hopeful to see some movement by the state Legislature that would allow Schoolcraft to possibly expand the nursing and culinary arts programs to four-year degree-granting programs.

"In my mind, a community college does its best work as a community college," but she believes the move would be good for the school and community residents.

"It's a phenomenal school," she said.

Gilligan is also looking forward to serving as a

"Some may ask, What can I, a blue-collar, union tradesman, do to help Schoolcraft become a better community college?' I certainly believe I can make a difference," he

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SOPHIA ANN

Passed away December 3, surrounded by her loving family. She touched many lives in the 16 days she spent on earth. Beloved daughter of Ethan and Sarah (nee Boll) Allen; loving sister of Isabel Allen; cherished granddaughter of Greg and Susan Boll and Jon and Nancy Allen; dear great granddaughter of Von and Dawn Boll, Virginia Heckler and Nancy Kachigian; adored niece of

"Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened."

Services were held at First United Methodist Church, 777 W. Eight Mile Rd. Northville, MI 48167, Thursday at 11 a.m. for a celebration of Sophia's life. Private Family Interment. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions in her name to the Akron Children's Hospital Foundation (specify NICU fund on check)

One Perkins Square, Akron, OH 44308. Arrangements by FERFOLIA FUNERAL HOMES, 330-467-4500

KUZDAK, CAROL S. Age 77, of South Lyon. Visitation 12/14/12 from 2-8 pm at Casterline. Funeral 12/15/12 at Noon at St. Joseph Church.

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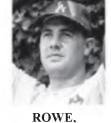
ELEANOR Age 95 of South Lyon. Beloved wife of the late Wilfred for 67 years. Dear mother of Kathleen Nutwell, Elaine (George) (Charles) Lada and Alice Manley. Loving grandmother of Christopher Lada. Sister of the late Rudolph Hakola and the late Elaine Chartier. Eleanore was a resident of South Lyon for over 30 years. Funeral Services were held at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, 33603 Grand River Ave., downtown Farmington (1 blk w of Farmington Rd.). Memorial Contributions may be made to Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 23425 Lahser, Southfield, MI, 48034 or to the Finnish Center Association, 35200 W. 8 Mile,

Farmington Hills, MI. 48335. www.Thayer-Rock.com

LOGAN, RENEE J. Age 50, passed away December

7, 2012. She was born on August 29, 1962, daughter of Amelia and the late Roland Bruniquel. Renee was a devoted and loving wife and mother. She was selfless and giving and always put the needs of others before her own. She was proud of her Italian heritage and fluently spoke three languages. Renee enjoyed spending time in Grayling at the family cabin. She loved to pass the time watching General Hospital, Survivor and The Voice Renee was known for her love and compassion for animals, especially her dogs: Kujo, Precious & Snowflake. She will be remembered as a kind, loving and gentle lady that will be missed by all who knew her. She is survived by her beloved husband Michael of 24 years, her loving sons, Alex and Paul, her mother, Amelia Bruniquel and her brother, Gilbert Bruniquel. She is also survived by her extended family and many dear friends. Renee was preceded in death by her fa-ther and her Uncle Robert Talente. Visitation was held on Wednesday at PHILLIPS FU-NERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. A funeral Mass will be celebrated on Thursday. December 13 at 10:00am at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 830 S. Lafayette, South Lyon. Memorial contributions may be made to the Humane Society of Huron Valley, P.O. Box 7026, Liberty Station, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48107. Online guestbook at: www.phillipsfuneral.com.

SHEPPARD, PAUL ALLEŃ Of Chino Valley, AZ passed away suddenly on October 14, Growing up in South Lyon, MI, he graduated from South Lyon High School in 1971. He graduated from Control Data Institute in Information Technology. He was preceded in death by his parents, Calvin F., Sr and Gladys Sheppard, in 2011, his brother, Douglas, in September of 2012 and two nephews. Paul is survived by his siblings, Calvin F., Jr. (Janice) Sheppard of Grand Junction, CO, Richard (Carolyn) of Rapid City, MI, Judith Prince of Sarasota, FL, and Laura Lewis of Northville, MI; 18 nieces and nephews and 30 grand nieces and nephews. Cremation has taken place and he will be interred at the family cemetery in the Spring.



KENNETH DARRELL Former Northville resident Kenneth Darrell

Rowe, age 78, died on Thanksgiving Day, November 22, 2012 at his home in Dallas, Georgia after a bout with pneumonia. Rowe was born on December 31, 1933 in Ferndale. Michigan to Lucille (Church) and Darrell Rowe. Rowe graduated Northville High School in 1952 and found his passion in baseball. Rowe was a baseball lifer who had been a pitcher, minor-league manager, coach or instructor for 52 of the last 56 years. In 1963-64, he pitched professionally with the Balti-more Orioles and the Los Angeles Dodgers. Also serving in the US Army in 1957. Rowe coached with the New York Yankees, Atlanta Braves and Philadelphia Phillies and continued the last 20 years as a minor league pitching coach with the Cleveland Indians. "Rowe embodied everything about baseball. He would make jokes all the time and kept the game fun. He wasn't as hands on as a lot of people, but he didn't have to be. He'd get his point across in a way so you understood what he was talking about and then you wanted to go out there and do it.' "In the world of professional baseball, there are always things that come to mind with the sacrifices and passion and toughness it takes not only to compete at the highest level but also be a leader. Rowe had them all. He was exceptionally bright, exceptionally passionate and exceptionally tough and was really willing to do whatever it took to help young professional baseball players." He is survived lovingly by his two daughters, Kimberly and Kristina, former spouse, Brigita Rowe, three grandsons,

Jeremy, Jake and Zachary, his

sisters. Joanne Gearns of North-

ville and Nancy French of Ypsi-

lanti and preceded in death by

one brother, Jack Stoddard and

two sisters, Betty Van Sickle and

Barbara Rowe. Condolences may

be sent to 347 Princeton Drive,

Dallas, GA 30157.

follows in parents' path By Jill Haipin Correspondent

Newly elected Schoolcraft College Trustee Eric Stempien believes that a having a top-notch community college is a significant asset for area residents.

"Schoolcraft provides so much for so many in the community," he said, from degree and certification-granting programs to community education and affordable classes for those on a path to a fouryear degree. "We are very fortunate to have Schoolcraft in our community."

Growing up in Northville, one of the college's feeder districts, "It seems like I've always had a connection to Schoolcraft. When the position became available, I did not hesitate. It is important for me to continue to have that connection," he said.

Family service

Stempien's connection, however, goes deeper than community ties. The Stempien name is wellknown in service to the Schoolcraft community. Eric's parents, Gregory, an attorney in Northville, and Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Jeanne Stempien, both served as trustees and as chairpersons of the college board.

Eric Stempien was



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retired. An attorney for Superior Ambulance Service in Warren, Stempien is a graduate of the University of Michigan and Wayne State University Law School.

ber Patricia Watson, who

Serving on the board of Schoolcraft was a natural fit, said the married father of two daughters, ages 5 and 6. "Now my own children

are able to take advantage of the great classes that Schoolcraft offers through their community education programs," he said. He said he looks for-

ward to being a part of the budget process.

Tuition "I want to focus on hold-

ing down tuition," he said.

Explaining that of the college's three sources of revenue — money from the state, property taxes and tuition - studentpaid tuition is the only factor that within control of the board.

"And there is no way that we can balance the budget on the backs the students," he said. "We need to be there for the community — that is why it is a called a community college, after all - so we have to find some way to hold down tuition."

Serving the community, he said, means not pricing classes out of reach for community members.

"This has got to be our short-term focus," he

Regarding long-term focus areas, Stempien points to increases in state-of-the-art technology like the Simulation Technology Center, currently under construction.

"The will allow us to simulate real-life situations — for instance, a real-life operating room — to help prepare our nursing students for actual surgery. This is just one way we can better prepare them" for their

careers, he said. Stempien credits the school's administration for keeping Schoolcraft on track to meet the needs of students and the community.

"They do an excellent job of anticipating what the school needs to thrive and I look forward to working with them," he

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Program shines a light of hope for troubled children

Numbers are an important part of anyone's life, whether phone numbers, Social Security or cred-

But here is a number that will give you a chance to rescue children who need help: 10837987. That's the number you can use to go Christmas shopping for Lost Voices through the Barnes & Noble book fair program.

Lost Voices is a Michigan nonprofit representing a group of songwriters and musicians founded by Erma Bombeck and award-winning humorist and folk singer Mike Ball. These performers dedicated themselves to changing the lives



The Lost Voices singers will perform free concerts at the Ann Arbor, Green Oak and Northville Barnes & Noble stores on Friday, Dec. 14.

of incarcerated and at-risk young men and women.

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"We sit down with children who are in trouble, most of them to the point that they are locked-up, and we help them explore their feelings in music," said Ball. "They write individual songs, and they write

songs as a group. At the end of each workshop, the kids go on stage with us in a professional concert to perform their work for their peers, their teachers and their families. The growth and healing we see on that stage, and even in the audience, is incredible."

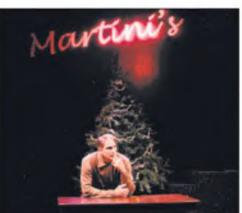
works: when you buy something in Barnes & Noble stores from Dec. 14-20, you simply give that magic number to the cashier, and a percentage of what you spend goes to help the folks at Lost Voices. The book fair is also available for online shoppers at barnesandnoble.com through Christmas Eve, Dec. 4. When you check out online, you click a link that says "Check if this is a Bookfair Order" and enter the number.

The more people who shop the book fair for Lost Voices, the higher the percentage Barnes & Noble will donate.

To kick-off the book fair, three of the Lost Voices artists will be performing free concerts in the Ann Arbor, Green Oak and Northville Barnes & Noble stores on Friday, Dec. 14, 7-9 p.m. Folk music legend Josh White, Jr. will be at the Northville store on Haggerty Road; award-winning Celtic singer/songwriter Kitty Donohoe will be in the Ann Arbor store on Washtenaw Avenue; and Mike Ball, along with Scott Clauser, Sharon Tse and John Finan, will be at the Green Oak store.

At each of these concerts you can hear some of the music written by the kids in the Lost Voices program, and Lost Voices volunteers will pass out stickers and coupons for the book fair.

"Many of the kids we work with have done bad things," said Ball, "and bad things have happened to them. At the end of the day, they are also children, who are really not all that different from your kids or mine. They deserve whatever help we can give them."



Chuck **Purchis** John Lepard in a scene from "This Wonderful Life," to be staged at the Tipping Point Theatre in Northville.

Tipping Point one-man show a heartwarmer

reviews at the Williamston Theatre last season, "This Wonderful Life" is making its way to the Tipping Point Theatre in Northville for this holiday season. John Lepard reprises his award-winning role as George Bailey, Mr. Potter, and the entire population of Bedford Falls in this one-man stage interpretation of Frank Capra's 1946 film "It's a Wonderful Life."

Directed by Tony Caselli, Lepard's performance in "This Wonderful Life" is a tour de force as he tells the story of how one man (George Bailey) comes to learn the value of a simple life lived with humility, charity, and dedication.

Playwright Steve Murray's script stays faithful to the film while also offering its own unique twists. Fans of the movie will enjoy this unique presentation of a revered film, and first-timers will be introduced to a story that's sure to warm the heart. Everyone will appreciate the inspired work of John Lepard, whose performance gives life to a whole town full of people and brings a smile to your face along the way.

"This Wonderful Life"

runs from Dec. 21-31. The curtain rises at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, with matinees at 2 p.m. on Sundays, and 3 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 29. You can join Tipping Point for a special New Year's Eve performance on Monday, Dec. 31, at 8 p.m. including an afterglow party, with appetizers provided by Rocky's of Northville, live music, wine, and a toast close to midnight, immediately following this performance.

Tickets are \$30 each for the performances Dec. 21-30 and are on sale. "This Wonderful Life" is not included in season passes, and no additional discounts apply. Tickets for the New Year's Eve performance are \$75 each, \$50 of which is taxdeductible.

The theater is located at 361 E. Cady St. in Northville. Tickets are limited and can be reserved by calling the box office at (248) 347-0003. The theater has a website at www.tippingpointtheatre.

Tony Caselli is director, assisted by Stephanie Dins as resident stage manager, Bartley H. Bauer as set designer, Reid G. Johnson as lighting director, and Quintessa Gallinat as sound designer.







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Decking the fountain

Past presidents of the Northville Garden Club got together on Dec. 6 to finish up a holiday decorating the fountain at Allen Terrace. Back row, from left: Allen Terrace's Sherry Necelis, Julie Mantay, Kate Uberti, and Mimi Kibbey. Front row: Marjorie Faessler, Barbara O'Brien, and Evelyn Harper. The decorating of the fountain has been an annual event for the club since 1996.



Mimi Kibbey, past president of the Northville Garden Club makes one last adjustment of a red bow on the fountain at Allen Terrace on Dec. 6.





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Local reps helped Snyder pass right-to-work

By Brad Kadrich Staff Writer

State Sen. Pat Colbeck, who represents Northville in Lansing, has been banging the right-to-work drum for the state of Michigan for a long time, even back when Gov. Rick Snyder was saying he'd stay away from it because the issue was "too divisive."

On Thursday, though, Snyder grabbed one of Colbeck's drumsticks and began beating the drum along with Colbeck and other House and Senate Republicans determined to push right-to-work legislation through in the lame-duck session when he held a press conference to say he would support the legislation.

Colbeck got his wish Tuesday when signed the



right-towork laws passed by the Republican

majority. The right-towork legislation

applies to both public and private employees excluding police officers and firefighters. Michigan became the nation's 24th right-to-work state.

The law means that, while unions would still have a right to form and to negotiate, workers could decline to join or pay dues to them.

Colbeck, R-Canton, thinks it is the right thing

"Michigan is the only state to lose population in the last census," said

whose 7th District includes the cities of Northville and Plymouth, as well as Canton.

Colbeck,

Northville and Plymouth townships. "By a wide margin, people are going to rightto-work states, because that's where the jobs are."

Other state results

Like Snyder did in his news conference, Colbeck pointed to Indiana, which enacted similar legislation earlier this year. In the first six month, Colbeck said, more than 70 new companies had expressed interest in setting up shop in

Indiana.

"That's 74 new companies saying they want to invest in Indiana, and that's just in six months," Colbeck said. "That needs to happen here."

By some estimates, more than 10,000 union members and supporters converged on Lansing Tuesday to make sure the governor heard their voices — to no avail. Democrats cried foul, but they did not have the votes to stop either mea-

State Rep. Dian Slavens, D-Canton, said studies show states with rightto-work laws have lower incomes and fewer benefits than states without such laws.

"I think this is really going to hurt not only the state, but middleclass families," Slavens

said. "It's going to take away collective bargaining rights ... (Unions) have taken so many concessions just to keep their health care, their dental. They're willing to talk about anything through collective bargaining. It's a slap in their face.'

State Rep. Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth Township, disagrees with Slavens. Heise, who said his position has followed Snyder's right down the line, said the legislation makes Michigan more competitive for job creation and empowers workers.

"This is the 21st century. Workers are more mobile, sophisticated and educated and they should have the freedom to choose," said Heise, who represents Northville. "It's also important for unions to be responsive to their members. This will force them to be more transparent and more accountable.

"Most polls have shown employees are willing to stay as a dues-paying union," he added. "This empowers individual members to decide whether or not this is a good fit for them."

'Lame' approach

While Slavens joined other Democrats in opposing the bill, she was

equally dismayed by the tactics Republicans used to pass the bills.

"It's especially shameful to do this in lameduck," Slavens said. "They're doing all of this bad legislation (cuts to the personal property tax, changes in public education, etc.) in the last three weeks. It's wrong for the state. There are so many big issues that need weeks and months to work on, and they're doing it in two weeks.

"They have the votes, and they're doing what they can," she added. "When you rush legislation through without taking your time, there are a lot of unintended consequences, and our state cannot afford that."

Colbeck, though, echoed what other Republicans said: The issue has been on the table for a long time and legislators have had plenty of time to educate themselves.

"I've been studying it for more than a year myself," Colbeck said. "I don't look at it as a traditional lame-duck. The chambers didn't really change all that much, so it's more just an extension of the current session."

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Santa visits Cooke

Santa visits with Cooke School student Matthew Kingsley on Dec. 4 as the Northville and Dearborn chapters of Alhambra brought Old Saint Nick and some cheer to the staff and students of the Northville school. Alhambra makes an annual stop at Cooke and also works with other disabled young people for its outreach efforts.







Township finds new finance director in nearby Novi

By Kurt Kuban Staff Writer

It didn't take long for Northville Township Supervisor Chip Snider to find a new finance director. He sure didn't have to look too far.

Snider chose Marina Neumaier for the fulltime position. She spent the last decade as assistant finance director for

Neumaier, 51, replaces Thelma Kubitskey, who retired from the township in October and now works for the city of Westland.

According to Northville Township Manager Chip Snider, Neumaier was one of about 20 qualified applicants for the job and only one of two who were given interviews. He said she stood out because she fits the "culture" at township hall.

"What stood out the most about her is her attitude towards teamwork and developing a team philosophy. She would rather work with other people to solve problems. That fits in with the teamwork culture we have developed here in Northville Township," Snider said.

Neumaier will be paid \$85,000 annually. Her duties will include day-today monitoring of various departmental budgeting, financial oversight and helping develop the township's annual budget.

Neumaier, a Brighton resident, is a CPA. She has worked both in the private and public sectors. Much of her private sector experience was with Plante & Moran, where she performed audits for clients,



KURT KUBAN

Marina Neumaier is Northville Township's new finance director. She began her new job on Monday after spending the last 13 years working for Novi.

including for municipalities. She crossed over to the public sector in 1988 when she was hired by Garden City as deputy treasurer. She has since worked for the city of Birmingham, Livingston County and then hired on with Novi in 1999 as controller. She became assistant finance director in 2003.

Neumaier, who started Monday, said she is very excited about the new job. By Tuesday she was already having staff meetings, delving into the various budgets and working on the township's software.

"The quality of the township and the people that are here (in township hall) is very evident. I just feel very fortunate to be part of the team," she said.

The University of Michigan-Dearborn

graduate has been married to Steve Neumaier for 30 years. Together they have a 25-year-old son, Michael.

Neumaier is also active with a number of organizations, including the Michigan Government Finance Officers Association (MGFOA).

She believes her experience as an auditor with Plante & Moran, and working with different municipalities through that process will definitely benefit her in the new role.

"There is no doubt that will be a help," she said. In addition, Neumaier has experience performing review and compilation services, cash flow analysis and various services aimed towards management needs.

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NORTHVILLE POLICE BRIEFS

Obstructing police

LOCAL NEWS

A 28-year-old White Lake Township man was arrested on Dec. 12 after police were called to the 19700 block of Dearborn Court in Northville Township from a resident who reported a suspicious couple sitting in a parked blue Dodge Charger listening to loud music. When the township police officer arrived, he located the parked Charger, which was unoccupied.

A nearby resident yelled to the officer that the couple had exited the car and walked down to a lake behind the residences, that they were not residents and they were "up to no good."

The officer soon found the couple, also including a 28-year-old Brighton woman, behind a residence on the 19800 block of Irongate Court. According to police reports, when the two saw the officer they immediately began to walk away and didn't initially listen to commands to stop. The man first walked over to the officer while the woman continued to walk away, and the officer noticed she was carrying something in her arms. She walked up to a nearby lawn and dropped a cement mushroom lawn ornament and a small solar Christ-

The two admitted they were moving various items from one yard to another because they thought it would be fun. They said they weren't sure what house they took the ornaments from.

When they were asked for identification, the man provided a false name and later admitted he lied because he had a felony out of Farmington Hills. It was determined the woman had a warrant out of Ypsilanti for domestic violence. With the help of a Northville city officer, they were escorted to the parking lot and arrested. The woman was turned over to Ypsilanti police. Eric Edoff, was charged with obstructing a police officer for giving a false name, and arraigned in 35th District Court in front of Judge Mike Gerou, who ordered him to pay \$425 in fines by Feb. 1.

Forced entry

A female resident called Northville Township police on Dec. 5 to report someone had kicked in her basement doors. The woman said she last saw the two basement doors closed and locked around 11 p.m. on Dec. 4. The next morning about 10 a.m. she found them wide open with the dead-bolt still in the lock position. There were scuff marks on the doors as if someone had kicked them in.

The woman said nothing was taken, and she believes the barking of her dogs scared away whoever was responsible.

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- Friday: 9 a.m. Archives open; 5:15-7:15 p.m. wed-
- Saturday: 1-3:30 p.m. Polish Christmas Tea, sold out
- **Sunday:** 10 a.m.-4 p.m. King's 8th, 6 p.m. Girl Scouts
- **Monday:** 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Heirloom Rug Hookers
- Tuesday: 9 a.m. Stone Gang; 6 p.m. Girl Scouts
- #737 • Wednesday: 1 p.m. AAUW Bridge Group; 6:45 p.m. Mindfulness Meditation Group

LIBRARY LINES

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

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• FOREIGN FILM @ THE LIBRARY

6:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 17

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Attorneys Bieske and Alfonsi

Michigan judges.

have vast experience before local

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Attorneys Bieske and Alfonsi can often make a winning difference at the application stage. And, if an appeal is necessary they have won several hundred cases before a court date is

Those denied can appeal on their own but statistics for many years reveal that those represented by attorneys win a much higher percentage of appeals. And attorneys who specialize in Social Security Disability cases win a much higher percentage

In addition to practicing only Social Security disability law attorney Bieske has written a book for attorneys about the

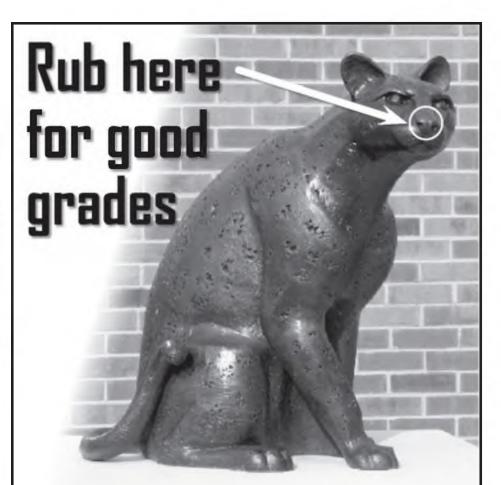
subject and has been interviewed on various television programs. Both attorney Bieske and Alfonsi have also been interviewed on radio programs and have given speeches to many

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OUR VIEWS

Public trust abused

AG was right not to accept plea deals in petition fraud case

Attorneys for two of four staffers charged in the petition signature fraud scandal involving former Congressman Thaddeus McCotter are disappointed Attorney General Bill Schuette didn't go easier on their clients.

Tim Dinan, the attorney for Don Yowchuang, 33, of Farmington Hills, who worked as deputy district director for the former congressman, said he was very surprised Yowchuang was not offered any plea bargain based on his cooperation with the investigation. Yowchuang pleaded no contest to 10 counts of forgery, a five-year felony, and six counts of falsely signing a nominating petition as circulator, a misdemeanor punishable by up to 93 days in jail.

Mark Mandell, the attorney for Paul Seewald, 47, of Livonia, who worked as district director for the former congressman, said justice was not served. He said drug offenders and domestic abusers who commit far worse crimes than misdemeanors are allowed to complete probation to clean their records, yet Seewald is not — even though he has never had a traffic ticket and has dedicated his whole life to Livonia youth football and public service.

Seewald pleaded guilty to nine counts of falsely signing a nominating petition as circulator, a misdemeanor punishable by up to 93 days in jail.

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

The remaining charge of conspiracy to commit a legal act in an illegal manner, a five-year felony, remains pending against both Yowchuang and Seewald. Judge Margie Braxton of Wayne County's 3rd Circuit Court will hold a hearing Jan. 9 to consider a motion filed by the defendants to quash the charge. The attorney general's office has indicated it will oppose the motion in

McCotter was not charged, as investigators said there was no direct evidence of his involvement.

We applaud Schuette for not accepting plea deals and find Mandell's comment inappropriate. Yes, no person was abused, but

the public's trust certainly was. Since being elected Schuette has sent mixed messages when it comes to enforcing election laws. We are still puzzled his office didn't even give current House Speaker Jase Bolger a slap on the wrist for his role in an election-rigging scheme in which he helped Democrat Rep. Roy Schmidt switch to the Republican Party at the last minute, all the while recruiting a fake Democrat candidate to keep any real Democrat from competing against Schmidt. Schuette, a Republican, said there was no basis to charge Bolger with any crimes, despite overwhelming evidence he played a role in trying to rig the election. And, in fact, Bolger has since apologized for his role. The scheme ultimately backfired and voters chose a write-in Democrat, Winnie Brinks, to represent the 76th District on the west side of the state.

So we are pleased Schuette seems to have developed some newfound concern for the integrity of our elections. Better late than

never. The bottom line is we must protect the integrity of elections in this country. They are the foundation of our democracy. If we can't trust that our elections are free of corruption — and that our officials are in office because the majority of voters wanted them there — we are no different from countries run by dictators or the select few already in

power. Seewald's attorney had a point that his client had no criminal record, but it's important that elected officials — and their staffs are above board and maintain integrity in all of their professional and personal con-

We expect them to follow the law, not act as thought they are above it.

Schuette had to send a message to prevent cases of petition fraud in the future.

We're glad he treated this case with the seriousness it deserved.

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COMMUNITY VOICE

Do you plan on spending more this year on holiday gifts than last year?

We asked this question in downtown Northville.



'With an out-of-state college student this year, — absolutely nothing." I will be spending less." Katie Hatcher Northville



"The same as last year **Bud Sage**



"No, it will probably be the same as last year." **Michael Tayior**



'I did already." **Geri Turnbull** Northville business owner

LETTERS

Right to work good for unions

As a small business owner and someone who wants what is in the best interest of the state of Michigan, I support Gov. Rick Snyder signing worker freedom (right to work) legislation.

This legislation will empower the workers. They will be able to vote with their pocketbooks. If the union is providing excellent customer service to its members, the members will stay in the union. If the union does not, the workers will have the option to leave. I believe this will have a positive impact on unions in our

I believe this will make Michigan more competitive when it comes to attracting businesses.

Tom Stroup Northville

Kindness was comforting

The family of Dick Kelly wishes to express thanks and appreciation to the many friends of Polly Kelly, who passed away on Oct. 1, 2012. Cards were received, meals delivered, prayers said and visits made during Polly's illness.

To all those who attended Polly's memorial Mass at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church and expressed words of comfort, we are grateful. Special thanks to Cathy and Chris from Comfort Keepers for their devotion to Polly the last several months.

Dick Kelly and family

Right to work is wrong

While Gov. Rick Snyder has always stood by the notion that right-to-work or freedom-to-work legislation was not part of his agenda, here it is.

My wife. Janice, and I lived and worked as teachers in Arizona, a right-to-work state. We have seen firsthand how many of our fellow educators went grossly unprotected by false accusations, thus being reassigned or fired without due process, for what can only be described as an utter lack of substantiated claims against them. The daily act of educating our youth was toxically fueled by high anxiety, resulting in a vast wasteland of downtrodden and unappreciated, yet very talented and dedicated teachers. It may be difficult for those outside of education to understand, but this type of legislation breeds a culture within education that seeps into every crevice of the learning process. Needless to say, this was unlike anything we had experienced previously in Michigan.

Our fellow Arizona teachers often held two or more jobs in order to keep their families afloat. This is a result of the lower pay range, lower pay step increases, and the high cost of insurance for themselves and their families that having a career in a right-towork state can bring. While this certainly affects these middle class families directly, this also develops a trickle down to the remainder of the economy, as they have much less to spend and invest.

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Neither Janice nor I work in the classroom anymore, but we still hold education/youth-oriented careers, and our passion for what we believe in has never wavered in the face of these dampening

While we know firsthand the disastrous effect that right-to-work has on education, we shudder to think about the effect it will have on all industries and families in Michigan.

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Win at any cost

When Gov, Snyder ran for office, he appealed to moderate Democrats with his feigned indifference regarding right-to-work laws. Being an entrepreneur, his position seemed incongruous but sincere. His indifference was short-lived and, obviously, a

sham. With the excuse that the unions caused his change of heart by pressing for a Constitutional right to collective bargaining, Snyder has shown his true mercenary colors. His excuse is a lie. The rumblings in Michigan and every Republican enclave across the nation have indicated a drive to destroy unionism as we know and cherish it. The bid for a constitutional guarantee of the right to bargain collectively for the welfare of workers was a reaction. It was not a provocation giving Snyder the opportunity to behave as a Republican instead of the statesman he pretended to be.

Win at any cost — even when you lose.

Patrick Downey Novi

Easy solution

It looks like Michiganders are gearing up for a little to-do about right to work. An easy solution is simply to require workers to pay the union directly instead of automatic payroll deductions. Then, let nature run its course. People become really smart when they actually have to write a check. Just ask the former union members in Wisconsin.

Jack Beiisie South Lyon

House must be firewall

The U.S. House of Representatives has hurt itself. They will soon cave and raise taxes on the rich. The precedents to penalize those who carry most of the load, and being more often our philanthropists, seems evil. If crazy spending does change our market economy to government management future Americans will pay the price in liberty. Do educational systems have any idea of how to stir economic growth resulting in a risk averse generation? We experiment with goofy green dead ends, avoiding available resources, while the debt rises as a setback for future Americans. On every occasion, the free market economy has been the engine of growth keeping most people away from dependency. Dependency replaces optimism with anger and envy, these diseases freeze self-reliance, independence, self-respect, and potential. Still while sinking into debt stagnant management bribes foreign states, the U.N., and other

established enemies. Americans' birthright is opportunity. Has liberal management looted the optimism? Good intentions, perhaps the "free card" guide of liberals with cost and results to be rationalized later while picking up the pieces? Do liberal interpretations improve anything? Filled our churches? Strengthened marriages? Reduced crime?

Liberalism has control of many large cities. Detroit may show results of prolonged governance by liberals and deepening distress for its citizens. Corrupt politics assisted driving better revenue producing assets and its population to Detroit's Eight Mile border and beyond to this city's detriment. Worthy efforts have had marginal effect so liberal costly programs expanded the trail of liabilities into perpetuity. A drain and load now too heavy to lift. Are we eventually to be divided between organized dependent city dwellers and the remainder needed to serve them? The "war on poverty" in the cities compounded problems simply weakening family foundations and further damage to an abused public school system.

Productive Americans are punished never able to satisfy amorphous calls for social justice or fairness from our liberal politicians. Achievers lose as well in carpet bombing of cow pies carrying liberal propaganda of hatefulness or racism. The tripe that pulls compassion from the annoyed. The founders did provide a safety valve in a debt limit to "save the children." So many wet noodles but a real firewall can be used against the tyranny of spending, seriously revising priorities. This cork in the bottle of a drunken explosion of debt is the hope for America.

Jim Nowka Northville

OPINION

Legislators did disservice to voters by cramming through right-to-work

By Brad Kadrich Staff Writer

in labor law, I have no idea (outside of what I've read) what effect the right-to-work legislation pushed through by state Legislators, and signed Tuesday by Gov. Rick Snyder, will

have on unions in Michigan.



Brad Kadrich

But it's pretty easy to jump to the conclusion it could kill them, or at least their influence in state politics (which I suspect is the whole idea in the

first place). The claim by Republicans that the legislation leaves in place the right to collectively bargain is specious, at best, in my mind.

Right-to-work may very well be the right way to go. I don't profess to any expertise on that point. But whether you agree with taking Michigan in a direction fewer than half of the states have felt it necessary to go, there's still a nagging question, at least in my mind: What was the rush?

Cynics obviously point out the right-to-work boosters knew they might not have the votes come January and so got the Legislators to whom they've contributed to push it through now. That may be.

But doing it this way, pushing it through with absolutely no debate, without a single hearing, just smacks of arrogance. Republicans in the legislature just said, with their actions, "We're doing this because we can." And Gov. Snyder's lame response — "I didn't want the issue, but here it is anyway, so I have to deal with it" — is disingenuous. Why not deal with it by saying to Republicans, "OK, let's deal with it the way we always do ... committee hearings, debate, a conversation."

The question residents — voters

— in Northville should be asking themselves is this: "Where were my legislators? Where were the people I elected to represent me?"

Truth is, if you're in favor of this legislation, then state Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, and state Rep. Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth Township, were right there with you. However, if you're against it, they both sold you down the river, threw you under the bus (insert your own cliche here).

The same is true of those of you who feel these things should be debated, or at least discussed, before they're rammed through both branches of state government

When asked what he thought of the right-to-work issue, Heise said he thinks what Snyder thinks. He said he trusts the governor, as "an astute businessman."

Colbeck said he's supported the issue from the time he was elected two years ago. Asked about Democrats' complaints that the issue hasn't had time for study, Colbeck responded, "I've been studying it for over a year." As one of the smartest guys in the room, and a proponent of the movement in the first place, that's not surprising. But not everyone has. And the fact Colbeck has been studying it for more than a year shouldn't preclude those who need time to catch up from getting it.

I think Heise supported it because his governor said he should. I think Colbeck would have supported it no matter what.

And whether you agree with the right-to-work movement or not, both of them did their constituents a disservice by not just laying down and watching this desecration of the political process happen, but by actively shoveling dirt into the grave.

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Creating a 21st Century public education funding model

By Peter Ruddeil
Guest Columnist

ichigan's public school finance act predates the Internet by at least two years. Michigan's public education system must continue to improve and advance to position our children to compete globally in a knowledge-based economy. Gov. Rick Snyder invited



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Richard McLellan, Mary Kay Shields and myself to propose a new Michigan Public Education Finance Act to replace the School Aid Act of 1979. Our goal is to ensure Michigan's \$14 billion annual investment in education produces citizens who can thrive in a new economy.

Michigan's school calendar, based on a 19th century agrarian society when children were

needed to harvest crops and an early 20th century industrial factory model, must move to a 21st century model that reflects our global information age.

Jobs available

There are 60,000 job postings on Michigan's Pure Talent Connect (www.mitalent.org). But many of these job postings cannot be filled because too many Michigan students are not college or career ready when they exit our public education system. Michigan's third grade reading proficiency level is an abysmal 62 percent. More than 60 percent of community college students require remediation classes because high school did not adequately prepare them for success in college.

Gov. Snyder has proposed a new "Any Time, Any Place, Any Way, Any Pace" public education system to put Michigan students first. Achieving that goal will require devising a robust funding structure that allows for flexibility while maintaining accountability.

Two major goals of the draft are to create a framework to better utilize advanced teaching methods and create more consumers of education

Key concepts

The draft contains five key concepts:

1. Remove District "ownership" of a student. A student will be allowed to take one course, multiple courses or the student's entire bundled education package from any public education district in the Michigan. Local school districts will decide whether to participate in open enrollment.

2. Create online learning options with performance funding. A student will be allowed to access instruction from across the state using advancing technology. The district providing the

online course will immediately receive public funding, based on performance measures.

3. Funding wiii truiy foilow the student. Fifteen other states are already using a new method for allocating funds. Currently, a school receives 90 percent of its state general education funding based on a student count on the first Wednesday in October. This proposal creates a dynamic system where the funding will actually follow the student to the public school district or districts that provide education to each student.

4. Framework for performance-based funding for ail courses. We are setting the framework for the full implementation of computer-adaptive student growth and assessment tools that are on the horizon.

5. Early graduation scholarships. As an incentive for early graduation, \$2,500 will be available for each semester a student graduates early.

The proposal has been criticized for not providing anything for economically disadvantaged students. I could not disagree more. Three key changes target students who are economically disadvantaged or who may have fallen behind:

1.Incentive for year-round schools. The evidence is overwhelming. "Summer loss" affects economically disadvantaged students at a far greater rate. By encouraging year-round schooling, this proposal has a direct impact on improving the education of economically disadvantaged students.

2. More online learning options. States like Florida and Minnesota with online learning options for students, have found students are using these options for credit recovery and to graduate on time in higher numbers than students trying to graduate early.

3.Funding foilowing the student. Many times, economically disadvantaged students relocate at a fairly high rate as compared to other students. By allowing public funding to follow the student to the public school providing their education, resources can be coordinated to better help that

Any judgments on this proposal are premature and frequently come from organizations that want to protect the status quo at any costs. We welcome constructive proposals and suggestions that move Michigan public education to a performance-based funding approach rather than the current seat time funding. We will submit a final report to Gov. Snyder before Christmas.

The first draft has been posted for public review and comment at http://oxfordfoundation-mi.com/

Peter Ruddeii is the principal drafter of the proposed Michigan Public Education Finance Act of 2013 and was the lead author and advocate of the Dr. Ron Davis Smokefree Air Law.



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Hot tech gifts priced right for the holidays

By Jon Gunneiis **Guest Columnist**

aving the some of the newest, best and coolest technologies under the tree this holiday season doesn't have to come at a premium price. From cameras to game systems and even the best smartphones, there are plenty of tech gifts on sale for under \$100.

Sony Cyber-Shot DSCW650 – For \$89 at participating ABC Warehouse retailers you can purchase this 16.1 megapixel digital camera featuring 720p HD video recording. Features include an automatic shot stabilizer, smile detection, 5x optical zoom and panorama shooting options. ABC Warehouse also offers accessories for point and shoot cameras and high zoom cameras such as bags, memory cards and tripods.

A 4GB micro SD card is as low as \$6.99 while 2GB SD cards are from \$5.99. Camera bags start at \$9.95.

MP3 Piayers – For the music lover on your list, how about an iPod shuffle or similarly sleek MP3 player? A 2GB Apple iPod shuffle retails for approximately \$29 while an 8GB Sandisk Sansa Fuze + is \$64.99. Other MP3 players can be found as low as \$14.99 at electronic retailers.

Ceii phones - Upgrade a loved one's phone plan or treat yourself with a new smartphone. Verizon is currently offering a vari-



iday deals on popular phones as the impressively, Razr

thin Droid (\$99) or

Jon Gunnells the Apple iPhone 4 which is free with a two-

year agreement. Samsung BDEM57C Smart Disc Blu-Ray Player - Enhance your movie watching experiences with this Wi-Fi enabled blu-ray player for \$69 at

ABC Warehouse.

Computers and computer accessories - It is difficult to find a reputable laptop or tower for under \$100 but a quality monitor could cost as little as \$99. ABC Warehouse has a current special on an 18.5 inch Samsung LED monitor for \$99. Online and other brick and mortar retailers will likely have similar deals on monitors. Wireless keyboards, optical mice, computer speakers, shredders and even web cams can be found for \$25 or less.

Vintage gaming systems - Video game resale shops and eBay have a plethora of old school units for sale. An original Nintendo (NES) with controllers, cords and popular games such as Super Mario Bros. can be purchased for about \$45 plus shipping.

A Super Nintendo bundle with controllers, cords and games can be

found for about \$80-\$100 while a classic Sega Genesis unit from the early 90s can be bought for around \$70. Original Playstation units are for sale for as low as \$25 while Nintendo 64 systems are selling for about \$60.

Other gadgets - eBay is also a hot spot for vintage video games for all units and even current games for Playstation3, Nintendo Wii, WiiU, Xbox 360, Nintendo DS and Playsta-

Other smail gadgets -Digital picture frames are a popular item around the holidays. They can purchased for as low as \$25 depending on the make and model. ABC Warehouse even sells a key chain with a digital picture frame for \$6.99.

Automatic start, car starter kits are a nice idea in the cold months. If you are handy and can install one yourself, consider buying one online. You can snag one for as low as \$70.

Then there are the holiday favorites such as remote control cars, electronic games and more. If you aren't sure what to buy, here's one last suggestion: an electronic version of Catchphrase (\$22.95 at Target). The game requires three AAA batteries but is suggested for ages 8 and up.

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Sean, 3, and Meghan Mcinnis, 7, check out some of the toys at Bliss Baby & Kids.

Making parenting a little bit easier

Local store offers perfect gift ideas for the wee ones

By Iris Vipperman Correspondent

Located in downtown Northville, Bliss Baby & Kids has provided its customers with baby gear, kids toys and clothing for many years, and with the Christmas season in full swing, this is the place to shop for the wee ones.

"After our third child was born, we wanted to make our Internet business a retail store," said Colleen McInnis, who coowns Bliss Baby & Kids with her husband, Trevor. "Our mission is to offer the best children's products at the most affordable prices. Between our experience parenting four children and the experience of all our friends and family combined, we have found the must-have products that make parenting easier."

McInnis said that she loves running the store especially because she and her husband have met so many great people who started out as customers and are now friends.

The couple opened Bliss Baby & Kids in September of 2005, after they were offered a tiny retail space on Main Street,

"The store was only about 350 square feet, but we maximized our space by getting creative in our displays," said McInnis. Four years later, they moved to a location next door that was twice the size of their first store. On Oct. 1 2012, the couple moved their store between the youth-inspired Marquis Theatre and Great Harvest Bread Co.

"It is truly the best spot in all of downtown Northville," Colleen McInn-

is said. According to McInnis, customers can find all the essential items a new parent may have never knew they would need at Bliss Baby & Kids. They carry many toy brands, including Melissa & Doug, Haba, Plan Toys, eeBoo, Green Toys Inc. (made in the U.S.), and Uncle Goose (made in Grand

Rapids, Mich.). "We have the best baby carriers including Ergo and Maya Wrap," she said. Bliss Baby & Kids

also carries baby and kids shoes including Robeez, See Kai Run, and Squeaky Shoes. Many Bliss Baby &

Kids customers are hap-



The interior of Bliss Baby & Kids, located at 137 E. Main Street in downtown Northville.

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py with the products and service provided there.

"I started shopping there in 2009 when my son was an infant," said Tanya Juarez Lundberg of Northville, mother of a 3-year-old boy, who said she learned of the store by doing a Google search.

"I needed more Bum-Genius diapers in anticipation of a trip we were taking and didn't want to drive all the way to Ann Arbor. I placed my order online," said Lundberg, "and Trevor had it waiting for me when I arrived at the store. Any mom can attest to how helpful it is to have your order waiting for you when you walk in."

Lundberg said she has also purchased cloth diapers and accessories to toys and shoes, and Kleen Kanteen.

Amy Ekblad has been shopping in the store since 2005. She praised the service, and says she would definitely recommend the store to others.

"My favorite thing about Bliss Baby & Kids is the personal and honest service that I get when I go there," said Ekblad. "They never make a hard sell, and they want you to

be happy with your purchases. Also, their products are great quality and there is lots of thought that goes into each product that they will carry in their store. I was there the day they opened seven years ago and have been going there ever since."

Ekblad is an advocate for local businesses, and would recommend Bliss Baby & Kids for that reason. She said small businesses offer personal service and care not found in larger chain stores. And she said Bliss Baby & Kids is a perfect example, which is why she has frequented the store so much. "I have purchased too

many things to name them all," said Ekblad. "I have purchased everything from baby carriers, clothing, diapers, and shoes to board games, card games, toys, and jewelry. I have purchased diaper cream and hair bows, dress-up clothes and puzzles.

"I think I may own every product that they sell, but don't tell my husband," she said.

Iris Vipperman is a journalism student at Madonna University.



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Girls basketball team earns convincing win

First game goes well for Mustangs

By Sam Eggleston

Correspondent

From the very start of the season opener, the Northville Mustangs girls basketball team made it clear that they have no qualms about playing intense basketball.

The squad, coached by Todd Gudith, jumped out to a 22-13 lead in the first quarter of their game against Walled Lake Northern last Tuesday and didn't look back as they ran off with a 61-43 victory.

"For a first game I thought we played pretty well," said Gudith. "You could tell we were a little nervous early on with the first few shots we took. We had three

ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs girls basketball team will be back on the hardwood when they host Plymouth tomorrow before visiting Canton on Tuesday. Both games start at 7 p.m.

new starters playing and a bunch of other players coming into the game with little or no varsity experience. We wanted to play fast, but I think we were playing too fast early on. As the game went on, we settled down."

Settling down led the Mustangs to a 35-21 lead over the Knights by halftime, which they extended to 48-29 by

the end of the third stanza. "The fact that we scored consistently all game was a

good sign," Gudith said. "Everyone got more comfortable out there in the second half and I think we were in more control, though it was hard to get into a rhythm in the second half with all the fouls being called. Defensively we want to get better. We have a standard that we expect to meet. Maybe I sound picky after winning by 18, but we pride ourselves on being a solid defensive unit. We let their best player get too many points."

That best player was senior Caitlin Crowley, who led all scorers with 24 points. However, she didn't get much help from the rest of her team in the losing effort.

The game was marred by penalties, however, with the two teams combining for 43 fouls on the night. Each team shot 26 free throws.

Northville was led by senior Kendra Brenner, who poured in 14 points, while junior Anna Giacomini added 11 in the victory.

Northville is now 1-0 on the season.



Mustang Alan Ruan swims on Dec. 5.

Tankers suffer loss in season opener

Mustangs can't stop Brother Rice

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

Sometimes when you take a beating from another team, you just have to wince and turn the other cheek, knowing there's plenty to

learn in a loss to a quality program.
That's the situation the Northville
Mustangs boys swimming and diving team is in after taking a 116-70
loss from the Brother Rice Warriors
last week to open the season.

"Brother Rice is a very good team and they gave us a pretty good thumping tonight," said Northville coach Rich Bennetts, who is in his 14th season as head coach for the Mustangs and boasts a 112-18-1 dual meet record. "We have huge holes in our lineup right now and we are searching for some kids to fill in.

"I thought that most of our kids gave good effort tonight, but we do not have any margin for error. We have 44 on the team and we need good effort from all 44. We didn't get that tonight and the score reflects it."

The Mustangs lost several key swimmers to graduation from last

ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs boys swimming and diving team will be back in the pool when they host Livonia Churchill today at 6:30 p.m.

year's 10-1 team that won the KLAA Central Division and the KLAA Conference title before placing 17th at the state finals.

They do have solid leadership, however, in captains Akbar Ariswala, Sam Boyea, Austin Hunt and Nick Hayes, who will lead key returning tankers James Xue, Yash Bajaj, Tony Cini, Mark Kaminski, Matt Schafer, Danney Teng, Frank Zhang, Scott Wang and Andrew Westphal.

"We have a lot of work to do this season, we lost a lot to graduation and also had some key contributors from last years' team that did not come out for the team this season," said Bennetts. "If we want to defend our conference title, we will have to work very hard and improve every single day."

Northville did have several topthree finishes in the Brother Rice showdown. The most dominating performance was from the dive team, however. Anton Travis took first with 166 points from the judges while Cini took second with 161 and Christian Field took third with 137.8. The other top-three sweep came in the 100 breaststroke when Alan Ruan took first in 1:05.26, followed by Chris Geng in second with 1:06.28 and Josh Liu in third in 1:05.92. Westphal also captured a first-place finish for Northville, taking the top spot in the 100 freestyle in a time of 49.81 seconds.

In the 200 yard medley relay, the team of Hayes, Ruan, Zhang and Boyea took second, while Hunt finished in third in the 200 freestyle. Ion the 200 individual medley, Xue took second place, the same finish Westphal had in the 50 free for the Mustangs.

In the 200 freestyle relay, the Northville team of Westphal, Wang, Boyea and Hunt took second while Xue took third in the 100 backstroke. The team finished the night with a third-place finish in the 400 freestyle relay with the team of Westphal, Zhang, Xue and Hunt.

Gymnastics team has strong showing

Squad misses out on win, but showcases season's potential

By Sam Eggleston

It's never easy for any team to take a loss, but the Northville Mustangs gymnastics team has to look at the silver lining of their match against Plymouth last week.

The squad, coached by Erin McWatt, took a 137.35-123.675 loss to Plymouth, but they did so with just

ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs gymnastics team will be back in action when they visit Milford for a 6:30 p.m. competition Dec. 21. five gymnasts being able to compete in the dual meet.

McWatt said her team had suffered some early-season injuries that they were working through, which limited the number of gymnasts who could compete in the event. She noted, however, that she has already begun to see the potential in her entire squad.

"We had tryouts one month ago, so we've all only been practicing for real for about three weeks now," she said. "Slowly, but surely, we're getting there."

The young Mustangs were led by senior captain Taylor Dempsey, who had a great start to her season with an 8.85 on the beam. Sophomore Lauren Rodriguez impressed the judges on the vault, earning a 9.1 in the event from the scoring table.



Northville High's Troy Stacer swims on Dec. 5.



Mustangs win first game of the season

LOCAL SPORTS

Boys cagers top W.L. Northern by just one-point

By Sam Eggleston Correspondent

The great thing about victories is they don't have to be decided by a dominating performance. In the eyes of many sports fans, the best games are the close

Games don't get much closer than they did last Tuesday when the Northville Mustangs took on the Walled Lake Northern Knights at

home. When the final buzzer sounded, just one point separated the Walled Lake cagers from the victorious Mustangs, who walked away with the 48-47 final.

"We showed a lot of poise tonight," said Northville coach Todd Sander. "We got off to a tremendous start both on offense and defense then we were pretty discombobulated in the middle. Our players made enough great

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plays down the stretch and lockdown defense to seal the win."

The Mustangs had to wait until the final seconds to recapture the lead, but it was well worth it as junior Andrew Meacham drove into the lane, drawing the attention of several Walled Lake defenders, and then dished a quick pass to senior Stewart Henzi for a quick layup and a 48-47 lead with just seconds remaining

The squad immediately went into an aggressive defense, forcing the Knights to take more time than they wanted in order to move the ball and, ultimately, take an ill-advised shot that missed its mark.

on the clock.

"We exhibited a lot of character," said Sander. "To win a close one, especially in the opener, is an encouraging sign."

It wasn't always a close game. In fact, the Mustangs looked to be in control from the very start of the contest. Northville slid out to a 7-0 lead to begin the game and maintained the margin throughout the first quarter of play thanks to some man-toman defense that kept the Knights from finding their stride and forced several turnovers. The quarter ended on a buzzer-beating three-point field goal by Joe Hewlett that gave his squad a 16-8 advantage.

The Mustangs went on the score the opening basket of the second stanza as well, but then their engine sputtered and the offensive

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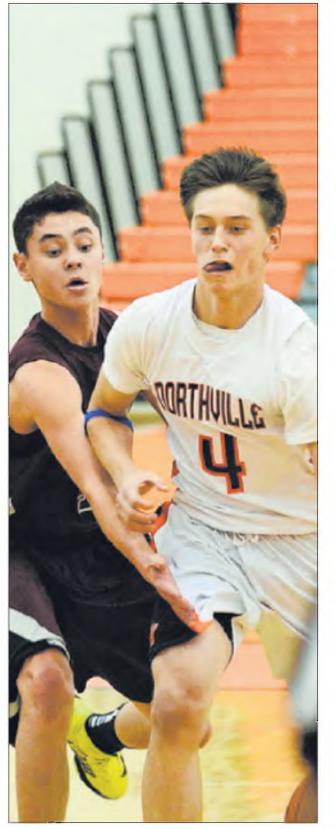
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production grinded to a halt as the Knights went on a 17-0 scoring spree to take a 25-18 lead. With one minute left in the first half, the Northville cagers ended the drought with a shot by senior Jake Hanson that sent the Mustangs into the locker room trailing 25-20.

Walled Lake came out in the third quarter and held onto their lead, making it a 31-25 game before the Mustangs fought back to tie the contest, 33-33, on a three pointer by Meacham. They regained the lead just minutes later when Henzi grabbed an offensive rebound and put it back up for a 35-33 advantage. Northville added five more points to lead, 40-35, by the end of the quarter.

Walled Lake Northern scored the first 6 points of the fourth quarter to regain the lead at 41-40 — the first of eight lead changes in the final period. With 43.6 seconds remaining the Knights made two free throws to take the lead, 47-46, before Meacham took the ball inside and assisted Henzi on the game-winning shot.

Meacham and Henzi led the Mustangs with 19 and 13 points, respectively. Six different Mustangs scored and the team made 83 percent of their free throws.



Northville junior Andrew Stevens tries to work his way around a Walled Lake Northern defender in last week's matchup. The Mustangs won, 48-47.

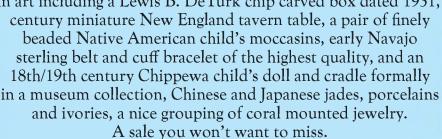
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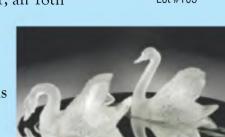


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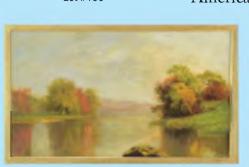
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Milford's Brackrog aces top spot

By Jeff Theisen Sports Writer

Golf is a very unforgiving sport. One bad hole can ruin a round much like a bad round can ruin a season's average on the

Milford junior Gabby Brackrog had a phenomenally steady season leading the Mavericks most of the year. She finished with averages of 41.1 for nine and 83.1 for 18 holes.

Brackrog capped her season with a seventhplace finish at the Division 2 State Finals (84-79) after placing fifth overall at regionals and sixth at the KLAA Conference tourney.

One of the top rounds of her season came at the Oakland County Invite where she won the title. She was top 10 in six of nine tournaments and earned All-KLAA Conference, All-County and earned All-State Division 2 honors. She holds a 4.1 GPA while serving as a captain and being voted team MVP.

First team Lauren Cojei, Novi

The Wildcat junior carried a nine-hole average of 43.4 and 86.56 for 18 while playing the No. 1 spot for Novi all year. Cojei was voted All-state Honorable mention by

the MIGCA. "Her score counting in every event she played," Deb Harris. "She was our team medalist 13 times, match medalist six times, and in the top ten in four tournaments. Her low score of the season was 76 and that tied a school record held by Natalie Krick from 2008."

Camilla Zhao, Northville

The senior and co-captain for the Mustangs led the team with an 84.89

ALL-AREA GOLF

Goifer of the year Gabby Brackrog, Milford First team

Lauren Coiei, Novi Camilla Zhao, Northville Lindsey Matych, North-Lizzie Higgins, South

Lyon Caroline Harding, South Lyon

Second team

Katelyn Henry, Novi Chloe Page, Northville Allison Ranusch, South Lvon

Alex Fischer, South Lyon Olivia Kresic, Milford Elena Moore, South Lyon East

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Novi: Anna Greulich (sr) East: Sydney Jones (jr) South Lyon: Lauren Smith (sr), Priscilla Harding (fr) Milford: Katie Carlson

Lakeland: Courtney Schester

average for 18 holes and 41.22 for nine. Zhao had four top-six finishes in tournament play. Her low round for 18 was a 76. Zhao finished 13th at the conference tour-

ney as the Mustangs finished second after winning the Central Division title. The season finished with a 31st-place finish at states after placing sixth at regionals. "Camilla was one of the

leaders of our team," said coach Mary Jane Ossola. "Not much more she could have done for our team. Her ball striking was excellent, and we could always count on her for a good score. Throughout her high school career, the thing that stands out is how consistent she was. Rarely did she have a poor round.



HAL GOULD | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Milford's Gabby Brackrog is the 2012 All-Area Golfer of the Year.

"A four year All-Conference honoree, she will be sorely missed next season."

Lindsey Matych, Northville

The senior co-captain proved to be a huge 1-2 punch with Zhao. Matych averaged 40.9 for nine and 86.87 for 18 holes. She tied for fourth at the conference tourney and had a low round of 80 for 18 holes. Matych was medalist in five matches and had four top-seven finishes in tournaments. She tied for 31st at the State Finals and was voted Co-MVP with Zhao for

the Mustangs "With Camilla, they gave us the best 1-2 we have had in a long time," said Ossola. "She was the type of player who never gave up. When things were not going well, she did all she could to find

her game. She was a very intense player, not often satisfied. A two-year All-Conference player, it will be awhile before we can come up with such a consistent player."

Lizzie Higgins,

South Lyon The senior averaged 44.1 for nine and was match medalist at regionals with an 81, including eight pars and a birdie on the back nine. Higgins is a two-year captain who played in the State Finals all four years. She was selected on both the All State Team and the Academic All State Team as honorable mention.

"Lizzie is one of the best leaders I have seen, and was instrumental in helping South Lyon to a team rank of 5th in the state. and a fifth place finish

at the state finals," said coach Dan Skatzka. "She carries a 3.5-plus GPA, and is being recruited by many colleges and universities to play college golf."

Caroline Harding, South Lyon

The sophomore is a twotime State Finalist in just two years of high school play. She averaged 44.7 for nine and was selected to the All State Team as honorable mention. Harding tied the individual school record with a 2under par 34 this year.

"She has played a big part on our team for the past two years," said Skatzka. "As she continues to improve her short game, Caroline will undoubtedly become one of our best golfers ever, as she is capable of posting very low scores."

Second team Katelyn Henry, Novi

The sophomore averaged 90.4 for 18 and 47 for nine holes. Henry contributed a counting score for every event she played this year. She was top 10 in two tourneys and had a low round of 79.

Chloe Page, Northville The junior average 44.4 for nine and 89.7 for 18 holes. Her top finish was fourth at the KLAA Conference tourney with an 83. She finished tied for 31st at state.

Allison Ranusch, South Lyon

The junior averaged 44.9 for nine holes and has played at the State Finals the past two years. Her low round of 81 came at the Pretty in Pink tourney with an 82 at the Oakland County meet. She posted an 85 at regionals. Ranusch is All-League for the second year in a row.

Alex Fischer, **South Lyon**

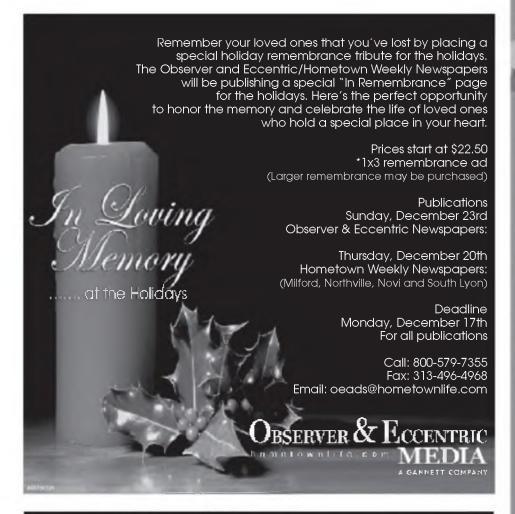
The senior finished her Lion career with a third trip to the State Finals. Fischer averaged 45.1 for nine holes.

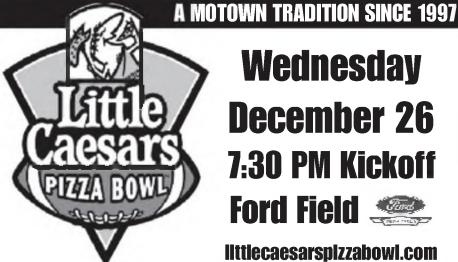
Olivia Kresic, Milford

The junior provided a strong compliment to Brackrog most of the year. She averaged 45.1 for nine and 93.2 for 18. Kresic finished seventh at regionals to qualify for the State Finals. She earned First Team All-Conference honors and is All-KLAA Academic with a 3.85 GPA.

Elena Moore, **South Lyon East**

The senior finishes her high school career as the Team MVP after posting an average of 45 for nine holes. Moore holds practically every individual record for the Cougars.





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Northville's Cui tops talented field

By Jeff Theisen Sports Writer

What an amazingly loaded field the 2012 All-Area Swimming Team is. Northville senior Cath-

erine Cui takes home the Swimmer of the Year honors after an amazing season capped off with a breathtaking finish at the State Finals.

Individually, Cui earned the State Title in the 100 breaststroke and placed fifth in the 200 individual medley. She was also on the 400 free relay which placed ninth. She helped Northville finish 11th at the State Finals.

Cui also won the 100 breast and finished third in the 200 IM at the KLAA Conference meet as well as being a part of the runner-up 200 free relay and the third-place 400 free relay.

"One of the best swimmers in Northville history," said coach Brian McNeff. "She came in her freshman year as a pretty talented swimmer and worked very hard to become a State Champion by her senior year.

"I was amazed at some of the things that she would do with ease at practice and in meets. (She) became a very vocal leader also always put the team first and was very good at motivating the other swimmers."

First team Rachel Green, South Lyon

The senior captain was one of five South Lyon swimmers to help propel the team to a fifth-place finish at state. Green finished third in the 100 free, seventh in the 200 free and was part of the 200 free relay to finish sixth and the third-place 400 free relay. Green is a four-time KLAA Kensington Conference champ in the 100 free and a member of the 400 free relay to also win the conference title this year.

"Rachel really turned the corner this season," said coach John Burch. "She worked harder than ever before and also was a very good leader of our team this year. I thought she had an outstanding

senior season." Chanel Bonin,

ALL-AREA SWIM

Swimmer of the year Catherine Cui, Northville First team

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Rachel Green, South Lyon Chanel Bonin, South Lyon Dee Gerke, South Lyon Stormy Malarik, South

Kallie Krueger, South Lyon Autumn Smith, South

Emily Butler, Northville Grace LaFreniere, North-

Sarah Lohman, Northville Andrea Meister, Northville Lia Nagata, Northville Mallory Buha, Novi Maranda Buha, Novi Rachel Aepelbacher, Novi Andrea VanderMey, Novi Reagan Dehnbostel, Lake-

Second team

land

Alissa Moore, Northville Briana Schoenek, North-Riley Bruen, Northville

Kayla Marquardt, South Madison Canadi, South

Emma Bauer, South Lyon Kara Berg, Novi

The South Lyon junior

the 100 fly, seventh in the

100 back and was part of

place sixth and the third-

She was the conference

champ in the 100 fly as

well as part of the medley

relay and 400 free relay.

"Chanel is a very tal-

ented swimmer who is

itive swimmers I have

coached," said Burch.

"That competitiveness is

what has enabled her to

become one of the best

swimmers in the state."

The relay champ for

part of all three All-State

the medley relay (sixth),

200 free relay (sixth) and

the 400 free relay (third)

at state. She also compet-

ed in the 100 freestyle at

state. Gerke was part of

ley relay and 400 free

relay.

the KLAA champion med-

"Dee had to overcome

a large shoulder injury

this year that really lim-

ited her ability to swim,"

said Burch. "She only

South Lyon finished as

relays. She was part of

Dee Gerke, South Lyon

one of the most compet-

the 200 medley relay to

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also had four All-State

swims, placing third in

South Lyon

ter, Sarah Porter, Angela Probstfeld, Mollie Vivian South Lyon: Caitlin Thelen (sr), Kaitlyn Wagner (sr), Meg Darrow (jr), Monica Houck (jr), Heidi Surdyk (so), Alyssa Sawyer (so), Sara Plohetski (so), Emily Kososki (fr), Anna Geyer (fr), Rachael Smith (jr), Caroline Storm (fr), Sonya Tyahla (so), Cozette Harris (jr), Kayty Ihara (fr) Northville: Megan Conner (sr), Emily Ifversen (sr), Lauren Jarzembowski (jr),

Darby Mroz (fr), Maeve

Nichols (sr), Jessica Yan (so),

Erin Aquinto (jr), Olivia Bur-

rows (fr), Sarah Cullen (sr),

Maria Gutowski (jr), Shelby

Mroz (sr), Claire Ostrowski

(jr), Madison Schulz (sr),

Simone Young (jr)

Honorable mention

(sr), Kiyomi Irvine (sr),

(fr), Brenna Grass (fr)

Milford: Lane Andrews

Jolene Little (sr), Annabel

Spencer (jr), Allie Crouse

Lakeland: Jessica Porter,

Sonia Borkowski, Jessica

Cherciu, Grace Collins, Val-

erie Morelli, Hannah Por-

swam about half of each practice and had to kick the rest. Her kick got a lot better this year, and that is why she was able

to match and exceed her

times from last year."

Stormy Malarik,

South Lyon The junior also competed in all three relays at the State Finals and also finished 15th in the 50 free. Malarik was part of the KLAA Conference winning 400 free relay.

"Stormy is a very strong swimmer," said Burch. "She has a great ability to power herself through the water. Stormy took her swimming to the next level this year and that is why she was able to come back to the second day of the state Meet in an individual event as well as in relays.'

Kallle Krueger, South Lyon

The senior captain competed on the medley relay (6th) and the 200 free relay (6th) at the State Finals. She also qualified for the 100 breaststroke. Krueger was part of the KLAA Conference winning 200 medley relay.

"Kallie really stepped

Northville



Northville's Catherine Cui is the 2012 All-Area Swimmer of the Year.

up for us this year," said Burch. "She barely made the state cut the last two years. This year she played a key role on two relays, going a full second faster in the 50 freestyle at the State Meet than she had all season long."

Autumn Smith, South Lvon

The junior diver capped off a huge season with a 16th-place finish at the State Finals. She was fourth at the KLAA Conference meet.

"Autumn really had a breakthrough year this year," said Burch. "She just missed the state meet last season and this season she made the meet easily at regionals and then had an outstanding state meet where she squeaked into the top 16 and had her best score of the season."

Emily Butler, Northville

The senior was a big part of Northville's success this year. She was part of all three relays at state, placing ninth in the 400 free relay and 11th in the 200 medley relay. At the KLAA Conference meet, Butler finished ninth in the 50 free, 10th in the 100 free, fourth in the 200 medley relay and third in the 400 free relay.

"She was one of our top sprinters all year long, and I always knew I could depend on her to go fast when I needed her too," said McNeff. "She just missed out on her individual state cuts, but she was able to still help the team by swimming in all three relays at the State Meet."

Grace LaFreniere,

The senior finished 13th in the 500 free at the State Finals and was second in the same event at the KLAA Kensington Conference meet. LaFreniere was also sixth in the 200 free at the confer-

ence meet. 'Went from swimming on the B team for her first two years to scoring at the state meet," said McNeff. "Always gave 100 percent in everything she did. Did a great job scoring points for us and was a big part of the team. Showed huge improvements throughout her career here."

Sarah Lohman, Northville

The junior placed twice at state, finishing 11th with the medley relay and 16th in the 100 breast. At the KLAA Conference meet, Lohman finished third in the 100 breast, fourth with the medley relay and 10th in the 200 IM.

"Has been a big part of this team since she was a freshman and will really rely on her to score points for us next year," said McNeff. "She had a great state meet and was able to score for the first time. She also swam one of the fastest 50 breast times in the state in the medley relay. She always keeps practices fun with her outgoing personality."

Andrea Meister, Northville

The junior diver won the KLAA Conference meet and went on to place 11th at the State Finals.

"Had another great year on the boards," said McNeff. "She always works extremely hard to be the best diver she can. She had another great

State Meet also." Lia Nagata, Northylile

The Mustang senior competed in four events at the State Finals, earning points in three events. She was part of the 400 free relay (9th), the 200 medley relay (11th) and place 15th in the 200 free. Nagata also qualified for the 100 fly. At the conference meet, Nagata finished fifth in the 100 fly and ninth in the 100 back as well as fourth on the medley relay and third on

the 400 free relay. "Lia has always been a big part of this team both in the relays and in individual events,' said McNeff. "She really stepped it up this year and accomplished one of her long time goals of scoring at the state meet. She led off the medley relay out of need and really excelled at it even though it was not her best event. Her hard work and leadership will be missed next year."

Mallory Buha, Novi

The sophomore Wildcat finished third at the State Finals in the 100 back and second at the KLAA conference meet. She also placed second in the conference in the 200 IM and placed 13th at state in the same event.

"Her fastest time this season was 56.12 which is good for All-American consideration," said coach Annette Vander-

Maranda Buha, Novi The senior won the KLAA Kensington Conference title in the 50 free and went on to place ninth at the State Finals.

Rachel Aepelbacher,

The senior diver was second at the KLAA Conference meet and finished eighth at the State Finals. She had a seasonhigh score of 393.45.

Andrea VanderMey,

The senior capped off her high school season with a fifth-place finish in the 100 back. Her time of 56.47 is up for All-American consideration.

Reagan Dehnbostel, Lakeland

Just a sophomore, Dehnbostel capped a stellar season with a 10thplace finish at the State Finals in the 500 free.

"Reagan had a fantastic Sophomore season," said coach Erik Koppin. "At one point this year, I think she even surprised herself. She has grown as a teammate and competitor over the past two seasons, and I look forward to watching what she achieves in the future."

Second team Alissa Moore, NorthvIlle

The freshman had a huge meet at the KLAA Conference finals. Moore finished second with the 200 free relay, third on the 400 free relay, third individually in the 200 free and fourth in the 500 free. At state, she competed in the 200 free (20th), the 500 free (21st) and the 200 free relay

Briana Schoenek, Northville

(17th).

The senior helped score points at the State Finals on the 200 medley relay (11th) and with the 400 free relay (ninth). She also competed in the 100 free (23rd). At the KLAA Conference meet, Schoenek was sixth in the 50 free, ninth in the 100 free, fourth with the medley relay and second with the 200 free relay.

Riley Bruen, Northville The senior was part of the second-place 200 free relay at the conference meet and placed ninth in the 100 fly and 15th in the 50 free at the same meet.

Kayla Marquardt, South Lyon

The senior captain qualified for state after finishing third at the KLAA Conference meet.

Madlson Canadi, **South Lyon**

The sophomore was another huge piece of the potent South Lyon diving team. She qualified for state after placing fifth at the conference meet.

Emma Bauer, **South Lyon**

The sophomore finished 13th at the regional meet, just missing the top 12 to move on to the State Finals.

Kara Berg, Novi

The senior finished second at the KLAA Conference meet and went to place 18th at state.

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CC starts season with busy schedule

Grapplers send three teams to compete in various events

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

Ever hear the expression busy little beavers? Well, they may have to change that to busy Shamrock wrestlers pretty soon

The wrestling team, under the guidance of coach Mitch Hancock, recently split into three groups to begin their season at a variety of events and found themselves succeeding at nearly every turn.

The defending Division I state champions took their Varsity blue team to the Rocket Duals at Westland John Glenn last week while the Varsity White team headed to Grandville to compete in a tournament. The

ON TAP

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks will be back on the mat when they compete in the Tim Horn Memorial Tournament in Holland at 9 a.m. Saturday before participating in the Oakland County Tournament next weekend.

C team, comprised of the team's youngest and most inexperienced members, took a trip to Port Huron Northern to compete in the Husky Team Duals.

The Blue Team's success was impressive as they captured a perfect 5-0 record at the Rocket Duals. In total, they lost just four matches on the day and picked up three

shutouts during pool play. The most notable victories were: Evan Toth over Cameron Wilkie of Clarkston, Logan Marcicki beating Nick Vandermeer of Clarkston, Nick Giese defeating sixth-ranked Larry Rekar of Romeo, and Myles Amine scoring a major decision over Jordan Markey of Ypsilanti Lincoln.

The White squad picked up a third-place finish in the Grandville tournament, competing with teams such as Bronson, Thornapple Kellogg, Grandville and Battle Creek Lakeview. Eight Shamrocks finished in the top three, including second-place finishers Greg Johnson, John Stevelinck and Christian Miner.

The C team finished 1-

4 on the day at the Husky Team Duals.

In other Catholic Central wrestling news, senior captain and heavyweight grappler Bob Coe made it clear that he intends on taking his wrestling to the next level. Coe, who finished seventh in the state tournament last year and is the current No. 1-ranked heavyweight in Division I, announced that he will wrestle at Boston University next year.

"We're awfully proud of Bob and how far he has come as a wrestler," said Hancock. "His future is bright and he has an amazing upside to him. His hard work in the classroom has paid off and landed him with a phenomenal opportunity to represent Boston U."

SPORTS SCHEDULES

Northville

BOYS HOCKEYAll games at 7 p.m. unless noted

12/15 Brighton 3 p.m. 12/17 Novi

BOYS BOWLING

All events at 3:30 p.m. unless noted 12/14 @Novi 12/17 Canton 12/18 Salem

GIRLS BOWLING

All events at 3:30 p.m. unless noted 12/14 @Novi 12/17 Canton 12/18 Salem

BOYS BASKETBALL

All games at 7 p.m. unless noted 12/14 @Plymouth 12/18 Canton

GIRLS BASKETBALL

All games at 7 p.m. unless noted 12/14 Plymouth

12/18 @Canton

BOYS SWIMMING

All meets at 6:30 p.m. unless noted

12/13 Livonia Churchill

CHEERLEADING
All events at 6 p.m. unless

noted 12/15 CCCAM Invitational

TBA WRESTLING

Meets at 5:30 p.m. unless noted 12/15 @Wayne County Invitational TBA 12//19 Quad Meet

Novi

ICE HOCKEY

12/14 7 p.m. @ Davison (Clarkston Christmas Tourney @ Detroit Skating Club)
12/15 TBD @ TBA (Clarkston
Christmas Tourney @ Detroit
Skating Club)
12/17 7 p.m. @ Northville (@
Novi Ice Arena)
12/19 8 p.m. @ Livonia

Churchill (@ Eddie Edgar Ice

BOYS BASKETBALL

All games 7 p.m. unless noted 12/14 @ Wayne Memorial 12/18 Westland John Glenn

GIRLS BASKETBALL

All games at 7 p.m. unless noted 12/14 Wayne Memorial 12/18 @ Westland John Glenn

WRESTLING

12/19 5 p.m. @ Plymouth Salem Quad (Salem, Canton, Plymouth)

BOYS & GIRLS BOWL-

All meets at 3:30 p.m. unless noted 12/14 @ Northville (@ Town N Country Lanes) 12/17 Wayne Memorial (@

Catholic Central

Novi Bowl)

BASKETBALL

All games at 7:30 p.m. unless noted 12/14 Lincoln Park 7 p.m.

WRESTLING

12/15 Tim Horn Memorial Tournament @ Holland 9 a.m.

HOCKEY

All games at 7 p.m. unless noted 12/14 Gilmour Academy 12/15 @Orchard Lake St. Mary's 8 p.m.

Catholic Central hockey splits week

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks hockey team would have no doubt liked to have skated away with two wins last week, but it just wasn't meant to be.

The squad did, however, earn a 7-0 victory over DeLaSalle, but couldn't find a way to defeat Cranbrook as they fell, 5-2.

Against DeLaSalle, the Shamrocks, who are coached by Todd Johnson, collected the first goal of the game when Brady

ON TAP

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks hockey team will be back on the ice when they host Gilmour Academy tomorrow at 7 p.m. before visiting Orchard Lake St. Mary's at 8 p.m. Saturday.

Jones took an assist from Danny Middleton and Max Wanko and found the back of the net for the 1-0 advantage that remained throughout the first period.

throughout the first period. The second and third periods found the Shamrocks' skaters scoring three goals in each stanza as they dominated their Catholic High School League rivals. Scoring for the Shamrocks were Mike Babcock, Connor Gaffney (2), Charlie Green, Nick Daigneau and Evan Kearns.

Assists went to Green, Carson Gatt, Andrew Kinney (2), Luke Turner, Wade Orlowski, Babcock, Matthew Sorisho, Middleton, Jimmy Considine and Alex Tachian.

Goalies Derek Moore and Ryan Mulka split the game between the posts, with Moore earning the win for his record.

Against Cranbrook, the Shamrocks had the game tied, 1-1, at the end of the first period but couldn't hold on as their foes scored three goals in the second period and another in the third to secure the win.

The Shamrocks' two goals came from Middleton, who took assistance from Wanko and Stephen Jarzynski on the first and from Turner and Wanko on the second.

Mulka took the loss in goal for the Shamrocks, who are now 5-2 on the season. Check us out on the Web every day at hometownlife.com



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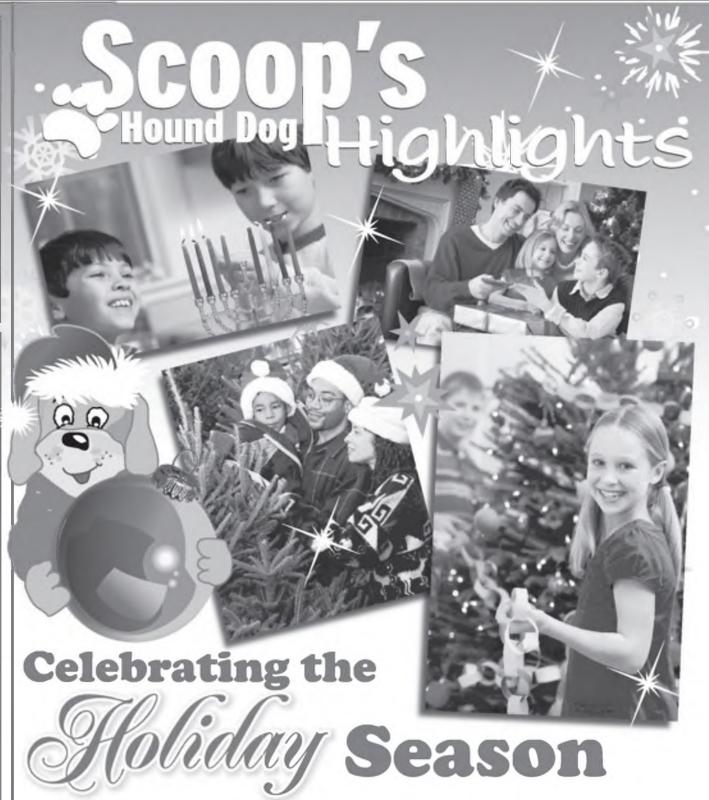
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Lucky November Winners!

What are you thankful for?

I'm thankful for life, liberty, and to be all that I can be in this big world we live in. I thankful to have two loving parent that love me unconditionally. We may not have everything that we want, but we have each other. And that is a blessing. Love you Scoop.



Khalil All Detroit, Age 13

What are you thankful for?

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Damien Dailide Canton, Age 9

Deadline for submissions:

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Yule party brings Realtors, their friends together in spirit of season

The Greater Metropolitan Association of Realtors held its holiday and anniversary party Wednesday, Dec. 5.

GMAR celebrated its first full year as a merged Realtor association, formed from the merger of the Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors and Metropolitan Consolidated Association of Realtors. The party was held at Farina's banquet facility in Berkley.

The new association has grown to over 6,000 members.
One of the highlights of the event was the collection of

new toys that will be given to the Toys For Tots program of the U.S. Marine Corps. Over 200 toys were collected at the event.

GMAR has raised several thousand dollars for charities during 2012, with an emphasis on area children.



Realtors and their friends gathered Toys for Tots at the party. Over 200 toys were collected.

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Roxanne Fitzpatrick, Brenda Lee Szlachta and Maureen Francis (two chairs of the event and Francis as newly elected president-elect) have a good time.



Tony Schippa (2012 president), Dale Smith (CEO) and Bart Patterson (2013 president) being entertained.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Sept. 4-7, 2012, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

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\$39,000	18605 Ridge Rd
\$37,000	39802 Rockcrest Cir
	325 Saint Lawrence Bl
\$33,000	16636 Victoria Ct
\$65,000	222 West St
\$74,000	PLYMOUTH
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245,000	9405 Corinne St
\$30,000	41460 Ivywood Ln
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12109 Centralia	\$13,000
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9336 Columbia	\$63,000
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20524 Indian	\$18,000
11368 Seminole	\$36,000
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BEVERLY HILLS	
32267 Auburn Dr	\$252,000
18910 Hillcrest St	\$287,000
22751 N Nottingham Dr	\$250,000
32924 Norchester St	\$145,000
BIRMINGHAM	
768 Bird Ave	\$122,000
795 Fairfax St	\$1,275,000
909 Fairfax St	\$365,000
390 Golf View Blvd	\$335,000
1675 Hanley Ct	\$190,000
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1155 South Lake Dr Unit 70	\$42,000
24341 Willow Ln	\$149,000
22519 Windermere Ct	\$735,000
SOUTH LYON	
52108 Copperwood Dr S	\$297,000
450 N Ridge St	\$93,000
443 Orchard Rdg	\$80,000
	\$279,000
772 Stoney Dr	\$128,000
SOUTHFIELD	
30816 Brentwood St	\$60,000
18163 Cornell Rd	\$85,000
17309 Roxbury Ave	\$109,000
	\$116,000
WHITE LAKE	19.7
9417 Cedar Island Rd	\$200,000
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Any questions or concerns, call Wayde Koehler at (313) 277-4168.

Dog bite case: Ask lawyer

By Robert Meisner
Guest Columnist

Q: I have been bitten by my neighbor's tenant's dog. I live in a municipal housing development. The housing authority had knowledge that the dog was dangerous, yet failed to enforce a lease restriction pertaining to pets that should have ensured the removal of the animal from the premises. They claim that they are immune from liability. What do you think?

A: Each case much be reviewed on its own facts and the law of the



Robert Meisne

particular state, but in a recent Connecticut Supreme Court case, the court held that a landlord's common law duty to alleviate

known dangers on the premises includes dangers posed by vicious dogs. Apparently, the housing , authority's argument that it had no liability under state law because it was not the owner or keeper of the dog did not relieve it of liability, nor do I think there would be necessarily governmental immunity for this type of situation, but you should consult with an attorney.

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A: Target Field in Minneapolis was a boom to not only the residential area, but obviously the commercial area, as it is conveniently located to the major shopping areas in downtown Minneapolis. Moreover, rapid transit is being developed there not only with respect to Target Field, but the University of Minnesota's new football stadium which will have light rail going to the stadium from downtown and from the airport.

There are number of apartments being constructed in the downtown vicinity and much of the city still has prosperous residential housing, particularly around the three major lakes which are located within the city limits of Minneapolis. There are also major shopping chains in the downtown area, including major department stores and, of course, Minneapolis is the home of Target. Again, if Minneapolis is any example, with the advent of rapid transit or light rail in the Detroit area, I would suggest that additional residential housing is sorely needed in the Detroit area and should do reasonably well.

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@meisnerlaw.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

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Rachel Zupek CareerBuilder.com writer

Becky Blanton, 53, has worked for five media companies, been an assistant advertising director for a Fortune 500 company and owned her own newspaper. She's also currently writing a book called "Staying Hungry: The Official Guide for Never Settling for What Life Puts on Your Plate," about grit, determination and perseverance.

Though she has some college education under her belt, Blanton doesn't have her college degree. She does everything she can to gain experience by attending conferences, workshops, seminars and job training classes and shadowing friends at work.

Blanton is not alone in lacking a college degree. In 2007, 46.6 percent of the labor force had less than a high school diploma and 69.9 percent had no college degree, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. While getting an education is certainly important, many people arque that it's not the degree that's important; it's what you learn and how you apply it.

"There are many myths about what a degree can do for you," says John Murphy, author of "Success Without a College Degree." "Too many college grads depend on the promise that their degree is a 'golden ticket.' Employers know that vague degrees, such as English literature, humanities, sociology and liberal arts have little to do with the practical world. The things that get jobs have more to do with attitude, first impressions and experience than a diploma."

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"I have only been turned down from one job because of a lack of a degree and that was teaching journalism at a college," Blanton says. "Experience, not education levels, is what employers are after. They want to know you can do the job. I had to work a little harder, learn a little more and go the extra mile to show employers I could do the job. I learned the people skills, attitude and job skills to succeed and didn't rest on my 'I have a degree' laurels that so many people do."

If you don't have a degree and you're looking for ways to land a job in spite of it, here are some tips on how you can sell your experience, regardless of your education.

1. Be a problem solver

"Millions graduate with vague degrees that only attest to one's ability to read books and take tests, but not necessarily solve problems," Murphy says. "Industry experience conveys that you can solve problems for an employer right away or with little learning curve. Examine your experience and spell out how you helped solve problems, any problems. Competitors with degrees won't be able to compare."

2. Tell your 'Rocky' story

"Not having an impressive academic pedigree - or any degree at all — can be a plus if you've found a way to succeed to this point without one," says Sean O'Neil, principal of One to One Leadership, a sales and man-

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4. Don't make it a big deal

"Don't make it such a big deal and it just might not be," says Bill Gaffney of the Amaxa Group, a recruiting and coaching company. "If it is an impediment to you, then you are going to reflect that when you talk with the company. There are really very few companies where the degree will stop [someone] from hiring a person if they are the best out there."

5. Focus on achievements over education

"If you don't have a degree, it's very important for you to shine in every other aspect of your resume," says Cathy Severson, career counselor and owner of Retirement Life Matters. "Don't settle for a list of tasks, but really demonstrate how you can

do the job better than anyone else can. The best way is to do this is by providing concrete evidence of how you have excelled at similar tasks in the past through accomplishments."

6. Prepare your success stories

"For the interview, prepare several stories of success that showcase how you have accomplished tasks similar to others who possess a degree," says Barbara Safani of Career Solvers. If you are a sales professional, for example, focus on how you exceeded your sales targets and have done as well as or better than your colleagues. If you are an accountant, prove how

you have uncovered errors and recouped money for the company — despite the fact that you didn't formally study accounting. If you are a high school graduate competing against a recent college graduate, talk about the experience you have garnered in part-time or summer jobs or full-time jobs you had while others your age were at college, she says.

7. Create a combination résumé

"The most important task is to market your key skills and accomplishments to the employer by creating a resume that focuses on your contributions to your previous employers and your experience that is most relevant to the position

for which you are applying," says Winifred Winston, certified professional résumé writer. "By creating a combination resume that lists your relevant skills and experience first, you are sure to capture the hiring manager's attention. You initially want the employer to be able to fold your document in half and just by reading the top portion they know you are someone they should contact to schedule an interview. Does that top portion list education? Not necessarily."

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By Dale Buss

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The Cyber Monday success, on November 26, also reflects long-term moves Ford has been making to leverage its Ford Collection to the broader advantage of the company and its brands and vehicles. Ford's targets are major mass-merchandise U.S. retailers and their consumers, of course, and its own dealers.

Among the hottest items on Cyber Monday were a Mustang hoodie, a basic Blue Oval sweatshirt, a "Mustang Alley" street sign and a classic-Ford GT500 t-shirt. And at bricks-and-mortar outlets and online at retailers ranging from Walmart to Toys R Us, a radio-controlled toy F 150 Raptor was one sizzling item.

For dealers, Ford has just launched a dedicated web site where they can order Ford Collection merchandise at reduced general prices, as well as use quantity price discounts and "monthly specials" - all leading to higher margins for dealers when they retail the wares in their showrooms and service departments. An early-bird interest by some dealers helped contribute to Ford's jump in Cyber Monday sales over a year ago.

Ford also is arranging for dealers to be able to offer Ford Collection shopping to their customers on their own web sites, further tying dealers into a company strategy that already has built licensed

merchandise into a \$1.5-billion annual business from about \$1 billion in 2005. Dealers receive 20 percent of the proceeds of all Ford Collection sales that are accessed through their own web sites.

"We're trying to get dealers more involved in selling our officially branded merchandise," Amy Wilds, Ford's licensing marketing manager, told me. "We're also focused on educating dealers about the program."

To that end, Ford also now is sending out "street teams" of specialists to visit dealerships, help them set up stronger spaces for selling Ford Collection gear on their premises, and assist them with merchandising and marketing the stuff. "When we announced these programs at [recent] Ford Dealer Council meetings," Wilds said, "there was a lot of excitement around them."

In advance of Cyber Monday, Ford also stepped up its social-media activity promoting the Ford Collection to American consumers, who turned around and made more purchases of Ford wares through mass-merchandisers ranging Walmart to Toys R Us, both online and in

A variety of radiocontrolled Ford miniatures have been popular this holiday season already. So have prominent video games that feature Ford models, including Microsoft's just-launched Halo 4. Fisher Price promoted a Ford Raptor version of its

venerable Power Wheels toy as a Black Friday special, and many retailers picked up on the promotion to make it a strong seller, said Mark Bentley, Ford licensing manager.

The company has about 400 licensees now, up from about 300 just a few years ago. The licensing crew granted about 18,000 product approvals last year, up from about 15,000 just two years ago. And retailers sold about 45 million individual pieces of Ford-branded merchandise last year, up from about 40 million pieces just five years ago.

Ford won't reveal how much that \$1.5

COLLECTOR S EDITION

1965 MUSTANG

POOL TABLE



billion contributed to its own top line, but it's certainly a hefty - and growing - chunk of change. And more important, rising interest by licensees of all sorts in leveraging the equity in the Ford brand and vehicles "is one of the best measures of brand health," Jim Farley, Ford's global CMO, said recently.

In fact, until recently, anything related to Mustang was Ford's most popular brand for licensing, and "Built Ford Tough" and other marks related to Ford pickup trucks were No. 2. Ford's Blue Oval was No. 3.

But over the last few years, the Blue Oval itself — which recently was taken out of hock from Ford creditors because of how the company's credit ratings have improved — has leapt to the No. 1 request of licensees.

Bentley said that, this season, Ford also has "been selling a lot of 'man cave' items through Hobby Lobby, from signs to coasters to pint beer glasses - anything a man would want.

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