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Northville City Hall and Northville Township Hall will be closed Dec. 24-25 and Dec. 31 and Jan. 1.

The Northville District Library will also be closed for the holidays—Dec. 23-25 and Dec. 31 through Jan. 1. The library resumes normal hours on Wednesday, Jan. 2, at 10 a.m.

Blood drives

The American Red Cross nationally needs 17,000 blood donations each day for patients in need. This holiday season, the Red Cross encourages people to give someone hope by donating blood. It's a gift that doesn't cost a thing but can offer patients another holiday season with family and friends. Blood donations typically drop during the winter months. Every day, patients count on generous volunteer blood donors to give the gift of life.

There are several local blood drives scheduled:
• Dec. 26, 11 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., Northville Fire Department, 45745 W.

Six Mile

• Jan. 2, 1-6:45 p.m.,
Novi Public Library, 45255
W. 10 Mile

• Jan. 2, 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Busch's Market/ Caribou Coffee, 15185

Sheldon
• Jan. 7, 7:30 a.m. to
7:15 p.m., Providence
Park Hospital, 47601

Grand River, Novi
• Jan. 13, 8 a.m. to 7:45
p.m., St. James Church,
46325 10 Mile, Novi

• Jan. 14, 2:30-8:15 p.m., Meads Mill Middle School, 16700 Franklin Road

To set up an appointment for any of the dates, contact Diane at (313) 549-7052. All who come to donate will be entered into a monthly raffle for a \$500 Visa gift card. For more information, visit www. redcrossblood.org.

Local school officials try to reassure parents

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

In the wake of the tragedy last week at the elementary school in Newtown, Conn., Northville Public Schools are reassuring parents and the community the district has security procedures in place and the well-being of students is its top priority.

In an open letter to the Northville community last weekend, Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher said, "I'd like to reassure you of security plan in place on a daily basis and the steps we are taking to review these plans with staff and with input from our police liaisons."

She said principals, teachers and staff are mindful of the

varying levels of information students may have been exposed to, and respectful of those families who have been successful in shielding their children from the details of this tragedy.

"Teachers will not initiate class-wide discussions of the tragedy; instead they will be alert to concerns students express and will reinforce the

key messages shared in these communications," Gallagher said. "We have school staff available to speak with individual students as needed."

The building principals around the district also sent out similar communications to let the parents of their students know they

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Focusing on nature

Volunteers restoring Rouge River, millpond at Mill Race Village

By Kurt Kuban Staff Writer

Mill Race Village is known for its history. Anyone who's been there will tell you it's a little like taking a trip back in time when you walk past the old school house, the blacksmith shop, or mercantile. And that's the whole point. The North-ville Historical Society wants visitors to know what it was like back to the 1800s, when North-

ville was a small community with a lively little downtown.

But the history runs deeper than just the buildings that line the streets. The village sits on the banks of both the Rouge River and a mill pond made from the river years ago back in the 1800s when most of the village buildings were constructed. In fact, the village sits on a peninsula

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Northville Historical Society members Ed Gabrys and Julianna Cerra pause along the banks of Mill Race Pond to take in some of the group's efforts. The Northville Historical Society and the Northville Country Garden Club have been working together at the pond and along the nearby Rouge River to eliminate invasive plant species, plant native flowers and stabilize the pond's banks.

Manning the Red (Wings) Kettle

Detroit Red Wings General Manager Ken Holland (left) and Coach Mike Babcock greet Alexis Delmus, 9, at the Northville Hiller's Market. The two were acting as volunteer "bell ringers" for the Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign. They were among four duos of Red Wings personnel (Chris Chelios and Kris Draper, Manny Legace and Chris Osgood, and radio play-byplay announcer Ken Kal and former player Kirk Maltby were the others) who participated in the program. In total, they brought in \$24,438. Babcock and Holland raised \$13,462, which included an anonymous \$5,000 donation. Babcock and Holland saw a 37.9 percent increase over the \$9,761.06 amount raised by the duo last season. The Salvation Army uses donations to provide Christmas dinners, clothing, and toys for families in need. The annual campaign runs through Dec. 24. For more information about how you can help the cause, visit www.salmich.org or call (877) SAL-MICH.



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City trying to address extra traffic at Garage restaurant

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

To address any neighborhood concerns, a new traffic order to be enforced by Northville City Police will prohibit patrons leaving the Garage restaurant's west parking lot from turning right onto High Street.

Police Chief Gary Goss went before Northville City Council on Dec. 17 to request the implementation of Traffic Control Order #12-02, which he said is consistent with the site plan for the location. Council approved it.

Goss told council that even before the Garage restaurant opened, residents along High Street expressed their concern over the restaurant's impact on their neighborhood. To address these concerns, he said the plan for the Garage's parking area included a driveway onto High Street that was designed to send traffic to Main Street instead of the residential neighborhood.

According to Goss, Mark and Bill Evasic, the owners of the Garage,

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Historic preservationists needs help to restore Thayer School

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

The Northville Township Historic District Commission is seeking further community support for the one-room Thayer School building, which has stood for over a century.

The old schoolhouse sits at the corner of Six Mile and Napier roads. It's now the property of Northville Township, so the township's HDC is seeking community support in rehabilitating the 135-year-old structure. It's in disrepair and has been vandalized in the

The school was donated to the township by the Veolia Corporation, operators of the nearby landfill, for the sum of one dollar. However, its potential value for the



RECORD FILE PHOTO

Built in 1877, the former Thayer's School sits on the corner of Six Mile and Napier roads in Northville Township. Members of the Northville Township Historic District Commission hope to restore it so it can stand as a testament to the town's history. it is the last remaining one-room schoolhouse in the township, according to preservationists.

community could soar if it's brought up to date.

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According to HDC member and Northville Township Treasurer Marjorie Banner, it has been vacant for many years.

"It needs a lot of work

to restore it as a place to show how generations of Northville-area residents were once educated and to serve the community the building. as an educational facility showcasing the township's history," she said of

To facilitate the school's restoration, the HDC has established the Thaver School Fund which has recently received its first contribution of \$5,000

from an anonymous donor. The first priority is to replace the shingles on the building's roof and clean up the interior of

Joe Oldenburg, who chairs the HDC, called the schoolhouse an important part of the township's early history.

"This is the sole remaining one-room school building from several that existed in this community in the

1800s," he said. "From its beginning in 1877 to its closure in 1952, it was the primary source of education for the children in the surrounding community."

Oldenburg noted that there still are a number of local residents who had attended the Thayer School prior to its closing.

According to the HDC, the school was built in the summer of 1877 by the Fractional School District No. 1 in Plymouth and Salem (Northville Township wasn't created until 1897 when it separated from Plymouth Township). After the township was formed, the school came under the jurisdiction of Northville District No. 10 and became the Thayer School.

The building sits in the first historic district to be designated in Northville Township. The Thayer's Corners Historic District includes the school property and the adjacent Thayer Cemetery.

Anyone wishing to give financial support to the restoration project should contact Banner at (248)348-5800 or email her at marjoriebanner@twp.northville.mi.us.

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Flu shots urged after increase in cases

The Oakland County Health Division (OCHD) is urging residents to take preventative action and get vaccinated against seasonal flu in the wake of a report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) report said there has been a rapid increase in flu cases in Michigan.

Flu shots are available for \$16 at Health Division offices from noon to 8 p.m. Monday and 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday at 1200 N. Telegraph Road, Building 34 East, Pontiac, and 27725 Greenfield Road, Southfield.

Residents may pre-register for an appointment by calling (248) 858-7350 (Pontiac) or (248) 424-7120 (Southfield). Walk-in appointments are welcome.

For more information, call Health Division's Nurse on Call at 800-848-5533 or click on oakgov.com/health or facebook.com/publichealthOC.

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HOLIDAY WEEK AT THE DIA

Puppet Performances

Bring the family for daily puppet performances, featuring the microScope Toy Theater's "A Real Elephant," and Hobeg Ford's "Migration." December 26-30, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m., Lecture Hall.

Art-Making Workshops

From finger puppets to origami books, visitors of all ages can create their own masterpiece at free daily drop-in art-making workshops. December 26-30 and January 2-4, 12-4 p.m., December 28 and January 4, 6-9 p.m., Education Wing.

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Faberge: The Rise and Fall, through January 21, 2013. Tickets at dialorg.

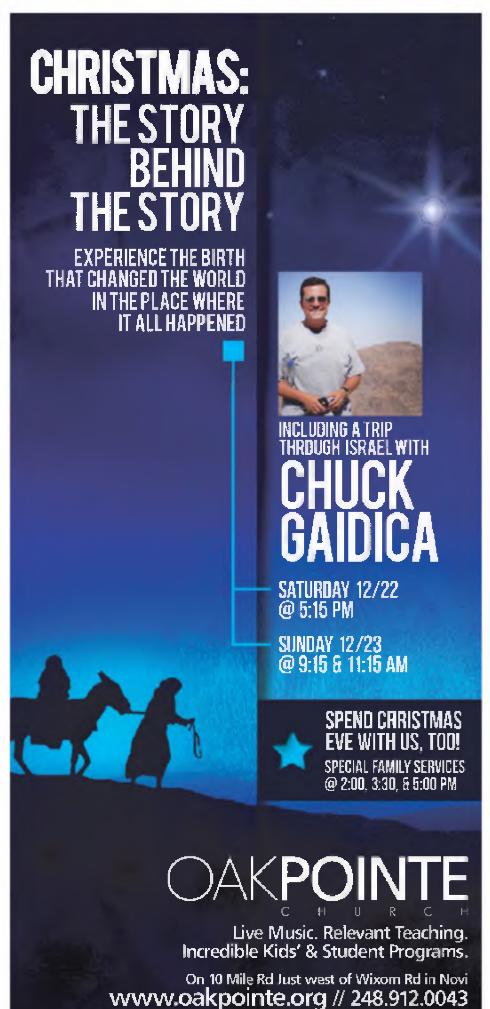
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Residents of Macomb, Oakland and Wayne counties receive free general museum admission.







New recreation director says 'sky's the limit' for department

NEW MAN ON THE JOB



• Name: Jason D. Spiller

• Age: 41 • Education: Wayne State University,

bachelor of science in recreation and parks services, 1994; master of art in sports administra-

tion, 2000. • Career: Has held many jobs in the field of parks and recreation. His first paying job was as a counselor in training at the age of 15, at Oak Park's day camp. He began to change his educational focus in parks and recreation in summer 1992. Working as a lifeguard and water safety instructor for Oak Park, he was approached by the acting director of recreation to fill in temporarily as the city's acting athletic supervisor — a position he remained in for more than a year. He went on to get bachelor's degree in December 1994. He received his first fulltime position at the Oak Park Jewish Community Center as program developer in January 1994. He also interned under former Northville Parks and Recreation Director Traci Sincock, who recalls Spiller as a standout. Spiller most recently served as recreation facility supervisor for Macomb Township Parks and Recreation.

The Northville Parks and Recreation Commission selected Jason Spiller as director of the Parks and Recreation Department this summer. Now that he's had a couple months under his belt leading the program, the Northville Record wanted to know how he was adjusting. And what, if any, changes are in store in the future.

Record: How is the job going? Any surprises?

Jason Spiller: The job is going really good. The staff has been very supportive since I began right after Labor Day. I have had the opportunity to meet a lot of people within the Northville community. I have found that the entire community is very supportive and lives an active

it is very rewarding and gratifying to have the support of the entire Northville community. Record: How are you incorporating

lifestyle. In my position,

your previous experience into the job? Jason Spiller: Majority of the things I do in Parks and Recreation have been through my past experiences. Working for several community parks and recreation departments throughout my career has better prepared me to handle the daily challenges facing our Parks and Recreation Department today. With many Parks and Recreation Departments, we don't create the wheel; most of the programs, classes, events have been attempted in one way or another in several communities. Our main focus is to find innovative ways to help shape the wheel so it rolls smoother and better for our community.

Record: Will you implement any new programs in the coming year? Jason Spiller: Creating

new programs, services,



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

New Northville Parks and Recreation Director Jason Spiller hits the hardwood court at the Recreation Center of Hillside.

and events is something everyone who works in Parks and Recreation should devote sometime to daily. The sky's the limit for Parks and Recreation, staff needs to continually maintain the current knowledge of trends and programs. Creating new innovative programs and events and maintaining current ones is one of

the department's highest priorities. Just because a program doesn't work for another community does not necessarily mean it cannot be successful here. It is our focus to provide these unique and rewarding opportunities to the Northville community.

Record: What kind of programs do you have for teens and young adults that can provide them with a positive

Jason Spiller: We have two trips to Cedar Point (the day after school is out and at Halloween). We are currently taking registration for Ski Club. We have open basketball, volleyball, pickleball, etc. We offer tennis lessons, as well as volleyball and lacrosse clinics, leagues, camps and conditioning. And we offer baby-sitting training

Northville Record: Any upcoming events people should be aware of?

Jason Spiller: Our most upcoming event, which is also one of our annual signature events, is Northville Night. Northville Night is a family New Year's Eve party for all ages. The event takes place at the Recreation Center at Hillside from 4–7 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 31. Families can enjoy many activities such as crafts, inflatable games, entertainment. and much more. This year families will travel back in time to the "Roarin' 20s" and travel through the decades all the way to the future. Just before 7 p.m., the event hosts its own New Year's Eve ball drop. Annually we anticipate about 600 people at this event. Pre-registration is highly recommended. Guests who pre-register can enter as early as 4 p.m. on the night of the event. Tickets for guests wishing to purchase on the night of the event will be sold beginning at 4:30 p.m. If residents would like any more information about the event, please contact the Northville Parks and Recreation Department at (248) 349-0203.

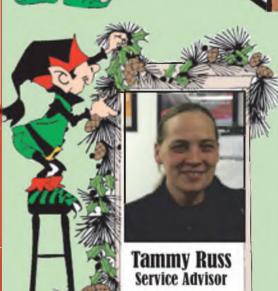








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From left, Moraine Elementary Principal Denise Bryan, 1st grade teacher Karen Stuard, and Suzanne Geer, director of Northville Educational Foundation, show off the grant award for Stuard's Moraine students.



From left, Cooke School teacher Susan Oleson, teacher Kristin Balcom, Cooke student Koffi Taylor, teacher Lori Farrow, Northville Educational Foundation Director Dwight Sieggreen, student Hannah Etheridge, and Cooke School Principal Mary Meldrum show off their grant awards.

NEF distributes more than \$20,000 in teacher grants

Northville public education received a helping hand with the delivery of 19 Innovative Grant awards. Earlier this month, three members of the Northville **Educational Foundation** (NEF) Board of Directors personally awarded \$20,731 in Innovative Grant funding to 19 different Northville Public Schools teachers at schools throughout the district. Now in its fourth year, the NEF Board of Directors voted in September

2012 to double its fund-

ing for 2012-13 Innovative Grants from \$10,000 to \$20,000 and offer two special grants, one at \$3,000 and one at \$5,000.

The NEF received 72 applications and was able to fund 19 projects identified or created by the teachers themselves. Most of the grants were coauthored, so many teachers and several hundred students throughout the district will benefit from the awards. All 10 NPS schools sent in applications and all 10 received grant funding. Two awarded grants will be shared between schools — one for Cooke and Hillside, and another for Meads Mill and Hillside. Awarded projects hit the mark as "innovative" and were judged by a seven-member review panel.

"The Northville Education Foundation has again supported innovative projects by teachers in Northville Public Schools. Innovative Grant funding was doubled due to a dramatic increase in the number of requests and the outstanding, innovative and exciting projects submitted by teachers at all levels and all school buildings. We encourage members of the community to continue to contribute to NEF to support these wonderful educational experiences for the students of Northville Public Schools," said Dwight Sieggreen, NEF director and Innovative Grants chair.

The successful \$5,000 application, The Ultimate Outdoor Science Experience, was submitted by Isaac Cottrell, a 6th and 7th grade science teacher at Hillside Middle School. The project will reclaim the Hillside courtyard as an outdoor educational space incorporating math, science, ecology, engineering and technology. Upon receiving the award, Cottrell said he was grateful for the support of NEF and the families of Northville who support the organization.

"This will allow our students a chance to experience the great outdoors through a new lens," he said. "Our stu-

dents will build a space for learning that not only will benefit them, but other students for years to come. By participating in this project, our students will understand ways in which they can improve our surroundings and truly benefit the world."

To learn more about the mission of the Northville Educational Foundation (NEF) and the significant impact it delivers to Northville Public Schools, please visit its website at NorthvilleEd-Foundation.org.

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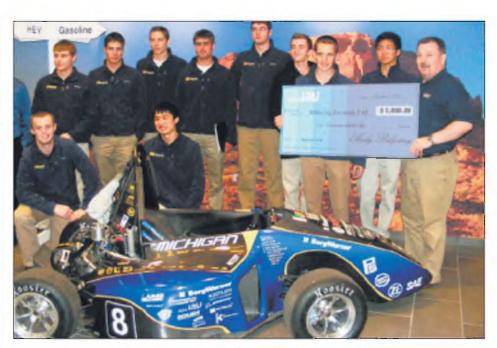
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IAV Automotive Engineering president Andrew Ridgway presented a donation to the University of Michigan's Formula SAE MRacing team.

Growing local company helps rev up U-M students' race cars

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

IAV Automotive Engineering, whose United State's subsidiary is located in Northville, is helping out tomorrow's innovators and engineers by fostering closer ties with students from the Uni-

versity of Michigan. Just last week IAV donated \$5,000 to the university's MRacing Formula SAE team, which is part of the collegiate motorsport racing series in which students use technical innovation and advanced engineering analysis to build formula style race cars.

"To participate in the sponsorship of this program is a remarkable privilege and it is something we are very proud of," said IAV president Andrew Ridgway before presenting the U of M team with the check.

IAV has been helping the team, which is ranked seventh in the world, for more than four years. This year, they are also ramping up their mentoring efforts to further help them.

For the students, this is greatly appreciated. "I think that MRacing

and IAV both gain a huge

advantage from our partnership and hope that both parties can get even more out of the partnership in the future," said Reed Sullivan, U of M student and MRacing

team captain. He said MRacing is extremely excited that IAV is continuing as a sponsor for the 2013 season. The money will go to help the already successful team. The main goals this year for them are to increase the validity of their simulations and to decrease the weight of the car.

He added, "Both of these goals require money, but will make our car faster and our members more knowledgeable."

IAV sees this relationship as another way for them to better establish themselves in the southeastern Michigan com-

It has been developing automotive innovations since forming in 1983. Founded in Germany, "Ingenieurgesellschaft Auto und Verkehr" (IAV) now provides services and works with its clients from initial idea to production, offering extensive knowledge ranging from the whole system right down to individual

component details.

Its U.S headquarters moved from Ann Arbor to Northville in 2009, and is now located on Technology Drive off of Five Mile Road. Ridgway, who took over the leadership role in 2011, said it's a growing company. The company has increased sales by more than 50 percent every year since 2009, with revenue doubling from 2010 to 2011 and tripling the 2010 figure in 2012.

"We're committed to growing and hiring here in Michigan, and supporting the transportation industry across North America from right here in metro Detroit," Ridgway said. "We're working to not only provide quality services to our customers, but also to make an impact in the region and the industry. We've established relationships with several new companies since opening our new headquarters, and development of IAV, in all areas, is a still a main focus for the coming years. Our unique culture and passionate team have been the catalysts for our growth."

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Students adopt family for the holidays

This Christmas, the Northville High School boys and girls track and field teams adopted a family from Volunteers of America. The student athletes donated and raised more than \$650, and on Friday went to the Northville Meijer and shopped for the adopted family. Afterwards they returned to the high school to wrap the gifts. Coach Brandon Langston said he was proud of the students, and thanked Meijer for making a very generous contribution. "I think it was a great cause and turned out really well for everyone involved. Perhaps the effort could inspire others to organize similar projects. Northville can be proud of its student athletes," said Langston.



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Follow the leader

Cooke School student Dan Selewski leads a small herd of fellow reindeer during the school's Dec. 12 holiday concert. The concert, attended by parents and friends, featured lots of songs and dancing by the students of the school.

Outgoing school board president happy she contributed during difficult times

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By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

It's been a full four years for outgoing president Dottie Garrity on the Northville Public Schools Board of Education, She's leaving after completing one term that was filled with many challenges and high points.

At the last school board meeting at Winchester Elementary, Garrity was honored by parents, her fellow board members and district staff for the last four years with the school district.

Garrity thanked her family and said the commitment was difficult at times, and took away from some family moments. However, she said the role of the board is an important one and was glad to be part of it.

"We are given the privilege and the right of criticizing what's not right in this world, but with it comes the responsibility of making things better. I hope I have taught my kids that, and I want to thank everyone for this opportunity of serving on this board," Garrity said.

Garrity had to make some tough decisions on privatizing custodial and transportation services and teacher layoffs to overseeing the passing of the technology bond proposal and renovation of the high school football stadium. Needless to say, she's seen a lot during this past term.

Fellow board member Ken Roth said it was her commitment and preparedness that made Garrity a dependable colleague.



School Board Vice President Ken Roth presented outgoing president Dottie Garrity with a certificate of recognition at the Dec. 11 meeting.

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DOTTIE GARRITY

"Dottie would always take up the task — the type of stuff you don't get any recognition for, but you were always there to do that and we're so appreciative of that," he said to her.

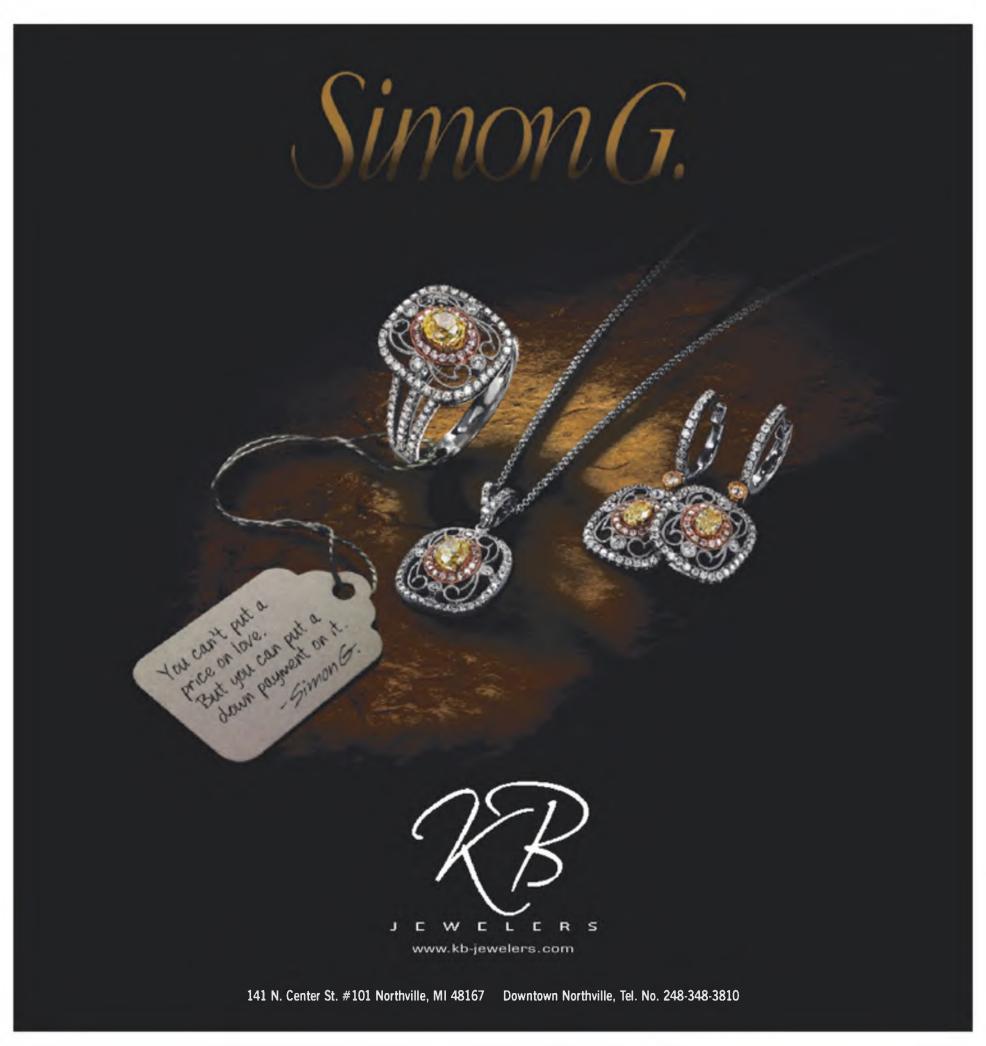
This month is school board recognition month and Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher paid tribute to the entire board, but singled out Garrity for her dedicated service.

"Most especially we express our heartfelt gratitude, on behalf of the

entire Northville school community, to Dottie Garrity for her dedication over these past four years. Dottie has been a tireless and thoughtful advocate for Northville school children and families," Gallagher said.

Garrity was presented with a painting from some students and recognition from the PTA as well as from State Rep. Kurt Heise.

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Increased enrollment, decreased retirement costs helps budget

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

Northville Public Schools approved a budget amendment on Dec. 11 that has the district saving around \$1 million from what it had planned on using when it set the current fiscal year budget, which ends in June. However, some of the savings will be redirected to a new health fund for

employees.
According to Assistant Superintendent for Finance/Operations Mike Zopf, the reduction of \$1,092,821 comes from both an increase in revenue and a decrease in expenditures compared to what was originally budgeted in June. The Board of Education approved the amendment by a 6-0 vote.

This comes as good news for the district and it was helped by an influx of nearly 100 students.

Zopf said "the highlight of the major changes" since June's budget assumption is the increase in enrollment and reduction in the retirement rate costs.

He said an increase of \$729,729 in revenue was added due to the higher enrollment. The June budget estimated 6,966 students to be enrolled full-time, but he said the blended fall count was 7,057. This is an increase of 91 students.

The retirement rate dropped by two percent from the projected 27 percent. More than \$740,000 in savings came from a reduction in retirement costs

There were some other

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revenue changes as well, but when totaled it comes out to \$281,432.

The one new cost that will eat up some of the new revenue will go toward establishing a district health fund. Some \$750,000 has been designated as the start-up for this new fund.

Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher said right now district employees are self-insured, so they pay as they go. District officials believe creating a fund stabilizes yearto-year variability, which will result in a savings.

This fund was expected to be established at the Dec. 18 special board of education meeting.

Going forward district officials said these are good developments, but there is pending state legislation that will have them keeping a watch. These include potential retirement reform, by-passing of the cap on charter schools and repealing of the commercial industrial personal property tax.

"This is on one hand great news from where we thought we would be to where we are now," Gallagher said. "The stabilization of the school's budget has tremendously improved from the structural deficit point of view."

However, she added, "What is hard to stomach or swallow is you can't even take a minute to celebrate that fact because there are these watch points."

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understand the questions and issues they may

"As we try to come to grips with the devastating situation in Connecticut we continue to be vigilant and proactive, reviewing and refining our procedures to keep our students safe at Thornton Creek," said Thornton Creek Principal Allison Epler.

She outlined the procedures they have in place. At Thornton Creek, all doors are locked after the morning bell and once doors are locked, visitors must ring the doorbell and be let into the building by office

staff. From there all visitors must check in at the front office.

Epler said the office has windows that provide a clear view of those who are entering and the monitoring system is also equipped with a camera and speaker.

Each school has simi-

lar procedures.
Gallagher reiterated that all principals and school staff are reviewing daily security plans and ensuring that a controlled access system is in use. She added they have a detailed crisis response plan that is in place and is reviewed with staff.

Northville Township and City Police cover each school in their jurisdiction, and Novi does as well.

Thornton Creek works closely with Novi police Officer Jeremy Stempien, the school resource officer. Northville Township has Officer Caroline Czelada working with the schools and has a liaison at the high school.

Additionally, the Novi Police Department indicated to Thornton Creek it would provide a marked car and uniformed police presence at arrival and dismissal time to the extent possible beginning Monday, Dec. 17.

At Hillside and Meads Mill middle schools, a security team including the principal, assistant principal, office staff, two custodians and a hall monitor are in place each day. Hillside is covered by the Northville City Police and Meads Mill the township department

According to Northville City Police Chief Gary Goss, Northville Public Schools have a comprehensive "safe schools" policy in place and perform lockdown drills periodically in compliance with the State's Safe Schools Act.

"All of our officers have been trained in how to respond to an active shooter and we have practiced that response with both Northville Township and Novi," Goss said.

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Northville musician's new Christmas song available on iTunes

Robin Horlock, a Northville musician, performer and songwriter, has written and recorded a new seasonal song, "Merry Christmas", which is now available on iTunes just in time for Christmas. Horlock has performed more than 2,500 shows, including one for President Bill Clinton, and frequently performs in the Detroit area. He will be singing at the MGM Hotel and Casino on New Years Eve. If you want to check out "Merry Christmas" visit www.dropbox.com/s/p6vozuqmfwocima/Christmas%20Final.mp3 or just go to iTunes. "I wrote 'Merry Christmas' because now that I have a young family of my own this time of year has become even more special to me. I wanted to write a song about what it means to me, because I thought it would hit home with a lot of people," Horlock said. For more information about Horlock, visit http://robinhorlock.com.



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City water rates could rise because of contract obligations with DWSD

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

The City of North-ville approved amending its 30-year agreement with the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD) in order to address increased hourly flow issues it had this past year. Water rates for Northville could rise next year, but it's still unclear if that will happen, and if so by how much and for how long.

This change, Department of Public Works
Director Jim Gallogly
told the city council on
Dec. 17, will increase the
city water charges from
DWSD by approximately
\$100,000 in 2013.

The city council approved the amendment.

The basis for this amendment to the contract was in 2012 when the city exceeded its maximum hour flow rate on several occasions. Gallogly said this will need to change.

Under the agreement with DWSD, commitments are allowed to be reviewed and refined during regular five-year contract re-openers. According to Gallogly, over the past year a technical advisory committee (TAC), which is a customer-driven advisory group of engineers and attorneys have recommended that DWSD consider the modifications to the contract.

He said to correct the "exceedance" in maximum hour flow it will be necessary to: imple-

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He said if the recommended improvements result in returning the Northville's maximum hourly flow to what was approved in 2008 the water rates from Detroit will decrease in fiscal year 2015.

ment changes to the current control system utilized by the City of Northville, replace a supply valve, and require outdoor water use restrictions via a new ordinance. In addition, Northville will retain an engineering firm to monitor and adjust the city's controls during peak water usage days during the summer months.

"The cost for this effort, which needs to be implemented quickly, is estimated to be \$80,000," he added. This will come from the city's Water and Sewer Fund.

In his report to the

In his report to the council, he further said because the city's peak hourly water use exceeded the contract amount. Under the current contract the peak hourly capacity has to be adjusted up to the highest pumping rate recorded in 2012.

He said that higher rate of 2.3 million gallons daily has been negotiated down

by staff, but the Northville's current rate of 1.75 million gallons daily will need to be increased to 2.15 million gallons. Since the city received more than the contracted maximum hourly flow in 2012, the contract requires that Northville's rate increase to cover this amount for the 2013 year.

To cover the increase in charges from the Detroit (effective July 1, 2013), Northville will likely need to increase its water rates for fiscal year 2014, according to Gallogly. However, City Manager Pat Sullivan said this is still unknown how this will play out.

He said if the recommended improvements result in returning the Northville's maximum hourly flow to what was approved in 2008 the water rates from Detroit will decrease in fiscal year 2015. A decision on dealing with the \$100,000 charge could come in March during the city's budget approval process.

Gallogly also said if Northville makes changes to its water system as recommended by next spring, and can demonstrate in the autumn of 2013 that its peak usage has been reduced, and can be maintained at a level at or under 1.75 million gallons daily, DWSD will agree to lower the contract peak hourly rate to the lower number.

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GARAGE

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had also posted a sign asking patrons exiting the drive onto High Street to only turn left. However, this sign is not in compliance with any recognized traffic control device standard.

In his report to council, Goss said, "Recent observations and surveys have indicated that patrons of the Garage restaurant are ignoring the request to turn left only. The police department cannot enforce this unless a Traffic Control Order is adopted prohibiting a right turn onto High Street from this driveway."

He added the purpose would be "to limit the impact from the patrons of the Garage restaurant on the adjoining homes,

including increased traffic and parking."

Mayor Chris Johnson said the true impact on the neighborhood from the Garage will have to be assessed in the coming months after it has had time to establish a routine.

The opening of the new restaurant in the old Gardenviews building and former auto repair garage has gone well. It has been busy most evenings. Two things that did help the opening were extra crowds in town due to the First Friday Experience and Hand-Crafters show.

Johnson said the neighborhood understands waiting after several months to see the impact, but he added other ways may be explored if any further issues arise from the neighborhood. Parking has been another

issue along High.

City officials said some evenings there has been parking overflow onto the street that has impeded driveways and other nights with little parking. Several homeowners have expressed concerns at the last couple of council meetings, and in the past prior to the restaurant's site plan approval.

One concern is parking for the fire department, which is across the street.

Two potential ideas being floated are limiting open parking on High Street to just emergency personnel and striping the street to specify where to park. These will be talked about in the coming months at city meetings.

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Northville City Firefighter Brian Bohnet

Bohnet has been with the department for nine years. He is a graduate of Stevenson High School in Livonia, and lives in Northville, Brian is the owner/operator of Northville Lawn Service, a local landscaping company. He takes pride in fulfilling both his dreams of being a firefighter, and being a small business owner. Brian is certified Firefighter 1&2, Medical First Responder, Company Officer 1&2, Fire Officer 3, Health and Safety Officer, Incident Safety Officer, Hazmat Operations and Ice Rescue.

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surrounded by water features. While volunteers have spent years resurrecting the buildings with great care, the natural landscape wasn't really a priority.

Beginning last year, that began to change as the Historical Society began implementing a plan to make the site look like it did generations ago. And by doing so they will be helping restore the health of the river as well.

Beginning with the removal of invasive, non-native trees called Trees of Heaven last year, volunteers have begun to transform the river and pond banks. Many other non-native plants have been removed from the riparian corridor, and with the help of a group called Friends of the Rouge, new native plants have replaced them, along with coconut fiber logs that will help with the erosion that has plagued the site for years. All the work has been done by volunteers, and under accordance of a permit from the Michigan Department of Environmental Qual-

In total, more than 300 feet of the riparian corridor have been altered to their natural state.

"We are restoring the historical look of these natural features, so it looks like it would have in the early 1800s," said volunteer Ed Gabrys, one of the lead volunteers on the project for the Historical Society.

In total, the Historical Society has spent about \$1,100. Friends of the Rouge chipped in another \$800, and the city of Northville, which owns the site, has been instrumental in much of the work.

"It has been a real group effort," said Gabrys, who is a retired teacher from Northville High School.

Another group that has played a role is the Country Garden Club. They have done a lot of research about native plants, and helped design the new areas.

"Our focus as a club has always been on traditional horticulture, so this was a little different," said garden club member Juliana Cerra, an environmental designer and Historical Society mem-

Cerra said the garden club members have embraced the project. She said some of the plants that have been brought into the site include native wetland grasses, turtlehead, milkweed, water iris, and others. She feels it will take a couple years before the plants mature, but believes the site will be visually appealing once

"Another big advantage to this effort is these plants will grow several feet high and create a natural barrier for the geese, which have been a problem in the village," Cerra said. "This is good for the wildlife and the water quality. Fish will benefit, and so will birds, turtles and other wildlife. It will also provide an example for the public that you can use native plants effectively.

The project will continue next spring, but the first phase has been a success, according to Gabrys.

"We are really happy so far. We have really transformed the site. In two years you will really see the difference," he said.

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Mill Race Village a time machine to Northville's past

Volunteers are always needed to keep the history alive

By Jessica Hatchigan Guest Writer

Residents of Northville sometimes live in the city or township for years before discovering Mill Race Village. But they usually find themselves "transported" when they finally find it.

The village, situated on Griswold, a short distance off Main Street, is a time machine into Northville's past. The village allows visitors to walk through a Northville that existed a hundred years ago. It contains a general store, blacksmith shop, church, school and several residences maintained as they would have been in the 19th century. when most of the buildings were originally built.

Dearborn's Greenfield Village does something similar it preserves buildings from America's past. But those buildings were collected from all over the United States. The buildings found in Mill Race Village all were built in Northville and were part of Northville's history.

The Northville Women's Club initiated the idea of a village that

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Visitors to Northville's Mill Race Village enjoy a mid-December stroll through the historical village. The buildings found in Mill Race Village were all built in Northville and are part of the community's history.

recreates Northville of the past. Ford Motor Company donated the land which comprises the village to Northville. The city of Northville owns the grounds. But everything inside the buildings at Mill Race is owned and cared for by the Northville Historical Society. The Society also is responsible for the care and maintenance of the buildings. For the past seven years, Archivist and Curator Heidi Nielsen has meticulously organized the village's archives and holdings.

A dedicated core of volunteers help maintain the archives, and

enable the many activities that bring the village to life, including the docent program. Volunteers, usually dressed in period costumes, organize intriguing seasonal activities from an October Cemetery Walk, to Christmas and Fourth of July celebrations. Among the dedicated volunteers are the "Stone Gang," a group of Northville men who originally oversaw the reconstruction of the blacksmith shop in the village (an all-stone building), and who now perform the many chores needed to maintain the buildings.

If you are intrigued by history, consider donating your time to help with the activities of Mill Race Village — either as a docent, or as a member of the Stone Gang. Anyone who is interested in history may volunteer as docent. No prior experience is necessary. Victorian costumes and training will be provided to volunteers. Each docent is asked to donate his/her time only three times a year, although they are welcome to volunteer more often, if they wish to do so. Teens are wel-

The Stone Gang also encourages and welcomes volunteers. The Stone Gang meets each Tuesday morning, from 9 a.m. to noon. If you are skilled in repairs, painting, and plumbing, it's a plus. But if you are simply willing to change light bulbs, you will also be welcomed, says Art Bakewell, one of the Stone Gang volunteers.

"We can always use someone," Bakewell said.

Coffee, donuts, and fellowship are part of the weekly gatherings.



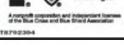


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Serving up holiday brunch

Northville Community Center employees Heidi Russell (left) and Lindsay Portrey dish out some food during the Dec. 12 holiday brunch. About 100 seniors and guests enjoyed quiche and French toast, as well as a Christmas carol sing-along.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Emergency food available

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

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

Distributions continue the third Thursday of each month from 9:30-11 a.m. at St. Kenneth Catholic Church in Plymouth.

For information and to register, call Pat at Plymouth Community United Way at (734) 453-6879, ext. 2, or send email to pat.vandusen@pcuw.org.

Shoe Years Day

Start your New Year's resolutions off on the right foot with an event sponsored by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and the Michigan Recreation & Park Association (MRPA). Shoe Years Day will take place Jan. 1 at a number of state parks, including Maybury State Park in Northville. Snowshoe or hike, get healthy lifestyle tips from local experts, enjoy healthy refreshments and make your official pledge to get "Fresh Air Fit" this year. Maybury State Park is

located at 20145 Beck Road. Hiking and snow-shoeing will be available as well as snacks and a bonfire. Snowshoes are available to rent on a first come first served basis. The cost is \$5 for adults and \$3.50 for children. Meet at the concession building located near the Eight Mile entrance (one mile west of Beck) at 10 a.m. sharp.

For more information, visit www.michigan.gov/ stateparks or call Maybury State Park at (248)

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Food for fines

The Northville District Library is offering a "Food for Fines" amnesty program through Dec. 22. For every nonperishable, unexpired food item donated, library users get up to \$1 in overdue fines waived. There is a maximum of \$5 that can be waived per library card.

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 area."

Call the library at (248) 349-3020 with any questions. The library is open Monday-Thursday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 1–5 p.m.

Northville Women's Club

The Northville Women's Club will meet at 1:30 p.m., Dec. 21 at Northville Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main Street, Northville. Singer Jennifer Marshall

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For more information, contact Virginia Martin at (248) 921-6892.

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

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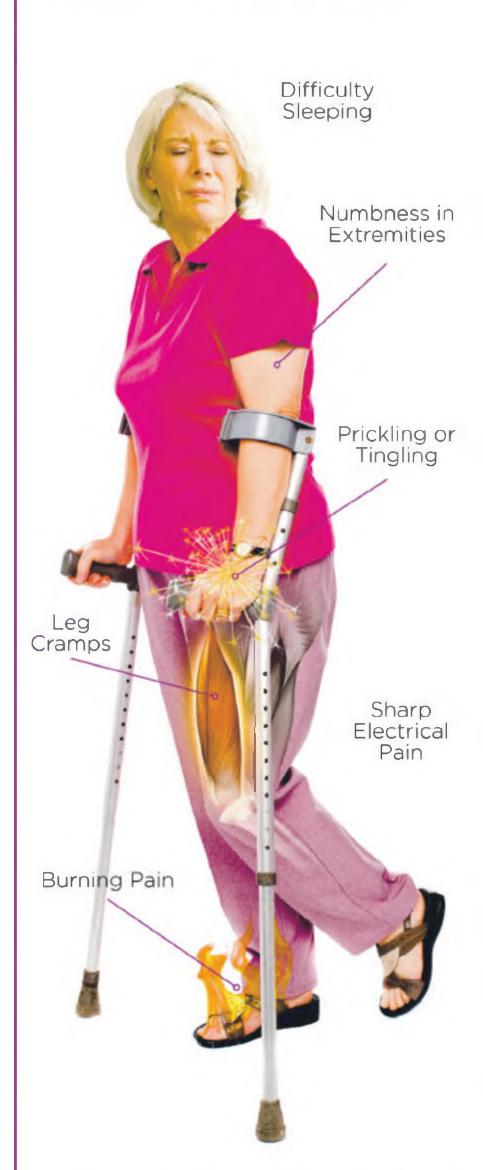
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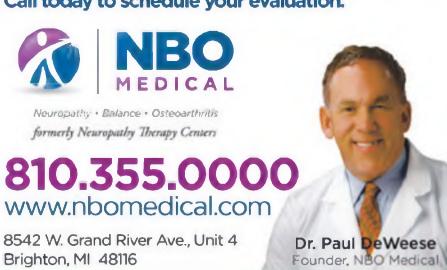
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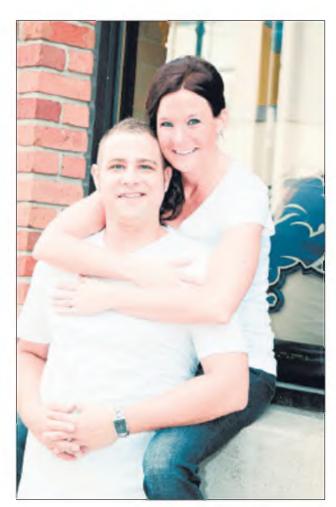
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Justusson-Vander Putten

Kevin Justusson, formerly of Northville, and Lisa Vander Putten, of Harrison Township, proudly announce their engagement. Kevin and Lisa are getting married on June 1, 2013 in the historic Ss. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, in downtown Detroit. Kevin works as a program manager in the automotive industry. Lisa works as a box office administrator at Joe Louis Arena. Kevin and Lisa currently reside in Keego Harbor, with their two dogs Halo and Angel.



Sumner-Salvla

Nicole Sumner and John Salvia announce their engagement. The bride-to-be, daughter of Janet Beauvais of Plymouth and Thomas Sumner of Canton, earned a bachelor of social work from Loyola University, Chicago and a master of social work from New York University. She is employed at Easter Seals Michigan. Her fiance, son of John and Kathleen Salvia of Northville, earned a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Michigan-Dearborn. He's employed by Toyota. A July 2013 wedding is planned in Saline.



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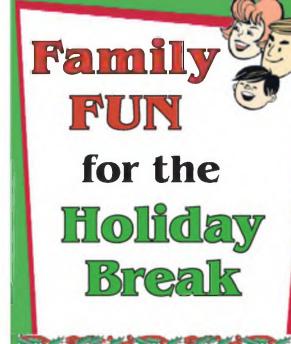
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- Friday: Office and Archives closed for the holidays; 4:15-6:15 p.m. wedding*
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NorthRidge's 'Glory' delights sold-out crowds

Laurie Aren of Westland is one of the newest members of the NorthRidge Church choir.

But that didn't keep her from noticing how close-knit the group is, and how much closer it gets going through rehearsals for the church's annual Glory of Christmas spectac-

This year's 20th annual show, "Simply Jesus," was no different, and Aren, director of community and family outreach for the Salvation Army Plymouth Corps, felt comfortable right from the beginning.

"The sense of family that develops through the process is amazing," Aren said. "There was laughter, tears, prayers and some light-hearted teasing ... just like with any family.'

The annual production, put on by North-Ridge Church near the holidays, is a Broadway-style production.

It played to sold out audiences in 10 performances over the last two weeks.



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Jonathan Lazar, Tadario James and Kevin Villemonte sing 'I'll be Home for Christmas.'

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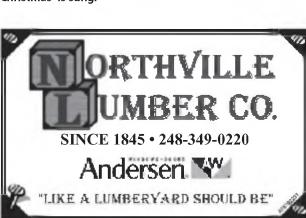
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Hoping for a little hometown snow

Country musician's new Christmas single inspired by growing up in area

By Kurt Kuban Staff Writer

About a month ago, right around Thanksgiving, Anita Cochran was on her way to a meeting in Nashville. It was sunny, 70-plus degrees and "just a beautiful day." Having grown up in Michigan, it just didn't seem like the start of the holiday season to her.

That's when the question popped into her head — "I wonder if it's snowing back in Michigan?"

And just like that, the native South Lyon songstress had the basis of her newest single, a Christmas song called Snowing in My Hometown.

That day as she sat through her meeting, Cochran was thinking of lyrics for the song, and by the time she arrived back at her house she pretty much had it finished. And with her own home recording studio, she didn't waste any time performing and recording it. In addition to singing on the track, she plays nearly all the instruments (with the exception of

drums and piano), and even produced it herself.

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With the help of some friends, she also went to work on a video for the song, which was shot in her backyard. In a matter of three weeks, both the single and video were completed — just in time for Christmas.

Cochran (formerly Anita Renee Cockerham), who graduated from South Lyon High School in 1985, says the song was inspired by her hometown (she grew up near Pontiac Trail and Milford Road). In fact, at the end of the video, she even holds up a sign that reads, "Merry Christmas from South Lyon, Mi." Her Christmas memories during her childhood guided the song's lyrics.

"Christmas was always a special time for me. I come from a large family, and we always had big gatherings with lots of friends and family," said Cochran. "It was my favorite time of the year."

She tried to instill those feelings into the song, which is about going home for Christmas —



South Lyon native Anita Cochran's new single, "Snowing in My Hometown", was released just in time for Christmas. As the title suggests, the song was inspired by her hometown.

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"When I think about known for her hit duet Christmas, I always with Steve Wariner, think about South Lyon,"

said Cochran. "Even after I moved to Nashville (in 1994) I would come home for Christmas every year to be with the family. It holds a special place in my heart." This is Cochran's first

single in a while. In recent years, performing in country star Terri Clark's band has kept her busy, touring all over the globe. But she also does plenty of her own work, and is best

What If I Said, which climbed to number one on the country charts in

The new song kind of brings Cochran full circle, because her very first single back in 1994 was a Christmas song called *Please Come* Home for Christmas. That song made it to the airwaves after her fans inundated local country radio stations with requests to play it, and it helped launch her

"The only reason the stations began playing the song was all the calls my friends and fans were making," Cochran

She has already sent Snowing in My Hometown to all the local country radio stations, and is hoping for a repeat. In fact, she had so much fun working on the song, she is hoping to write and record an entire Christmas album by next Christmas.

Snowing in My Hometown is available on iTunes and can also be purchased through her website, www.anitacochran.com. The video is already available to view on YouTube. The song is dedicated to her brother, Randy, who recently passed away.

In recent years, most of Cochran's immediate family migrated down to Nashville to be closer to her, and it has been a number of years since she came home for the holidays (though she did play a show in New Hudson last summer, which raised money for Operation Injured Soldiers). That will change this year. With some of her family members, she is coming back to South Lyon, and is set to arrive this weekend.

"I'm hoping to see a lot of my old friends. Hopefully there will be a gathering at the South Lyon Hotel," Cochran said.

"I hope it's snowing in my hometown when I get

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BOWSER, DANIEL A. Of Novi, MI, formerly of Char-

lotte, MI, age 46, died Sunday, Dec. 9, 2012 at his residence in the loving care of his family. Dan was born May 27, 1966 in Charlotte, Michigan the son of Ronald and Virginia (Shaw) Bowser. He was a 1984 Graduate of Charlotte High School and had been employed as a Quality Assurance Manager of Technicolor Home Entertainment Service for 18 years. Surviving are: his wife of 24 years, Judith "Judy" (Eckart) Bowser; 3 sons, Joel A. Bowser, Nicholas S. Bowser and Garrett S. Bowser all of Novi; his parents, Ronald and Virginia Bowser of Olivet; 2 sisters, Rhonda (Jamal) Mubarakeh of East Lansing and Janice (Dave) Parker of New Jersey; his mother-in-law, Barbara Eckart of Colorado Springs, CO; brothersin-law, Chris Eckart of Wamego, KS and David (Diane) Eckart of Manhattan, KS; sister-in-law, Kellie Eckart of Colorado Springs, CO; 2 nephews and 4 nieces. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 A.M. Friday, Dec. 14, 2012 at the Burkhead-Green Funeral Home, Charlotte with Pastor Marc Livingston officiating. Interment will be in the Bosworth Cemetery at Olivet. Visitation will be held from 2-4 & 6-8 P.M. Thursday at the Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may go to the St. John Providence Hospice, 22255 Greenfield Road, Suite 330, Southfield, MI 48075. $burkhead\hbox{-} green funeral home.com$

GERMAINE, EARL D.

Age 83, of Milford, passed away in the care of his family December 14, 2012. In addition to Helen his beloved wife, Earl is survived by Nancy (Jim) Trick, Scott (Lisa) Woosley, Elizabeth (Gerald) McCanley, and Stephanie (Steven) Patton; grandchildren Heather, Megan, Jason, Natalie, Jennifer, Stephanie; greatgrandchildren Madeline, Kristina, Sarah Jane; sister-in-law Rhea Carey, Bernard (Helen) Tyler, also extended family and dear friends. Funeral Service was held Monday, December 17, 2012.

Memorials encouraged to For further information call Lynch & Sons, Milford at 248-684-6645 or www. LynchFuneralDirectors.com

Fr. Thomas Hawkins officiated

SMITH, GLADYS W. (nee Myers)

Age 94. of Livonia, passed away 12/12/2012. Loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Online condolences at: www.casterlinefuneralhome.com

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MEINING, ORVILLE É.

Age 83, passed away December 13, 2012. He was born on September 21, 1929, in Livonia, son of the late Edward and Helen Meining. Orville was a former Colonial Acres board member He was a loving and devoted husband, father and grandfather. He will always be remembered for his great sense of humor and his love for his family. He is survived by his loving children: Larry & Turi Meining, Cindy & Robby Williams and Terri & Allan McCardell; his three grandchildren: Nicole, Trent and Emily, two step-grandchildren: Ashley and Adam and two greatgrandchildren: Dawson and Braden. He is also survived by his sister Charlotte. Orville was grandchildren: Dawson preceded in death by his wife Catherine in 2007. Visitation Catherine in 2007. was held on Monday, December 17, from 3:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME. 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. services was held on Tuesday, December 18, at 3:00 p.m. at the funeral home. Online guestbook at:

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ENID L.

Age 92, a longtime resident of Northville, passed away December 14, 2012. She was born September 4, 1920 in Detroit; daughter of Henry and Ann (Bone) Whetter. She grew up in Detroit and was a graduate of McKenzie High School, class of 1938. She was united in marriage to Harold Penn on February 8. 1941; they spent over 52 loving years together until his death in 1993. Enid was a photo inspector with Guardian Photo in Novi for 19 years. She was a member and past matron of the Order of the Eastern Star, Orient Chapter 77 She was also past president of the American Legion Auxiliary Post 147. Enid enjoyed watching classic movies and was an avid reader. She loved visiting her cabin in Cedarville in the UP. Enid was devoted to her family; she was a great, loving, and fun mother and grandmother. She is survived by her children, Gregg (Linda) Penn, Enid (Richard) Comito, James (Averil) Penn, Stephen Penn, and Margaret (Michael) Steeb; her grandchildren, Megan (Steven) Andrews, Sarah Penn, Amy Penn, Averil (Matthew) Mearnic, Richard Comito, Stephen (Tina) Comito, Emily (Chris) Scheer, Kevin (Stacey) Penn, Matthew (Stacey) Penn, Matthew (Marieke) Penn, and Kenneth Madden; and 6 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband. A funeral service was held Tuesday, December 18 at Casterline Funeral Home of Northville. Rev. Dr. Steven J. Buck with the First United Methodist Church officiated the service. Enid was laid to rest at Grand Lawn Cemetery in Detroit. Memorial contributions would be appreciated to the First United Methodist Church, 777 West Eight Mile,

Hospice, 2366 Oak Valley Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48103. Share online condolences at www.casterlinefuneralhome.com

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SHERMAN, JACK L.

Age 82, of South Lyon, formerly of Farmington Hills and Midland, TX, passed away December 1, 2012. He was born in Flora, Illinois, son of Ross and Nadean Sherman. He was a corporate executive with Chevrolet Division of General Motors, and following his retirement in 1985, he was the owner of Jack Sherman Chevrolet in Midland, TX for 18 years. Jack loved his family, and especially adored his grandchildren and great grandchildren. He was a 32 Degree Mason and always active in supporting his local community. He enjoyed hunting and fishing. He was an extensive world traveler; visiting Asia, North Africa, and much of Europe. He is survived by his loving children, John Sherman and Karen Sherman; his grandchildren, Matthew, An-Christina, Ashlee, Stefanie, and Jack; and his great grandchildren, Isaiah, Clara, and Zoe He was preceded in death by his son Greg Sherman. A celebration of Jack's life will be held Sunday, January 13, 2013 at 1 p.m. at Table 5, 126 E. Main St., Northville. The family would appreciate memorial contributions to Shriners Hospitals for Children, Office of Development, 2900 Rocky Point Dr., Tampa,

To express condolences or share a memory, please visit www.casterlinefuneralhome.com

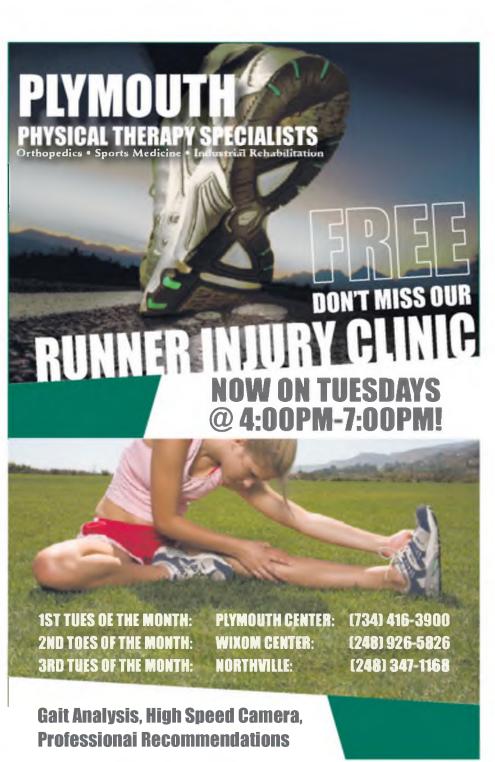
STEELE, JANICE A. Age 74, of Northville, MI, died December 11, 2012. Loving and caring wife, mother, and sister.

Online condolences at: www.casterlinefuneralhome.com

WEBSTER, ALBERT E.

Age 84, passed away December 11, 2012. He was born on February 17, 1928, in Lansing, to the late John and Marsha Webster. Albert is survived by his children: Brian Ahern, Jerie Lou Evans; grandchildren: Ahern, Tracy Ahern, Jason Ahern, Michelle (Michael) Lynn, Michael (Gretchen) Evans, Jeremy K. Meier, Michelle R. (Ryan) Meier-Malloch; great-grandchildren: Stephanie Ahern, Ryan Ahern, Cortney Ahern, and Breanna Ahern. He was preceded in death by his wife Betty Jean Webster in 2004, 2 sons: Bruce Ahern in 1964, and James Visitation was held on Dec. 13, Thursday. from 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Phillips Funeral Home. A Funeral service was held on Dec. 14, Friday, at 11:00 a.m. at the Fellowship Evangelical Presbyterian Church, South Lyon.

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OUR VIEWS

Holiday spirit

More important to hold family close

As we celebrate another Christmas and holiday season, it is our nature to want our families gathered around us, like a warm blanket of love. However, not everyone has that luxury.

Because of a gunman in Newtown, Conn., the families of some 26 victims — including 20 first-graders from Sandy Hook Elementary School — are spending the holiday season grieving, planning and attending funerals. Those young lives snuffed out too soon aren't the only ones, just the most recent. It's also the first Christmas for the loved ones of shooting victims from Wisconsin to Portland, Ore.

And it isn't only victims of violence who don't have their families with them at this special time of year, a season built around family and love and understanding and peace.

Many people, for reasons as varied as medical and financial, don't have families around them with whom to spend the holidays. They crowd into our food pantries and soup kitchens, our churches and our shelters. Or, even worse, have no place at all to go.

Thankfully, there are heroes determined to ease the pain and suffering. There are people reaching out to the survivors in Connecticut, showing support in any small way possible. There are people standing at Salvation Army Kettles, ringing bells, and, of course there are those responding to the bells by dropping in their donations.

There are those who donate to the food kitchens so there are meals to be provided, and those who work the food lines to make sure people are fed.

The Newtown massacre is about the victims, but also about the heroes. The principal who flung herself at the gunman in an attempt to stop him. The teacher who shielded her students with her own body, and paid the price for her protection with her life. The students themselves, who found their way out of darkness and into the arms of those who love them

In the wake of that tragedy, it seems even more important than ever to remember what this season is all about.

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We here at the Record wish everyone a wonderful Christmas and a happy New Year. We are proud to serve this community,

and are privileged to have you as a reader in print and on the web.



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COMMUNITY VOICE

What do you want for **Christmas?**

We asked this question in downtown Northville.



Meiissa Welsh Northville District Library



'A remote-controlled car that's red with buttons on top, and some Matchbox and a train."

Wayien Johnson with mom Colleen



"Peace for the families in Connecticut."

Gwyn Street (center), with friends Juiie Dobersek (left) and Kathy Hubchik

LETTERS

Sense of community uplifting

Our family would like to express our deepest gratitude to Northville, Novi and our surrounding communities for all of the support we received after the recent passing of our son, David Widzinski.

So many people have done so much for us — prayers, messages, food, flowers, cards, letters, memorials, Catholic Central scholarship contributions, etc. Unfortunately, in many cases we do not even know who provided for us in our need. If we fail to personally thank you, please forgive us, we simply do not have a complete list of who has provided support to us. But, we are thankful for it all.

We have been touched by how kind and thoughtful so many people have been during this heartbreaking time. You have reached out and supported us in so many different ways. The sense of community has uplifted us.

The sincerity and kindness of our young people has profoundly moved us. They have done so much — wearing blue to honor David, creating tributes, providing us with amazing keepsakes, reaching out to us, and remembering David in their classes, activities and sporting events. Their parents and community snould look at them with great pride. They make the future look bright.

"Thank you" is inadequate, but we do thank you with all of our hearts!

> Paul, Barbara, Stephen and **Emily Widzinski** Northville Township

Supporting the Mustangs

We would like to thank the members of the community who supported the Northville High School girls and boys basketball teams on Saturday, Dec. 1, by attending our second annual Pancake Breakfast. The event was attended by more than 600 people. The money raised will be used to support the basketball programs in various capacities.

We especially want to thank the following families and merchants for their generous contributions to make this event a success:

Begonia Brothers (visit their new Center Street location), Costco, Jean Gertley, Mustang Maniacs, Gordon Food Service (Farmington Hills location), Henzi family (Pepsi Corp.), Coach Kruck, Kroger (Grand River and Beck Road location), McDonald's (Five Mile and Beck in Plymouth Township and Six Mile and Haggerty in Northville Township locations), Meijer, NHS Robotics Club (use of the Mustang costume), Tom O'Callahan (event advertising and tickets), Roberts family (US Food Service), NHS Athletic Boosters for selling Family Sports Passes, and the NHS custodians. The NHS boys and girls basketball program coaching staff and families also donated their time and supplies to make the day an overwhelming success.

The Northville Mustangs basketball teams are off to a great start this season. Please continue to support the players by attending their games. The schedules are available on the high school

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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website and also www.northvillebasketball.com.

Thank you for your support and go Mustangs!

Sue Baidwin, Theresa Brenner, Cheryl Giacomini, **Chris Henzi**

Where's the beef?

Every so often, Mr. Jim Nowka ("House must be firewall," Dec. 13 letters) writes a long diatribe assailing the liberals and their dastardly effect on his sensibilities. The main problem I have with what you write, Mr. Nowka, is not that you shouldn't speak your piece, or have a right to your opinion, but that your letters provide no evidence that what you are saying and these opinions have any basis in fact or reality. Show me the beef.

He rails against "dependent city dwellers" when numerically there are large numbers of people outside cities that receive various forms of public assistance; like a whole lot of people in Michigan that live north of Saginaw. And what "city" are you speaking of? Grand Rapids? Lansing? Ann Arbor? Battle Creek? Where? It couldn't possibly be just Detroit, could it? And where did you even get the idea that the "dependent" are only city dwellers anyway? After making this argument in your letter, you even have the chutzpah to claim that there is a "liberal propaganda of hatefulness and racism"? The calls for social justice you rail against don't come only from "liberal politicians." It also is a strong mission of most churches and the original liberal — Jesus Christ. The "liberal interpretations" you rail against are the very things that Jesus repeatedly spoke of, and does fill churches, and does strengthen marriages, and will help reduce crime, and more.

Finally, in your railing against the size of our national debt, you are taking the Karl Rove approach to assigning blame for a problem the Republicans are largely responsible for. Whenever the policies that Republicans push and pass don't work and screw things up, Rove's answer is to just ignore the history of their actions and the facts — and blame Democrats. It took 200 years and 40 presidents for this country to amass just under one trillion in national debt. Ronald Reagan tripled the national debt in just eight years, and along the way gave big tax breaks to the wealthy and corporations, while eliminating middle class deductions like interest on credit cards, interest on car and personal loans, and income averaging. His "trickle down" economic plan was called "voodoo economics" by George H.W. Bush — and he was right. George W. Bush put "trickle down" on steroids, and squandered a budget surplus left to him by Bill Clinton with more tax cuts for the top 2 percent, two wars and a prescription drug program unpaid for, and doubled the national debt to around 10 trillion. The day President Obama took office he inherited a \$1.3 trillion structural annual deficit, and jobs hemorrhaging at the rate of over 700,000 jobs per month. Entering his second term, President Obama and the country continue to be stuck with the Bush tax policies and the resulting deficits, while Republicans continue to be dug in and won't stop fiercely protecting what history has again and again proven to be, a failed "trickle down" economic policy.

You see, Mr. Nowka, Republicans don't have a problem spending money, they have a problem paying for it — unless they can stick the middle class and the poor with the bill. The ultimate goal in governance of the Republican Party is to, before all else, comfort the comfortable.

> **Steve Lawrence** Northville

Good cheer

The Mothers' Club of Northville was proud to have been a part of the recent Winter Market, held Dec. 1-2 in downtown Northville. Our tree-lighting ceremony, held Saturday evening, was our 18th annual celebration of All Aglow/ Illumination for Education.

We couldn't have had a successful event without the help and support of many community members. We appreciate Susan Taylor, from the Northville Art House, and her invitation to be a part of this event. Additionally, Lori Ward and the full Downtown Development Authority were invaluable in their contributions. Students from the Northville High School National Honor Society did an extraordinary job of raising good cheer by leading several Christmas carols during the tree lighting ceremony — and a special note of thanks goes to Ashley Hart for directing this informal choir.

Finally, we would like to thank the entire Northville community for supporting our efforts to raise money for Northville Schools by purchasing a symbolic tree light. Due to the recent budget cuts, the generosity shown through these donations is more important than ever. Thank you to everyone who was able to participate.

Danette Tayior president, Mothers' Club of Northville

Right to work was right thing for Michigan

By Sen. Patrick Colbeck and Rep. Kurt Heise **Guest Columnists**

would like to set the record straight regarding Brad Kadrich's Dec. 13 opinion piece, "Legislators did disservice to local vot-

In the article, Mr. Kadrich admits he does not have a background in labor law. Rep. Heise has been a labor attorney for 20 years, and I've been a member of a union as well as served in a management capacity in a union shop. But you don't need to be the smartest guy in the room to understand that workers deserve a choice.

Where workers were once forced to pay union dues as a condition of employment, workers now have that choice. This is also not a 2,700 page bill like Obamacare. Our Worker Freedom Act, Public Act 348 of 2012, is only three pages long. Readers can view the bill for themselves at www. legislature.michigan.gov.

While some will argue that the law removes collective bargaining, this is simply not true. The only restriction on collective bargaining in the law is that it prohibits clauses in collective bargaining agreements that would make dues payment or union membership a condition of employment.

The fact is we now have 17.5 percent of our workforce in unions. Once the bill is effective in April 2013, we will still have 17.5 percent of our workforce in unions — if the rank and file believes that their union leaders have earned their financial support. Unions will now need to prove the value of their services to the members they serve.

Gov. Snyder made the prudent decision to put right to work on the table for debate, showing himself to be indeed an astute leader who cares about our state. Our official unemployment rate of 9.3 percent is still too high. Over 50 percent of our college graduates cannot find jobs. The bottom line is that we have too many constituents in search of jobs right now. We have too many kids graduating and moving out of state to find jobs. We have lost 11.7 percent of our youth aged 25 to 34 over the past decade. And let's be honest — right to work has been under discussion for months (if not years) in Lansing, and in recent weeks there were many internal discussions between labor leaders, the governor, and legislative lead-

We also had several hours of debate on the House and Senate floors over two days. This decision did not come lightly or easily, and all stakeholders were represented in the process.

If we do not bring jobs into our state, history has shown people will go find jobs in other states — and by an almost 3:1 margin those states are right-towork states. Right-to-work has a track record of improving the job market. Indiana has brought in over 90 new projects or expanded projects directly related to their passage of right-towork laws, and that is after only 10 months.

As for those who believe the sound bite that right-to-work equals a "rightto-work for less," you should know that the jobs in the pipeline in Indiana average \$5/hour more than the average compensation rate throughout the state. Overall, 68 percent of the rightto-work states have higher disposable income than forced unionization states.

The reforms we've adopted will empower Michigan workers, and make labor unions more competitive and accountable to their members. It will improve Michigan's climate for job creation which will only help our hardworking families. It's also the fair and right approach for unions and their members in the 21st century — especially as Michigan's workers are more educated, sophisticated, mobile, and talented than ever before.

Unions should reflect — and respect — our state's smart and diverse workforce. Right to Work fulfills the commitment we made to bring more and better jobs to our state. For the majority of our constituents, especially those seeking gainful employment for themselves or their loved ones, this is exactly the type of service they are looking

State Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, represents the 7th District, which includes Northville Township and most of city of Northville. State Rep. Kurt Heise represents the 20th House district, which includes Northville Township and most of city of Northville.

Do the Democrats have anyone able to beat Snyder in 2014?

By Tom Watkins Guest Column

■e are less than two years away from the time when Gov. Rick "The Nerd" Snyder will stand for re-election. He has

> indicated he wants eight years to re-invent Michigan. Will he get it? He certainly has

whacked

Tom Watkins

the beehive with his move from "right-to-work is not on my agenda" to actually helping pass and signing the bill in lickety-split speed last week.

Signing this signature anti-union bill may have prevented a primary challenge from the extreme right of the GOP or from tea bagwaving challengers. But it has clearly energized left-leaning Democrats and organized labor, who feel the "relentlessly positive action" of this supposedly moderate Milliken-like governor has shown his true colors.

Two years from now, Snyder will have the power of incumbency and the gratitude, support and, yes, the checkbooks of national antiunion, big business support, along with the Republican Party right wing that was lukewarm at best about his first candidacy and not enamored, until now, with his first two years in office.

For their part, the Democrats are "mad as hell and not going to take it anymore." In the last few days since the right-to-work vote, all my Republican friends are rejoicing and my Democratic friends have hot steam shooting out their noses, ears and tops of their heads. Hot and ready for battle.

Who is in the Democratic stable that they can ride to victory and make it payback time to send The Nerd packing?

Democrats are mad. Will they remember come the next election?

Who are the likely Democratic candidates? Let the speculation — and it is just that — begin:

• Mike Duggan — The retiring Detroit Medical Center CEO and former Wayne County prosecutor and deputy county executive is tough as nails, a turnaround specialist who is in the Detroit mayoral race to

• Dan Kildee — Congressman Kildee comes from the Flint area, a hotbed of union activism, and is beloved by not only the rank and file, but labor leaders. He will be nudged to run, may bask in the weeks of speculation and likely settle in for a long career in Congress.

• Gary Peters — The congressman ran previously for governor and attorney general and would have the backing of labor and a strong southeast Michigan base to make the leap. He has

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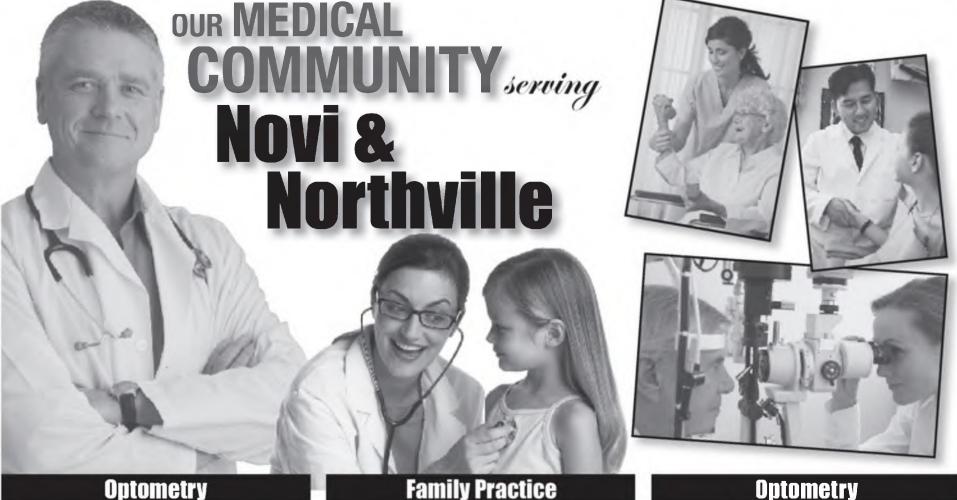
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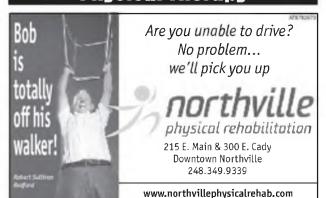


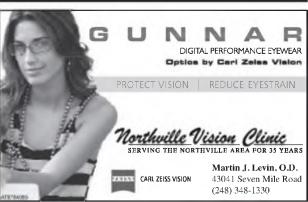






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military, business and legislative backgrounds both in Lansing and Washington, D.C., and would make a strong run — if he decides to go.

 Debbie Stabenow -A great campaigner, the U.S. senator is supported by labor with experience serving at the local, state and national levels. She would be a strong candidate and, as an experienced and capable woman, she would be formidable. She would not have to give up her U.S. Senate seat to run. I suspect while there will be great interest in her running, she will decide to finish out her career in the world's most exclusive club — the U.S. Senate.

• Gretchen Whitmer

— The Democratic Senate minority leader has had a front-row seat and been a thorn in the Republican side as the leader of the loyal opposition. A former prosecutor, strong, bright and ambitious, she has earned support through her efforts to thwart the Republican agenda. She is, as they say in poker, "All in!"

• Virg Bernero — The "angriest mayor" was trounced by Snyder in the governor's race in 2010. But as they say, "That was then — this is now." The mayor has experience successfully leading a city during difficult times, making tough decisions to balance his budget, and has local and state legislative experience as well. He stays put as mayor.

• Mark Schauer — A former member of Congress and the state Senate and House of Representatives from the home of Tony the Tiger, Battle Creek, he is a labor favorite that seems to have increased his visibility opposing

right-to-work. He is now a development representative with the Michigan Laborers-Employers Cooperation & Education Trust. Speaking about right-to-work, Schauer said, "This is a direct affront to organized labor and its members. It's a game-changer." That it is. But is it his ticket to the governor's office?

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• Mark A. Hackel — Macomb County Executive Hackel is a born and raised Macomb guy who is thoughtful and capable and has worked his way up the political ladder, beginning his career in the sheriff's office, leaving as the elected, top law enforcement guy to become Macomb's first county executive. He would be a strong opponent if he decides to give it a go. I suspect that he will ultimately decide to adopt his county's slogan and "Make

shot at the guv's chair. There are others which space does not allow me to throw into the speculation ring. I encourage you to do so in comments to this column.

waiting until 2018 for a

Macomb his home,"

If Snyder becomes a one-term governor, who will the Democrats put up to take him on? Can and will he be beat in 2014? Inquiring minds want to know.

So let the speculation begin.

Tom Watkins of Northville has been an observer of Michigan's political scene for more than 30 years. He has served in top positions in state government, including deputy chief of staff in the governor's office, state superintendent of education and mental health director. He was an elected member of the Wayne County Charter Commission and is now a business and educational consultant in the U.S. and China. He can be reached at tdwatkins88gmail.com.

Support groups help families with members in prison

Silent struggle no more

By Jill Halpin Correspondent

Dealing with the death of a loved one is extremely hard during the holidays as memories of happier times flood back during gatherings with friends and family and empty chairs serve as a constant reminder of loss.

The painful feelings are just as strong for those dealing with another type of loss: families with loved ones behind bars within the prison system.

Those feelings are often intensified during the holiday season as families left behind also struggle silently with the shame of their loved one's crime, often making the feelings of grief even harder to bear.

"It is very similar to the feelings of a loss from death. However, it is even more painful because on top of the grief, you also have humiliation and embarrassment to go along with it," said Bonnie Hilberer, founder of Hope 4 Healing Hearts, a Westlandbased support groups for adults with incarcerated loved ones.

Hilberer understands these feelings well. She started the group in 2008 after her son-in-law's father was convicted of murder, devastating not only the family of the victim, but Hilberer's familv as well.

"The trauma for my son-in-law and daughter was overwhelming. I searched for some type of support group that could provide an outlet for his emotions and could not find anything. There are groups out there for the children of prisoners, but really nothing to help the adults who are hurting as well. So I decided I had to start one myself in order to help him," she said.

Grief support is model

Hilberer had prior experience working with grief support groups following the loss of her own husband to a heart attack after 241/2 years of marriage, and used these as a model for her own group, which meets bimonthly at Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church in Westland.

"When I contacted the state prison board and asked for sources for support, they sent me back a letter with three words: seek private counseling. There are help groups for smokers, drinkers and overeaters: but where does a family go for help when they have a loved one sent to prison? I knew I had to find a way to help the families through this trauma because it is not their fault and they are

suffering, too," she said. No doubt there was need for such as support group — a 2010 study by the Pew Research Trust indicated that there were 2.3 million Americans behind bars, equaling more than one in 100 adults with numbers expected to rise.

"Now we have a wonderful network of people who can help each other and help provide resources," she added.

The group was readying for their December Christmas potluck, an annual event to provide a lighter, festive mood during a tough time.

"We try and make our Christmas gathering a little more upbeat because there is no way to make the pain go away completely," she said.

"When someone goes to prison, their loved

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byterian Church in Westland with Bonnie Hilberer (center).

ones are left behind and it is the same grief — the same feelings of loss but no one ever acknowledges it; no one ever says to them, 'I'm sorry for your loss.' It is almost like you are guilty by association," Hilberer said.

Forgotten ones

"The holidays are made harder by that fact that you suffer these emotions alone. The families left behind are the forgotten ones," she said.

It is a sentiment shared by Ora Williams of Detroit, president of Mothers of Inmates, a support group serving residents throughout the area, including Southfield.

"Having a loved one in prison is like a dirty little secret and you bear the pain alone — it's not something that you share with others, because of the stigma. Christmas is particularly difficult because you are not only lonely from missing the person in prison, you are also lonely because there is no one you can share your feelings with," said Williams.

Williams speaks from experience - she herself joined the group nine years ago when her own son was incarcerated. Now that her son has been released from prison, she remains committed to the group in an effort to give back to oth-

The group held its sixth annual party for children of inmates on Dec. 15 at Fellowship Chapel Church in Detroit. Their "Angel Tree" party served more than 200 area children with par-

ents currently in the prison system with the help of 100 additional volunteers.

The party featured a magic show, face painting and a light lunch, Williams said, as well as the distribution of books, stuffed toys and hats and mittens. The children received a gift from their incarcerated parent, made possible through the generous donations of individuals and charitable organizations alike.

"Having a loved one in jail affects children tremendously. For some children, the present they receive at Christmas is the only connection with their loved one. Even if they are too young to understand exactly where their special person is or what they did, they are never too young to understand that someone that they love very much is now gone. That is why this is so important," Williams said.

"When someone is sentenced to prison, the surviving family members receive the same sentence. We live by the Serenity Prayer. We can't fix it and make everything perfect but we can help try and heal a broken heart," she said, "Especially during the holidays."

Both of these nonprofit groups are welcoming new members and/or contributions. If you are interested in contacting Help 4 Healing Hearts, contact Bonnie Hilberer at (734) 646-2237 or at: prettymonarch @comcast.net. If you are interested in contacting Ora Williams, call her at (313) 531-2025.

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Over his expansive career, Miller has seen his share of unique cases. "One of the most interesting cases I worked on was an English Grandfather clock from the 1590's. The owner wanted it restored to working order, and rewired for battery operation," said Miller.

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

Triple Crown is located at 1940 E. Maple Rd. (at John R.) in Troy. In addition to repairing watches, straps, batteries and winding boxes, Triple Crown has a large amount of battery

operated and wind up pocket watches. For more information, stop by Triple Crown at 1940 E. Maple (15 Mile) just west of John R., visit www.triplecrownwatchcompany.com or give them a call at 248-585-2777. They will make sure you stay on time in 2012!

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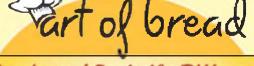
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Tyler Gardiner takes the puck up the ice for the Northville Mustangs as they took on and defeated the Novi Wildcats, 3-1.

Mustang hockey splits week

Ryan Bloom scores hat trick against Wildcats

By Sam Eggleston Correspondent

You can't win them all, especially when you're down three key players and taking on the defending state champs.

The Northville Mustangs hockey team, coached by Clint Robert, tacked on a big win this week with a victory over the perennial rival Novi, 3-1. They didn't have the same results against Brighton, the defending DI state champs, however, and fell,

Against Novi, the two squads proved to be evenly matched in the first period of play as neither was able to find the back of the net and skated to a 0-0 tie.

The changed in the second stanza when the Wildcats scored the first goal of the contest at the 5:20 mark. That lead didn't last long, however, as just over a minute lat-



Northville's Buddy DeBrabander takes a shot against Novi earlier this week. The Mustangs earned a 3-1 win in the contest.

er the Mustangs tallied their own score off a shot by Ryan Bloom that found the back of the net on a power play. Assists were credited to Alex Shuart and Tyler Gardiner.

Bloom must have decided that a 1-1 game wasn't good enough as he tacked on two more goals in the third period to earn himself a hat trick and seal the victory against Novi. His second goal of the night came at 6:32 in the final period with Gardiner earning the assist for the 2-1 lead. The final goal came against an empty net as

ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs hockey team will be back on the ice when they host Livonia Churchill tomorrow

the posts for the 3-1 lead and the victory.

Earning the win in goal was Jake Pawlowski, who stopped 22 shots on the night.

Northville's 3-0 loss against Brighton came when the team was down three top players, including two team captains.

The Bulldogs scored their first goal less than a minute into the game on a power play before adding another just at the end of a power play in the second period. The third goal came on an empty net to seal the game.

Pawlowski took the loss,

Bloom snagged the puck and stopping 37-of-39 shots he fired it, unassisted, between faced on the night.

Squad falls to Walled Lake Central, Plymouth

Mustangs take two losses



Correspondent

There are few things worse to a high school basketball player than losing two games in one week, especially when one of the losses is a bit lopsided and the other is by one lit-

The Northville Mustangs boys basketball team felt the sting of both types of losses last week as they took a thumping from Walled Lake Central, 59-44, before losing to Plymouth in a close contest, 54-53, in overtime.

"Central really exposed us tonight," said Northville coach Todd Sander. "They shot it very well and did a nice job of using their speed to attack the rim. We got behind, and then got a little bit out of sync."

Northville came out in the contest and found itself trailing by just

ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs boys basketball team will be back on the court when they play Dec. 28 in the Northville Holiday Invitational.

three points by the end of the first stanza, 11-8, in what appeared to be the beginning of a close game. Unfortunately, the Vikings took advantage of every opportunity in the second quarter, hitting all cylinders for a 21-point performance while Northville struggled to put seven on the board and trailed by 17 heading into the locker room, 32-15.

Northville came out in the second half looking to cut into the Walled Lake Central lead and they put up 20 points in the third while the Vikings

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Northville's Dunne runs to Player of Year honors

By Sam Eggleston Correspondent

When it comes to cross country, our coverage area is quite blessed with talent each and every year. It came as no surprise to us that 2012 proved to be no different, with some of the state's top runners competing on a weekly basis right here at the schools that we cover for our sports sections.

The surprise this year, however, was the way injured runners were able to come back and compete at a high level despite missing so much practice and prep time throughout the regular season. Two of our firstteam runners were injured at critical junctions this season and both of them came back to put up some competitive numbers to end their season in style.

This year the hardest part of our job wasn't picking out the top runners to take first- and second-team honors, but instead was deciding which runner was the area's best. Every harrier in the top seven was considered and after much deliberation and comparison, Northville's Erin Dunne earned the nod.

While Dunne, a senior, didn't bring the fastest time of the season to the table (she ran an 18:41 while fellow Mustang Taleen Shahrigian ran an 18:20 on the season), but she competed at the most consistent level from the start of the season to the end of the season and turned in the overall best finish and time in the MHSAA Division I state finals with a 44thplace in 18:45, leading her team to a fifth-place finish against the absolute best-of-the-best in Michigan. "Erin had an amazing senior season and her best times in the past three years," said Northville coach Nancy Smith. "I will definitely miss her crazy personality that keeps me on

"She is a great runner that does not realize what potential she has to continue at the next level."

Dunne finished the season with All-Conference and All-Region honors and several top-10 finishes at invitational tournaments. She also raced in the MidEast Cross Country Championships as the area's only

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GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY ALL-AREA

Player of the year Erin Dunne (Northville Sr.) First team

Rachel Coleman (Northville Jr.) Jackie Mullins (Novi Sr.) Taleen Shahrigian (Northville Jr.) Rachel Barrett (Milford Jr.) Alyssa Byndas (Milford Jr.) Alison Robinson (Northville Jr.)

Second team Hannah Lonergan (Novi Soph.) Lina Erlingis (Milford Jr.) Madison Paquette (Milford Soph.) Miranda Reinhart (Lakeland Fr.) Meghan Burke (South Lyon Jr.) Erin Zimmer (Northville Jr.) Jessica LaVoie (South Lyon East

Soph.) Nicole Mosteller (Northville Jr.)

Honorable mention Milford: Eve Hemingway and Gabbi **Bvndas**

Lakeland: Nicole Clover South Lyon: Katie Beaber Northville: Emma Herrmann and Hailey Harris



CHRISTINE HENZI

Dan Sims makes a move to the lane in a one-point loss to the Plymouth Wildcats.



ALL-AREA

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representative and one of just 12 Michigan girls harriers to race in the event. Dunne also competed in the MHSAA state finals all four years of her career with North-

First team **Rachel Coieman** (Northville Jr.)

If any harrier made the decision for Player of the Year the most difficult, it was Coleman. The Northville junior turned in impressive times throughout the season, even winning the KLAA individual title as the conference's top runner in the championship event. Coleman proved that consistency and dedication pays off in the end, turning in the second-best time of any area runner this season with an 18:29 and a top-10 finish at every invitational she ran in.

"Rachel really developed as a runner this year and went after each race and workout," said Smith. "She is a fierce competitor and a hard worker. Rachel is a pleasure to coach. Just watching her reach the next level was exciting.'

Jackie Mullins (Novi Sr.)

When it comes to leadership, it's hard to pass up a runner like Mullins when selecting an All-Area team. Not only is she talented, running an 18:54 at the state finals to take 54th place as one of the area's top finishers. In addition, she's been a two-time captain of her Novi squad.

"(Jackie is) continuously the number one runner on the team," said her coach, Marsha Reid.

Mullins finished the season with All-Conference and All-Region honors and this year marked



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Northville's Erin Dunne is the girls cross country All-Area Runner of the Year.

her third trip to the MHSAA state finals. Taieen Shahrigian

(Northville Jr.)

Shahrigian was a handsdown favorite to earn several individual titles this year — even running the area's best time with an 18:20 — until an injury hampered her at the midseason point and left her on the sidelines with a driving desire to get back into the races for North-

When she was cleared, Shahrigian got right back to work, finishing 56th in the state finals and making a point to showcase that she intends on being a contender in her senior

"Taleen is so driven and determined. Even when she was injured after the conference meet, she wanted to train," said Smith. "She is an awesome athlete and a joy to coach."

Prior to her injury, Shahrigian won the Jackson and South Lyon invitationals, took 17th in the MSU invite and won

every dual meet she ran in. She is also the school's current record holder.

Rachei Barrett (Miiford Jr.)

It's always difficult when a premier athlete gets injured, but it's extremely uplifting when that athlete recovers in time to come back and help their team at the end of the season.

That was the case for Barrett, who started her junior season off with a bang and ended up turning in a season-best time of 18:38 before suffering an ankle injury midway through the season. Once she was cleared to run again, however. Barrett came back with a vengeance, running an 19:51 in the regional to help her team earn a berth to the state finals. There, she finished in 93rd place to help her team to a 19thplace finish.

"Rachel was our leader on and off the course," said Milford coach Brian Salyers. "We are very much looking forward to getting back to full strength and showing what she is capable of doing."

Aiyssa Byndas (Miiford Jr.)

In our opinion, it's the competitive nature of an athlete that can really make the difference between earning a place on the first team or the second team in the All-Area voting. For Byndas, it put her on the first team thanks to her showing in the state finals by far the biggest race of anyone's high school career.

"Alyssa had an outstanding season that included medal winning performances at the county, conference and regional," said Salyers. "Her sub-20 performance at the Oakland County meet (19:58) was one of our best performances of the year. Alyssa is fueled

by a strong work ethic and burning desire to run faster."

And faster she did. Her PR of 19:20 came at the regional, helping her team to the state finals where she finished in 19:25 for 107th place. She also took 16th in the Lakes Conference and 22nd at the Oakland County event.

Aiison Robinson (Northville Jr.)

Northville's racing strategy is a simple one — pack together and cross the line in as tight of a group as possible for the most points at one time. The faster runners tend to pull the slower runners along with them and, in the end, everyone is a winner.

One of the top packing runners in the area this year was Robinson, who bought into the mentality and was more than happy to help her team in any way that she could, which landed her All-Conference honors this year as well as a top-15 finish in every invitational she ran in this year. Additionally, she turned in a season-best time of 19:02 to showcase her speed in 2012.

"Alison continued to get better this year and ran to a career-best time at the state finals," said Smith. Alison is motivated and determined to get better each race."

At the finals, Robinson's season-best time earned her 70th overall and helped her team to a fifth-place finish in the Division I race.

Second team **Hannah Lonergan** (Novi Soph.)

The future is bright in Novi with Lonergan in the line-up. The sophomore turned in some very competitive performances this season, but none were as gritty as her showing in the KLAA championships when she turned in her seasonbest time of 19:40. Lonergan also took fourth overall in the annual Lakeland Freshman and Sophomore invitational.

Lina Eriingis (Miiford Jr.)

Turning in your best performance in the most competitive meet of the season is always noteworthy, and Erlingis did just that for the Mavericks when she posted a personal-record at the state finals with a 19:25 to take 109th overall. It was a follow-up to a solid 17thplace finish in the regional tournament in which she ran a 19:30. Erlingis had to fight her way through a minor injury in the middle of the season, but she earned All-Conference honors with a 20th-place finish after recovering.

Madison Paquette

(Miiford Soph.) Being young and talented is never a bad thing, and Paquette is both. The Milford sophomore turned in a personalbest time of 19:15 at the regional tournament this season, earning herself a medal for her efforts. Additionally, she medaled in the Lakes Conference with an 11th-place finish and was one of the consistent leaders on the Milford squad this year.

Miranda Reinhart (Lakeiand Fr.)

When it comes to cross country at Lakeland, there is a deep tradition of quality, competitiveness and an eagerness to improve week in and week out. Reinhart has all of those qualities, making her the perfect representative for the Eagles. The freshman harrier turned in a season-best time of 19:55 twice this year, including the regional, and finished eighth in the Lakes Conference championships.

Meghan Burke (South Lyon Jr.)

Burke is the kind of

runner you can depend on when building a team. She's consistent, reliable and competitive. This season, Burke turned in a 19:47 as the best time of the year, earning herself the distinction of South Lyon's top runner in 2012 and a true leader on the cross country course. She also earned an individual win at an invitational tournament this year.

Erin Zimmer (Northville Jr.)

Zimmer turned in a 19:06 as her best performance of the year and was an All-Conference runner and on most teams would have likely been either the best runner or competing for that title. Zimmer turned in a top-20 performance at every single invitational she ran in this year, and finished the year with her best time at the state finals, where she finished 81st overall.

Jessica LaVoie (South Lyon East Soph.)

If the Cougars of South Lyon East were looking for a runner to step up and take the lead on their squad this year, they never had to look anywhere but at LaVoie. The sophomore was quick to step up for her team, turning in competitive times across the board while leading the Cougars stride for stride.

Nicoie Mosteiier (Northville Jr.)

Mosteller knows what it takes to be a competitive runner in the KLAA and it starts with hard work and dedication. This year she gave both each and every time she ran, including simple workouts, and it paid off as she fought her way back into the top seven for Northville's squad and ended up turning in a 19:11 as her season-best time. Mosteller earned All-Conference honors this year and finished 90th overall at the state finals with her best time of the year.









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Mustangs 13th in highly-competitive **Wayne County Championship meet**

Squad also takes win over Farmington, tough loss to North Farmington

> **By Sam Eggleston** Correspondent

It's always important to look at the silver lining even in the darkest of clouds, and when it comes to the Northville Mustangs wrestling team there are definitely a lot of silver linings to be found.

The team, coached by Robert Boshoven and assistant Adam Coe, took a 43-23 loss against the Farmington Falcons last week in dual meet action but was able to earn a 57-20 victory over North Farmington. Additionally, they traveled to Dearborn Heights to compete in the Wayne County Invitational tournament and walked away with a hardfought 13th place.

Against North Farmington and Farmington, the Mustangs were missing



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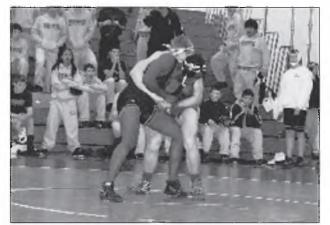
Northville senior David Borthwick at the Wayne County meet.

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The Northville Mustangs wrestling team will be back on the mat when they compete Dec. 22 at Pinckney for an invitational tournament.

several key starters. The loss, however, did not prevent Northville from having many gutsy performances.

"A couple of our guys had some real nice efforts," said Coe. "Phil Kamm and Trevor Lerner both shut out their Falcon opponent en route to their



Northville sophomore Matt Cylla goes up against a Farmington opponent.

victory by major decision. Freshman Joey Nel-

son also shut out his opponent with a 7-0 victory.'



Alex Coe, a Northville senior, at the Wayne County meet.

Against the Raiders of North Farmington, the Mustangs turned the tide and earned a 57-20 victory, winning 10 of the 14 matches.

Double winners on the night were Lerner (112 pounds), Nelson (119), Sean Wagner (140), Alex Coe (152) and Matt Cylla (171).

"The team still looks young, but is making progress each match," said Coe.

In the Wayne County tourney, Northville finished 13th out of a field of

26 teams. The highlight of the day was the performance of Alex Coe, who brought home a medal against a very tough lineup of competitors.

"Our young team saw some top talent from all across Wayne County, and won quite a few hard-fought battles but couldn't manage to get into the medal round," said Coe, who added that the season was still young. "It is not where you are in December, but where you are in Febru-

ary when it counts."

Shamrocks dominate Davison

One-sided win was unexpected surprise

By Sam Eggleston Correspondent

A quick glance at the schedule in the beginning of the season and there was no doubt many Detroit Catholic Central and high school wrestling fans were circling Dec. 14 as a mustsee date.

The reason was simple - Davison was coming to compete against the Shamrocks in the annual assembly meet. It was expected to be a showdown and a tightly contested dual meet.

What is ended up being was a one-sided victory for the Shamrocks, who dominated Davison at home, 44-23, in front of the packed stands of

their student body. The Shamrocks, ranked No. 1 in Division I. defeated No. 2 Davison Cardinals last Friday afternoon despite losing the first match of the day, 2-1, when Mike Babicz fell in the 152pound weight class. But the day quickly became that of the Shamrocks as they went on to win four of the follow-

ON TAP

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks wrestling team will hit the mat again when they wrestle in the Oakland County Tournament tomorrow and Saturday.

ing five weight classes and continued to showcase their ability to win tough matches to earn the victory.

Five of the Shamrocks' nine victories on the day came via pin — a very surprising number against a quality team like Davison. Logan Marcicki (160 pounds) pinned defending state champion Jordan Cooks while Drew Garcia, a defending state champ for Catholic Central at 171 pounds, earned a pin over Gabe Stuart. Bob Coe (285) pinned Dakota

Powers and Jay Peterson (215) pinned Trevor Thomas, while Myles Amine (130) pinned Andrew Garten.

Also earning wins for the Shamrocks were Nicke Giese (189), Zack Prater (112), Ken Bade (135) and Malik Amine

Catholic Central is now 8-0 on the season while Davison fell to 1-1

on the year. The Shamrocks also earned wins over Rockford, 66-10, last week and over No. 5-ranked Rochester, 62-9.

VARSITY SPORTS SCHEDULES

Northville

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scored just 10 for a 42-35 contest. Unfortunately, the Mustangs had to do so without a key player, as Alec Lasley went down with an injury just 20 seconds into the second half of play and did not return to the floor.

The fourth quarter proved to be Northville's undoing as they were outscored 17-9 to end the game.

"I was proud of our effort during the second half; we played some inspired basketball, but we need to sustain that effort for 32 minutes," said Sander.

Stuart Henzi led the team with 21 points while Andrew Meacham added 16 in the losing effort.

Against Plymouth, the contest was much more even and much more entertaining to Northville fans. The game proved to be a back-and-forth affair with the teams exchanging leads throughout the contest until the game was pushed into overtime

"We did a really nice job getting into overtime," noted Sander.

The Mustangs were trailing the Wildcats by four points with about 3:30 left in the contest. The Mustangs' interior players kept attacking the glass, however, helping keep the Northville cagers on the offensive.

"Meacham was really good on the offensive glass tonight," said Sand-

Jake Hansen made two big plays at the end of regulation to give his team the momentum to push the game into the extra stanza. He forced a jump ball with about 25 seconds, giving his team the ball back, and then scored a lay-up with 10 seconds left to tie the game. Dan Sims kept the



CHRISTINE HENZI

Jake Hansen takes the ball to the hoop for an easy layup against the Plymouth Wildcats at home last week.

Wildcats from sealing the game at the buzzer with a nice deflection on their last shot.

Northville's overtime game didn't go as they would have liked, being outscored, 8-7, to lose the game, but Sander said there were several bright spots, including the rebounding of Meacham and the solid shooting of Henzi.

Plymouth regained the lead on a free throw opportunity, hitting one of their two shots, to take the lead with just seconds remaining and Hansen's last-ditch effort just missed the mark.

Both teams real-

ly fought tonight," said Sander. "I was proud of the effort from all of our players, but we just need to execute better to start getting rewarded."

Northville was led by Meacham, who had 24 points, while Henzi added 13 and Hansen chipped in seven.

Catholic Central stays undefeated

Basketball team defeats Lincoln Park

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

When the Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks climbed out to a 10-8 lead in the first quarter of their contest against Lincoln Park last week, they took the first step in the right direction toward

victory.
The squad, coached by Bill Dyer, maintained a lead throughout the contest as they handed Lincoln Park their first loss of the season, 68-55.

The Shamrocks took a 10-8 lead by the end of the first stanza and increased their advantage to 28-24 by the time they headed into the locker room, but the big difference came in the third quarter when they continued to increase their lead. The squad came out to start the second half with quite a bit of intensity, outscoring their foes, 16-10, to increase their lead to 44-34 and didn't look back. Their 24 points in the fourth quarter just added icing to the cake as they held Lincoln Park to

ON TAP

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks will be back on the hardwood floor when they take on Ypsilanti Lincoln at Romulus Saturday before playing Detroit Cody at Detroit Country Day on Dec. 26.

21 points.

Leading the way for the Shamrocks was Mitch Katkick, who poured in 20 points to lead all scorers. Garrett Moores hit for 13 to help the Shamrocks to victory while Austin Beyer added 11. The Shamrocks went 17-for-23 from

the free-throw line.
"Austin played a great floor game, and we got scoring from eight out of 11 players," noted Dyer.

Leading Lincoln Park was Joe Decoster, who scored 11. His squad made just over half their free throws, scoring 16for-30.

Catholic Central is now 2-0 on the season and Lincoln Park suffered their first loss for a 2-1 record.

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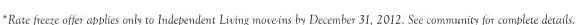
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Girls hoops team earns two wins

Squad edges Plymouth, simply dominates Walled Lake Central

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

Talk about the tale of two different games. The Northville Mustangs girls' basketball team had themselves a classic KLAA close-game showdown last week and also the domination of a truly one-sided victory.

The squad, coached by Todd Gudith, earned a 42-40 victory over the Plymouth Wildcats to stay undefeated on the season after crushing the Walled Lake Central Vikings, 51-17 just two days prior

17, just two days prior. The Plymouth game came down to the steady hands of Brittany Berehulka, who fired a threepoint shot off a pass from Megan Buckingham with just seconds remaining in the 40-40 game. The shot missed it's mark, but Berehulka followed it in, going for the rebound and the put back and was fouled in the process.

Berehulka sank both free-throw attempts, giving her squad the 42-40 victory.

The Mustangs found themselves trailing right out of the starting gate of

ON TAP

The Northville girls basketball team will be back in action when they play Dec. 28 in the Northville Holiday Invitational.

the contest, 15-10, as the end of the first quarter sounded. Having a heavy hand in the Wildcats' lead was Plymouth sharpshooter Kylie Robb, who hit three three-point field goals in the first stanza.

The Mustangs didn't score their first points of the game until they trailed 8-0 in the contest. However, the squad's scrappy style of play came through as they ended the first quarter trailing by just five points. In the second quarter, Northville found themselves falling behind even worse, 21-10, behind the strong shooting of the Wildcats. But the Mustangs came back to take the lead, 26-24, thanks to some increased pressure and a change of pace.

"We're really proud of the way our girls came back in the first half," said Gudith. "We didn't shot the ball very well so we had no choice but to rely on our defense to win us this game. Our first two games of the season were not very competitive so to play a team that challenged us like Plymouth did was a good test for us."

Northville continued to pressure the Wildcats in the third quarter but couldn't take an absolute lead in the continual back-and-forth contest as Plymouth managed to outscore the Mustangs, 10-6, in the third stanza to regain the lead, 34-32.

But the Mustangs would not be denied and came back in the fourth as they followed senior Kendra Brenner's three baskets to regain the lead. The defense was the star of the quarter, however, holding Plymouth scoreless until there were fewer than three minutes remaining in the contest.

A three pointer by the Wildcats cut Northville lead in half and a free throw and a basket by Plymouth knotted the game up, 40-40, with just 12 seconds left to play.

Brenner led her squad with 14 points in the winning effort while Heather Randall added 10.

Against Walled Lake Central, the Mustangs jumped out to a 21-2 lead in the first quarter and didn't bother to look back as nine of the team's 10 players put up points in the 51-17 whipping.

Northville sank four three pointers in the first quarter to help open up the game and then extended their lead to 28-4 by the half.

"Sometimes games like these are harder to play because it's not very competitive and players tend to not have their head in the game and things get sloppy, but we challenged our girls to go out and dominate from the get go and they did just that," said Gudith. "We came out shooting the ball well and did a nice job defensively. We are getting contributions from everyone right now and that's a good sign as we more forward. We're going to need everyone to play a role if we want to be successful."

The mustangs were led by Brenner's 11 points while Randall added 10 and Berehulka scored nine.

Northville is currently 3-0 on the season.



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Shamrock Charlie Green crashes the Trenton net during Catholic Central's Dec. 12 game against Trenton.

Two more big wins for the Shamrocks

By Sam Eggleston

Correspondent

It's definitely a sign of a strong Detroit Catholic Central hockey team when they skate away with a combined 11-1 showing against two teams over two games. It's even more telling, however, when one of those teams is Trenton.

The Shamrocks hockey team, coached by Todd Johnson, earned an incredible 8-0 victory over rival Trenton last week before collecting a 3-1 victory over Orchard Lake St. Mary's.

Against Trenton, the Shamrocks followed the lead of Derek Moore as he shutout their foes from his goalie position.

Detroit Catholic Central took a 1-0 lead off a shot from junior Matthew Sorisho, assisted by Mike Babcock and Carson Gatt, and it proved to be the game-winning goal despite the piling on that soon followed.

Brady Jones tacked on a goal of his own to make ON TAP

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks hockey team will be back on the ice when they host University of Detroit Jesuit High School at 2:30 p.m.

it a 2-0 game, assisted by Max Wanko and Nick Daigneau, before Bobbie Carey increased the lead, 3-0, on an unassisted, short-handed goal just minutes later.

The scoring continued as Babcock, Andrew Kinney (2), Wanko and Charlie Green each added a tally of their own in the lopsided victory.

Against St. Mary's, the Catholic Central squad had a little bit more of a challenge on their hands, though it didn't slow them down too much. Sorisho opened the scoring with an assist from Carter Cerretani and Luke Turner before Tuner added a goal of his own to secure the victory with Babcock and Green earning the assists.

Northville's gymnastics team loses close match

By Sam Eggleston

Correspondent

In a performance that showed just how much the Northville Mustangs gymnastics team has grown in the course of a single week, the squad coached by Erin McWatt was just four points away from earning their first victory of the season.

Unfortunately for the Mustangs, however, it

ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs gymnastics team will be back in action when they take to the road to visit Lakeland/ Milford tomorrow at 6:30 p.m.

was Livonia Red that escaped with the win, 135.625-131.575.

135.625-131.575. "We were much improved form the first meet," said McWatt. "Our co-captain, Erin Warwood, was back in the lineup after missing the first meet due to illness, and she made a huge difference in our team total."

Also having an impact on the final total was sophomore Lauren Rodriguez, a former club gymnast who added a 9.05 with her performance on the vault and a 9.1 on the bars — the highest score of the night by any competitor in any event.

"Lauren is very talented and her clean lines are pretty exquisite," said McWatt.

Also putting up nice points was Alyssa Breen, who scored an 8.5 on the vault while Gerianna Dauber had an 8.25 on the beam and Taylor Dempsey added an 8.35 with her floor routine.



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OAKLAND COUNTY BUSINESS WORKSHOPS

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

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

Advanced Legal Series

Creating Beneficial Relationships with Customers, Contractors and Suppliers Jan. 8, 9 a.m. to noon

This workshop analyzes the legal and "practical" aspects of creating mutually beneficial relationships with customers, suppliers and other third parties. Participants will learn how to minimize their potential liability when selling products or services or working with others, how to establish affective payment terms, how to reduce "foreseeable risk and potential loss", how handle most delays, cancellations and all other foreseeable objections and how to resolve potential conflicts and disputes. This workshop is well suited for new and existing businesses that already serve, or are ready to serve, customers or engage contractors and other third parties. Fee: \$40

CEED Microloan Orientation

Jan. 9, 9-11 a.m.

Discover the requirements and process necessary to apply and obtain a microloan. Many small businesses face obstacles when trying to obtain a business loan. The recognition of the serious need for working capital for existing businesses, start-up or expansion, equipment purchases, and job creation is not the priority it once was. If you have a need for alternative financing consider the Microloan Program. This workshop is free, but pre-registration is

Business Research: Feasibility to Expansion

Jan. 9, 9 a.m. to noon

Many people are

wrongly rejected when

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would receive disability

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Jennifer Alfonsi have 42 years

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Thinking of starting a business and want to research your business idea? Are you a business owner who wants to benchmark your profit margin and oth-

er measures against similar size businesses? Do you want to identify market trends and opportunities to grow your sales? Are you looking for new customers or to diversify your market base? Business Research shows you ways to find your ideal customers, your competitors, perform competitive analysis and more. Presented by Oakland County Market Research and an Oakland County Public Library business reference librarian. This workshop is free, but pre-registration is required.

Fundamentals of Writing a Business Plan

Jan. 16, 9 a.m. to noon

A business plan is a document that serves your needs and the needs of others (investors, bankers, etc.) who may require information from you about your business. Workshop participants will learn what elements are commonly found in effective plans and will work on developing each of these for their own business. Assistance in the process as well as information on resources will be provided. Fee: \$40

Legal and Financial Basics for Small Business

Jan. 29, 9 a.m. to noon

Legal & Financial Basics outlines the key legal considerations for entrepreneurs operating Michigan businesses. Learn how to select the best legal entity given your management structure, potential liability and tax consequences; safeguard your proprietary interests while serving customers, and working with suppliers and contractors; and establish short and long term succession plans. This workshop is free, but pre-registration is required.

Future workshops

Feb. 6: Fundamentals of Marketing Your Business

Feb. 7: Business Research: Feasibility to Expansion

Feb. 13: CEED Microloan Orientation Feb. 14: Team SBA Financing Round-

Feb. 20: Fundamentals of Starting a Business

Feb. 27: Women's Business Certification Orientation

subject and has been

television programs.

Both attorney Bieske and Alfonsi have also

been interviewed on

Attorneys Bieske and Alfonsi

offer free phone or office con-

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fee is a percentage of retroactive

Bieske and Alfonsi represent

clients from all over the state of

Michigan. Their Livonia office

is on Six Mile Road just west of

I-275. Their Novi office is located

on Haggerty Road just north of

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given speeches to many

interviewed on various

Feb. 27: Fundamentals of Writing a **Business Plan**

SOCIAL SECURITY

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And, if an appeal is necessary

cases before a court date is

even set.

they have won several hundred

Those denied can appeal on

their own but statistics for many

sented by attorneys win a much

years reveal that those repre-

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



PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Acupuncturist Michael Clark recently opened an office of Harmonized Health at 420 N. Center in Northville. Clark studied acupuncture and Chinese herbs at the Pacific College of Oriental Medicine.

To the point

Northville native returns to town to open acupuncture practice

By Juile Brown Staff Writer

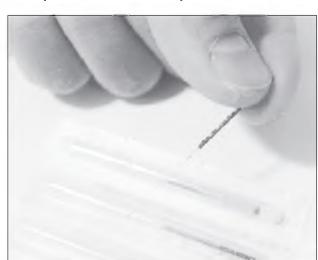
Michael Clark, 27, grew up in Northville, graduating from Northville High School in 2004. He's come back to town to open Harmonized Health at 420 N. Center Street in downtown Northville, specializing in acupuncture and Chinese herbs.

Clark went to the Pacific College of Oriental Medicine in Chicago for a four-year master's degree. He studied Chinese medicine, philosophy, herbs, and a little Western medicine, such as anatomy and physiology, and pharmacology, to help in communicating with health professionals.

The 2012 master's graduate is starting his first business venture here. It opened in early December.

Hours are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, and Saturday by appointment. It's recommended you call ahead for an appointment at any

"It's me that's running the show," Clark said of his one-man operation. He's been pleased with



Michael Clark uses very-fine gauge needles for his acupuncture treatments.

HARMONIZED HEALTH

Owner: Michael Clark Address: 420 N. Center Street, Northville **Speciaity:** Acupuncture and Chinese herbs Phone/website: (248) 636-2156; www.harmonized-

response to date.

health.net

"Acupuncture is known really well," he said. "It helps with pain and also smoking cessation."

In school, he studied its many uses. It can treat fertility issues, gynecological problems, headaches and digestive ailments, among many others.

"I thought I would come

home and bring back something unique," said Clark, who still has family in Northville and lives in the city. "Everybody's been very friendly."

He praised city cooperation and businesses that have helped with display of fliers and cards.

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TREAT YOURSELF TO AN EARLY HOLIDAY

NORTHVILLE CHAMBER CHAT

New chamber members

The Northville Chamber of Commerce recently signed up some new members. They are:

• Institute for Multi-Sensory Education, 19720 Gerald Avenue, Northville. For more information, call (800) 646-9788 or visit www.orton-gillingham.

• Mark's Outdoor Power Equipment, 16959 Northville Road, Northville. For more information, call (248) 349-3860 or

visit www.marksoutdoor.com. Margie Avery, home-based book

keeping business in Northville. For more information, call (248) 344-1822 or email mataylor@me.com.

• Send Out Cards, 8454 Cascade, Commerce. For more information, call (248) 339-9191 or visit www.sendoutcards.biz/ cardsandmore

• Mitchell's Fish Market, 17600 Haggerty Road, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 464-3663 or visit www. mitchellsfishmarket.com.

• Girvan Brothers Paint & Wallcovering, 46930 S. Chigwidden, Northville. For more information, call (248) 349-

• Fleming's Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar, 17400 Haggerty Road, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 542-9463 or $visit\ www.flemingssteakhouse.com.$

• Telemus Capital, 110 Miller Road, Suite 300, Ann Arbor. For more information, call (734) 662-1200 or visit www.telemuscapital.com.

• Blue Sky Transformations, 580 Forest Ave Suite 2B, Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 582-3342 or visit www.blueskytransformations.com.

For more information about the Northville Chamber of Commerce, call (248) 349-7640 or visit www.northville.org.

Plymouth Realtor fights good fight against diabetes, raises awareness

By Julie Brown **O&E Staff Writer**

Tony Schippa, a Realtor with Coldwell Banker Preferred, Plymouth, has pretty much controlled his diabetes.

Schippa, 47, a Plymouth resident hasn't cured the disease for all but has controlled his own Type II diabetes.

Schippa came down with what he thought was a cold in December 2011. "I thought it was just a typical cold," he recalled. "I wasn't getting any better.'

His wife had lost her job and the family health insurance, but Tony saw the doctor and had blood work done. "He said, 'Congratulations and welcome to the club.' It was a rough time. I took it seri-

Schippa rode last year in a benefit for the American Diabetes Association on Team Red, and this year has set a goal of \$5,0000 for himself on Team Schippa. This year's ADA benefit will be June 15 at Brighton High School, and is known as the Tour deCure, with other related events elsewhere in the country.

The American Diabetes Association has an office in Southfield which coordinates the local ben-

"It inspired me so I've got my own team together. We're going to be doing a lot of fundraising between now and June."

Within the year, Schippa has dropped 53 pounds through good food habits and exercise.

"I wanted to get off the medicine. That was my goal." It wasn't insulin, but he didn't like the side

"I still monitor my blood sugar twice a day." He's no longer tak-ing medication.

We'll see what happens when I go back in for my blood work."

He usually walks around Plymouth in the evenings. "If I can't get out and ride, I'll walk." One night, his blood sugar had dropped down

With Team Schippa, he will do a 100-mile leg with a friend.



Realtor Tony Schippa of Plymouth, a diabetic, is proud to be raising money for the American Diabetes As-

He and friends will probably do other rides, as they did for a friend's mom with Alzheimer's.

For the Tour deCure, the goal is to have 354 participants by the end of this year.

In 2009, the event had 910 riders on 115 teams. For 2011, there were 1,025 riders with 128 teams, and in 2012, 1,057 riders on 130

"I do it just to give back. I've had a lot of people help me through this," Schippa said. Close friends, especially one who's a massage therapist, have been a

"When I bike ride around town I wear my Diabetes shirt." It's a big silent killer of his generation, he noted.

"If I can help one person, that's

One friend said you need to control disease. "And I decided to control it. I feel great. It's a completely different change. I'm eating healthier. I'm starting to involve myself with people who have it.'

Some people didn't know he was

diabetic. Schippa knows people who've died or had amputations as a result of diabetes. "I was in the early days of denial, it can't happen to me."

Diabetics can't just take medicine, he said, they also have to eat

He'll be starting to give Jan. 1 10 percent of his real estate commissions for those who sign exclusively to the ADA. Visit http:// main.diabetes.org/goto/tonyschippa and www.adiabeticstory.com for more information.

Schippa's finishing up his term as president of the Greater Metropolitan Association of Realtors, formed through the merger of the Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors and the Metropolitan Consolidated Association of Realtors. It's been good to take in new members in merger, he said.

"We're going great. If you don't set high goals to reach, you don't get anywhere."

When he asked people for charitable donations, he heard times are tough. "We have to deal with

\$362,000

those issues as Realtors every day. It's basically lead by exam-

Schippa's wife and son have been with him on the journey.

"She's proud of me. She's starting to get healthier." Their son, 14, isn't overweight but learning good health habits.

Teaching that younger generation is what's key," Tony Schip-

He grew up in the country and was active, noting fewer young people are physically active now.

'I can't remember the last time I had a pop." He uses apps to monitor food he eats.

He still gets out a few times a week for shorter rides.

"You do go at your own pace" for the benefit. "It's just a matter of going." His wife and son will do the 10-mile, he said, adding he made his own pace last year on the 25-mile.

"I was just hustling to see how quickly I could go." On his mountain bike, he averages about 13 miles an hour, and will work on speed.

\$46,000

Limit committee authority

By Robert Meisner **Guest Columnist**

Q: I am the president of the association and I want to form some committees. Is there anything specific that I should

A: Generally speaking, a committee can exercise all power delegated to it, including powers otherwise belonging to the Board of Directors. There is not a general presumption that the committee will merely be advisory, so if that is how



the board wants the committee to function, a board resolution needs to say so. Bylaws often contain provisions

that either establish procedures to be followed by committees in the absence of other guidance or incorporate by reference some of the procedural provisions that are applicable to the board itself and make those applicable to committees. However, I generally recommend to our association clients that the committee decisions merely be advisory and that the Board of Directors always retain the right to make the final decision. The scope of the board's powers should be spelled out in the resolution establishing the committee as well as the parameters under which the committee is to operate.

Q: I am on a board that is dealing with a disgruntled condominium unit owner who believes that the association has somehow committed fraud on the books, which is not true, and regularly distributes unsigned letters slipped under doormats asking for donations lawsuit against the association. He is also spreading unfounded fear about the condition of the buildings and other conspiracy theories. He also meets regularly with those who will talk about his concerns and threatens to hold a press conference.

A: You cannot bar an owner from complaining about or criticizing the board or the association, regardless of whether the criticism is unjustified. In terms of potential defamation, because he is a member of the association, he may have qualified immunity. Threatening him may only feed his suspicions and probably cause an increase in his attacks unless the association is willing to go to court. The association cannot prevent other homeowners from meeting with him or organizing to oppose or question the association and board policies and practices. The way to respond is to communicate with all members in writing, particularly in response to his written complaints to them, setting forth the facts and informing the members that they inspect the books themselves, etc. You may even wish to call a membership meeting to enable all members, including the dissidents, to ask questions and obtain answers, possibly with the association's attorney, accountant and any other staff necessary to deal with these complaints.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and author, of Condominlum 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, \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping/ handling. Call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@ meisner-law.com.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Sept. 10-14, 2012, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

\$160,000 \$140,000 \$171,000 \$185,000

\$91,000 \$287,000 \$181,000

\$65,000

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\$152,000 \$130,000

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CANTON	
7010 Ardsley Dr	•
748 Burlington Rd	
42148 Cherrylawn Ct	
7615 Corbin Dr	
4089 Cornerstone Dr	
44574 Danbury Rd	
2875 Doncaster Dr	
190 E Canford Park	
44700 Heather Ln	
1426 Herltage Dr	
42674 Keystone Ln	
7260 Kingsbridge Ct	
43609 Lancelot Dr	
43175 Londonderry Ct	
45358 Lothrop Rd	
1459 Morrison Blvd	
407 N Willard Rd	
1769 Orchard Dr	
42225 Saratoga Cir	
47000 Southgate Dr	
2852 Stanton St	
43357 Stonington Ct	
44260 Suffolk Ct	
6698 Whitehurst St	
GARDEN CITY	

	5824 Deering St
	420 E Rose Ave
	6901 Hubbard St
	33156 John Hauk St
	30550 Pierce St
	32146 Rosslyn Ave
	33411 Rosslyn Ave
	LIVONIA
	32911 Allen St
	15344 Bainbridge St
	18213 Brentwood St
	28617 Dover St
	9871 E Clements Cir
	20345 Ellen Dr
	36136 Fairway Dr
	11808 Farmington R
	14025 Hillcrest St
	19375 Ingram St
	18795 Lathers St
	35584 Leon St
	32931 Middleboro S
	33321 Myrna Ct
	18346 Myron St
	15130 Paderewski St
	31270 Pickford Ave
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	38808 Ross St
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	8963 W Deborah Ct
	29490 Westfield St

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19612 Aqueduct Ct	\$85,000
16055 Homestead Cir	\$290,000
17664 Lake Vlew Cir	\$300,000
19366 Malvern Ct	\$100,000
8700 Napier Rd	\$310,000
19694 Scenic Harbour Dr	\$239,000
19768 Scenic Harbour Dr	\$245,000
17676 Stonebrook Ct	\$540,000
PLYMOUTH	****
364 Ann Arbor Trail Ct	\$112,000
608 Ann St	\$245,000
11669 Aspen Dr	\$180,000
12584 Belton Ct	\$465,000
520 Byron St 13300 Hidden Creek Dr	\$190,000
43375 Judson Ave	\$210,000
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11824 Lorenz Way	\$385,000 \$178,000
9166 Mayflower Dr 697 N Harvey St	\$211,000
51077 Northview	\$210,000
417 Pacific St	\$207,000
49912 Pointe Xing	\$109,000
14496 Robinwood Dr	\$180,000
48040 Saint Andrews Sq	\$280,000
49141 Woodway Dr	\$305,000
REDFORD	4505,000
7687 Beaverland	\$33,000
9528 Brady	\$103,000
16754 Brady	\$50,000
19277 Brady	\$46,000
26540 Clarita	\$67,000
18504 Denby	\$15,000
17620 Fox	\$30,000
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16110 Kinioch	\$46,000
9224 Lucerne	\$75,000
18339 Macarthur	\$42,000
9348 Marion Cres	\$73,000
16035 Negaunee	\$50,000
11489 Rockland	\$65,000
11411 Royal Grand	\$49,000
13550 Royal Grand	\$68,000
19786 Seminole	\$34,000
27050 W Six Mile Rd	\$19,000
11365 Winston	\$41,000
19495 Woodworth	\$30,000
WESTLAND	
39197 Armstrong Ln	\$92,000
32246 Avondale St	\$50,000
2504 Bannister St	\$29,000
571 Darwin St	\$40,000
7600 Donna St	\$82,000
33514 Fernwood St	\$15,000
32984 Ford Rd	\$235,000
30644 Geraldine St	\$44,000
35750 Glen St	\$42,000
30517 Hiveley St	\$65,000
8737 Ingram St	\$103,000
8588 N Hubbard St	\$98,000
34347 Parkgrove Dr	\$153,000
265 S Byfield St	\$99,000
30759 Somerset St	\$43,000
34741 Somerset St	\$80,000
660 Superior Pkwy	\$55,000
8037 Tom Brown Dr	\$210,000
392 Westcott St	\$58,000
39089 Willow Creek Pkwy	\$153,000
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These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Aug. 27-31, 2012, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

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16170 Beverly Rd	\$178,000
15625 Birwood Ave	\$119,000
18160 Buckingham Ave	\$280,000
31065 Old Stage Rd	\$377,000
BINGHAM FARMS	• •
30845 Timberbrook Ln	\$280,000
BIRMINGHAM =	
410 Bennaville Ave	\$237,000
150 Bird Ave # 22	\$84,000
1744 Derby Rd	\$151,000
1222 Emmons Ave	\$505,000
1540 Fairway Dr 🕠	\$318,000
1362 Hazel St	\$182,000
1196 Lakeside Dr	\$1,225,000
421 Madison St	\$525,000
1380 Pierce St	\$334,000
411 S Old Woodward Av	/e Unit
\$420,000	
1158 Saxon Dr	\$265,000
1899 Shipman Blvd	\$155,000
450 Southfield Rd	\$515,000
111 Willits St # 304	\$525,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	4000 000
5154 Kellen Ln	\$230,000

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4517 Broughton Dr
172 E Hickory Grove Rd
2737 Hunters Way
4840 Wye Oak Rd
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1111 Ashover Dr
6600 Cathedral Dr
5383 Forest Way
4120 Golf Ridge Dr E
5641 Kingsmill Dr
1231 Northover Dr
2395 Rutherford Rd
3748 Thornbrier Way 4839 W Wickford
457 Whippers In Ct
1240 Whitmore Rd
5199 Woodlands Dr
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP
1851 Cheshire Ln
3594 Clark Cir
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Marketing your skills

Of course, identifying your skills is only half the battle. You also must successfully market them to interested companies if you are to eventually land a job. The key is to find out what skills prospective employers are looking for and ensure your resume and cover letter highlight these abilities.

Start by asking yourself what

type of firm you hope to work for: Is it large or small? A public or privately owned company? What industry is it in? What's the corporate culture like? Your answers can help you determine which of your many skills your ideal company may seek.

For example, if you'd like to work for a large firm and speak Mandarin, consider targeting multinational companies that may be looking to hire individuals with your language skills. If you are applying for a position within the advertising field, prospective employers may be intrigued to learn about the pop-culture blog you write.

You can gain an idea of the skills companies seek by looking at the job descriptions they post. For instance, a medical firm may be in need of administrative analysts to help prepare and analyze case reports. Although you have never held this specific role before, the knowledge of case report preparation you attained through volunteering for special projects with

other research firms may help you get the job. Conducting informational interviews and consulting specialized publications like Robert Half International's "Glossary of Job Descriptions for Accounting and Finance" also can help you align the skills on your resume and in your cover letter with those needed for the job.

One note of caution: Although it may be tempting to include all of your skills in your resu-

me and cover letter, throwing everything against the wall in hopes that something will stick is rarely an effective strategy. Hiring managers are only interested in one thing: whether, based on what they read, you deserve serious consideration as a candidate. Information that does not contribute to a positive response - such as your participation in a recent

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No matter how much or how little work experience you possess, you likely have a number of skills that will impress hiring managers. Before launching your next job search, take some time to uncover your hidden talents. Doing so will make you a more attractive candidate and increase your chance of employment success.

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Lincoln Motor Company brand revival finally kicks into high gear



By Dale Buss

making, but finally Ford has launched the reinvention of the Lincoln brand in earnest with the unveiling of a new advertising campaign that "introduces" a revived entity it's calling

It's been years in the

the Lincoln Motor Company.

Ford CEO Alan Mulally and other top executives announced the new campaign in (where else?) New York's Lincoln Center Plaza with supporting events on tap in Miami and Los Angeles as well.

"Today we are announcing a new beginning for a brand that has been part of our company and the American fabric for more than 90 years," Mulally said. "The new Lincoln brand will be defined by great new luxury vehicles, such as the new MKZ, that feature quality, unique style with substance and innovative technology. These elements, coupled with a new level of warm, personal and surprising experiences, will enable Lincoln to appeal to today's new luxury customer."

Jim Farley, Ford and Lincoln CMO, said that the way "for Lincoln to grow is to transform our conquest power," said Farley. "The fact of the matter is for us to grow, we have to take share away from someone else. When you look on the coast, our competitors are gaining automatic loyalty every time a customer comes back to the dealership to return their lease."

With the introduction of four new Lincoln vehicles — the MKT, MKS, MKX and MKZ, which is about to arrive in showrooms - there is an opportunity to increase exposure, attract new customers and establish new affinities.

The first phase of Lincoln's brand relaunch was unveiled during Ford's appearance at the Los Angeles Auto Show, and will culminate in a Super Bowl TV ad on February 3. Interestingly, Ford has shunned advertising during the big game for the last few years. Heading back into the Big Game with Lincoln first is an interesting choice.

Lincoln plans to build on its new ads in the Super Bowl by focusing on its heritage as well as its new fleet of cars that are beginning with an overhauled MKZ. The Super Bowl ad, the brand said, will be consumer-generated via a social-marketing campaign in which fans are being invited to "co-create" the 60-second spot via tweets using the hashtag #steerthescript, in a fun effort that will be curated by TV host Jimmy Fallon. That whole effort began on December 5.

Lincoln originally was called the Lincoln Motor Company in 1922 when Edsel Ford signed the agreement purchasing the company from its founder, Henry Leland. By dusting off the old moniker, Ford hopes to begin to re-educate American luxury buyers about a brand in which it is only now investing significant resources again, after essentially neglecting it for the last few years.

"The campaign captures the founding principles of the [Lincoln Motor] company and brings them forward to a new generation of progressive luxury buyers," Ford said in its press Smith, Alan Mulally and Jim Farley. release. It also noted

that back in the day, Edsel Ford made Lincoln "one of the most distinctive luxury brands in the industry, with motorcars that were urbane, sleek and elegant the epitome of understated luxury."

For example, the three new TV spots weave together examples of Lincoln's past with those highlighting current design innovation. Dean Martin and Abraham Lincoln reportedly appear in the ads.

"Lincoln has been off the radar for

many people," Matt Van Dyke, Lincoln's global head of marketing, sales and service, told Automotive News. "What we want to do is establish it quickly We're going to have to use highprofile placements, use every tool in the toolbox."

The new Lincoln product line in the

The new 2013 Lincoln MKZ with three key figures for the brand: Emmitt U.S. begins with a substantially overhauled MKZ sedan — with its distinctive new "spread-eagle" grill — as the face of the reinvented brand. It already has gone on sale at Lincoln dealers, and three all-new models will join MKZ in Lincoln's completely overhauled lineup over the next four years. Lincoln also is paying

> "The [TV] spots evoke what has historically made Lincoln stand apart in the luxury category," the company's press release said, "while using the new MKZ as the face of the reinvented brand." The spots no longer use actor John Slattery, who helped Lincoln in its sparse marketing during its transition period of the last couple of years.

homage to stellar past models by display-

ing a handful of them at the Los Angeles

Auto Show this week.

Starting to get ready for the Super Bowl, Lincoln also unveiled Emmitt Smith, former NFL star and Dancing with the Stars champion, as brand ambassador at its Lincoln Center press kick-off.

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