



Swingset Mamas

Playground
benefit

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

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

Purchase tickets by visiting www.showtix4u.com. More information can be found on Facebook at A-Cause-for-Play or by e-mailing questions to acauseforplay@gmail.com.

Special
meeting

The Northville Township Board of Trustees will hold a special meeting tonight (Jan. 10) at 7 p.m. Several important topics are on the agenda, including an update of the Seven Mile/Haggerty property (formerly the Northville Psychiatric Hospital), a discussion of the former Scott Prison property on Beck and Five Mile roads, and an update by the Pathway sub-committee.

The meeting will take place at township hall, 44405 Six Mile Road.

Blood drive

Our Lady of Victory Church, located at 132 Orchard Drive in Northville, will host a winter blood drive from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 27. The drive will take place in the church's social hall. Organizers say current blood supplies are critically low. The drive is open to the public.

To set up an appointment, contact Christine Abbey at (248) 701-5221 or chrisabbey1@yahoo.com, or do so online at www.givelife.org (enter sponsor code olvc). Walk-ins are welcome but appointments help organizers plan ahead. Appointments can be made every 15 minutes.

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Downtown businesses report improved holiday sales

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Staff Writer

Many downtown Northville businesses reported having improved sales this holiday season compared to the recent past.

For one new business it was its first full month open and it couldn't have

gone better.

"Things went fabulous, especially over the first weekend in December," said Tracey Wormsbacher, who manages Rummage and Relics in Northville Square. "We saw around 700 people come through the doors that weekend."

This new store is almost like an indoor garage sale full of different vendors selling goods that are vintage, new or re-purposed.

Down the street at Gardenvues there was a similar take. Co-owners Lou Mascolo and Lori

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Sisters Debbie Pennington (left) and Carol Peretto sell goods at Northville Square's Rummage and Relics, one of the downtown businesses that fared well during the holiday season.

Shaping up



Northville High School senior Henry Blickle lost about 130 pounds in the last two years thanks to a diet where he ate a lot less, and nothing past 6 p.m. Blickle also got a lot of motivation from his friend and running partner Emily Bush (right).

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Determination helps Northville teen drop 130 pounds

By **Juile Brown**
Staff Writer

Henry Blickle's only 17, but he can definitely tell older people with New Year's weight loss resolutions a thing or two.

The Northville High School senior lost 120 pounds over 9 months in his junior year, and an additional 10 pounds over the next month and a half to two months. He's kept the weight off thanks to a good diet and exercise. "Really, it's just eating healthy," said

Blickle, who doesn't eat after 6 p.m. each day. "I run every day."

He's the son of Laura and Fred, and has three older brothers, Will, 23, Brody, 22, and John, 21, who were athletes at NHS.

Henry Blickle says he was thin as a young child, but slowly is weight progressively got away from him.

"As I got older, I gained weight. It was a progressive thing," he said.

"I'm a very motivated person," he

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Threatening call puts Thornton Creek Elementary into alert mode

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Staff writer

An anonymous telephone call on Tuesday morning led Thornton Creek Elementary School officials to issue a general alert and go into secure mode.

However, it was later discovered the source of the anonymous call was mixed up. Thornton Creek officials located and had it confirmed by the parent of the individual who made the call.

According to Northville Public Schools officials, the call was not intended for Thornton Creek at all, but rather it was in reference to a meeting in another location.

According to the Novi's Assistant Police Chief Jerrod Hart, the school's principal, Allison Epler, had received an anonymous call late in the morning that left her concerned. After which she called the Novi Police, which has jurisdiction over the school.

Prior to finding out the source, the district stated through an e-mail alert that, "While there was no specific threat made, the caller would not identify himself. As a result, the information was reported to the Novi Police Department, and the building went into a General Alert mode, which is a heightened level of security."

The incident was under investigation, but now the caller is

known.

"Right now we are sorting through the content of the call," Hart said on Tuesday afternoon before the caller was found.

Hart said as a precautionary measure, Novi police officers remained on-site throughout the day, including a uniformed investigator. The morning dismissal of the kindergarten and preschool classes was closely monitored and recess was held indoors.

As part of the secure mode, Hart said the school had staff monitoring the school and making sure the windows and doors were secured.

"We take any suspicious activity seriously while weighing the ongoing impact of over-reacting to anonymous calls. The source of the call is under investigation by the police. Any additional information received from staff and/or parents or community members will be followed up on accordingly," school officials also said before later issuing another statement.

The district further reassured parents and community members that it will work in collaboration with the police to evaluate any suspicious circumstances and act in the interest of the safety and well-being of our students.

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Northville officials looking to add new cell tower restrictions

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

Do you want a cell tower in your neighborhood? Or perhaps at your child's school? Those are questions being posed to the Northville community. Northville city residents and businesses will have an opportunity at the next planning commission meeting to voice their opinions on how the City of Northville should deal with cell phone towers and their placement. City officials are looking to amend the ordinances and regulations dealing with the possible expansion of wireless communications. This issue has been taken on by other Michigan municipalities and now Northville wants to take

a further look before any new tower developments come its way. This comes in the wake of new state legislation that lifted restrictions on cell companies expanding coverage. It states if companies can prove a gap area and need then coverage could be extended to allow antennas to be placed on locations like a church, school or home. The main concern for Northville is seeing a cell tower spring up in a residential neighborhood. The hope is to establish a better ordinance language to deal with this. Consultant Don Wortman said the planning commission has talked about setting a "clearer hierarchy of where we would allow a wireless communication facility."

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Are there places where the City of Northville should make cell towers off limits? E-mail your opinions to Editor Kurt Kuban at kkuban@hometownlife.com.

However, some of the planning commissioners are wondering what basis the city has to enact new restrictions if a need is demonstrated by a cellular company. "But does it really matter if the communication company wants that location," Planning Commissioner Steve Kirk said of the hierarchy. "What grounds do we have to stand on?"

Over the last several months, the planning commission has been discussing the possible amendments to its cell tower/wireless communication ordinances. The city currently has two cell tower locations and does receive revenue from companies using them. The tower near Hillside Middle School doesn't have much more room for another antenna, so other areas may be looked at. There is another tower at the Department of Public Works yard, near Gerald Avenue.

In answering Kirk, Wortman said the city does have some discretion and can set criteria for placement.



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The City of Northville is considering news standards for cell towers in the area — like these on the water tower near Hillside Middle School.

industrial zoned district as a special use. But in the event these areas are not suitable then a cellular company could consider schools or other institutions. The third category would be "other sites", which could mean residential areas. But Wortman reiterated the company would have to prove a need for more coverage. City officials are thinking about last year's West Bloomfield Township lawsuit case with T-Mobile. Wortman said what came from this case is that if a company can demonstrate a need for gap coverage then a community cannot unreasonably restrict the placement of a new tower. In this case, the Sixth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals decision issued a decision allowing T-Mobile to construct a tree-like cellular structure to help its communication in a West Bloomfield Township neighborhood. T-Mobile had originally filed an injunction against the township after a 2009 decision by the township's Board of Trustees denying it the right to build a 90-foot cell tower designed to resemble a tree in place of a 50-foot pole at a Detroit Edison Substation in order to address gap coverage. The Northville public hearing has been scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Jan. 15 at City Hall.

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Education foundation changing to separate itself from school district

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Staff Writer

The Northville Educational Foundation's mission to generate extra funding so it can help advance the Northville Public School District continues on as the two partners also work to redefine their relationship.

The NEF will continue to help out, but it will be as an independent party.

At their meeting in December, the Northville Board of Education voted to approve the change to the NEF's Articles of Incorporation.

According to the district, this move was initiated after a recommendation made by auditor, Plante & Moran, in its 2011-12 audit of the NEF's books to insure that donor funds were being handled in the best possible fashion and its assets were also being properly managed.

The school board's action item report on this stated, "One of the points raised by the audit was a concern that the Foundation was not truly independent of the Northville Public Schools, because the School Board retains ultimate control over NEF Board member selection and Foundation governance."

The NEF's articles state the foundation was

created in 1999, in pertinent part, for the purpose of receiving and administering funds for advancement of the educational interests of NPS. They also state that any amendment to the articles or bylaws of the NEF shall not be effective unless approved by the Northville school board.

One of Plante & Moran's main concerns was that this lack of independence could jeopardize the IRS 501(c) (3) tax exempt status of the organization. If the NEF lost this status, the donations accepted by it could arguably lose their charitable status, according to the school district.

This is why some changes have been made.

"They've been working for the last year or two to separate themselves just a bit from the school district," said outgoing school board president Dottie Garriety. "They really do function separately from us. Their board is a fully functioning board."

She further said this is a change to match what they already in fact do.

"They're raising money for what citizens want to feel should be happening in the schools and maybe they aren't seeing that so..." she said of the NEF's mission and changes to

the articles.

It's agreed upon that this change will not affect the way the NEF operates with respect to the district.

The NEF's current fundraising effort is Thanks-for-Giving campaign. NEF manager Jennifer Pearson said they are making excellent progress thus far toward the goal of \$75,000. They've received more than \$46,000 in contributions and pledges since Nov. 1.

This campaign runs through Jan. 31 and it will go toward bolstering the NEF's general fund.

According to Pearson, their general fund supports immediate needs, student financial assistance, 14 annual grants to innovative teachers, technology, professional development and more. Since 2010, the NEF has raised and granted more than \$1.7 million to Northville Public Schools.

"It really helps be able to do what we do and that's help student in Northville," Pearson said of the NEF's general fund.

To help out or learn more about NEF go to its website at www.northvilleedfoundation.org or call them at (248) 344-8458.

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The 2012 Michigan Culinary Olympic Team members from left top, John Miller, executive chef, Chartwells at Oakland University; Deni Smiljanovski; Doug Ganhs, team captain and chef instructor at The Culinary Studies Institute of Oakland Community College; Brian Beland, executive chef/director of food and beverage at the Country Club of Detroit; Steve Valenti; Shawn Loving, culinary arts department chair, Schoolcraft College; and Gabriel Vera, executive chef, Lena & Habana restaurants in Ann Arbor. From left bottom, Karen Hoffman; Randy Smith, manager of the 2012 MCOT and the executive chef of the Walnut Creek Country Club; and Sarah Rougeau, banquet chef at the Oakland Hills Country Club.

Culinary awards

OCC and Schoolcraft among the top international winners

Oakland Community College and Schoolcraft College are among the winners in the 23rd International Culinary Art Exhibition - "The Culinary Olympics" in Germany in October.

The American Culinary Federation's Michigan Chefs De Cuisine Association announced that the Michigan Culinary Olympic Team (MCOT) returned home with more medals than any other state in the United States.

This year's award-winning team included Doug Ganhs, team captain and chef instructor at The Culinary Studies Institute of Oakland Community College (gold and bronze medal winner) and Shawn Loving, culinary arts department chair, Schoolcraft College (bronze medal winner).

Held in Erfurt, Germany, the Internationale Kochkunst Ausstellung (IKA) in October featured more than 1,600 talented chefs from more than 50 countries to showcase their respective culinary skills and innovation in a competitive format.

Approximately 25,000 people attended the competition. The world-class event is similar to the traditional athletic Olympics. Every four years, the IKA serves as the single most elite competitive culinary event globally. This culinary Mecca highlights the best in both professional and student culinary teams from around the world to compete for Gold, Silver, and Bronze Medals in multiple categories.

Overall, the 2012 MCOT, sponsored by the ACF Michigan Chefs de Cuisine (MCCA), brought home three gold medals, one silver medal and three bronze medals from this year's competition. This year's competition resulted in Michigan winning more medals than any other state.

MCOT's goal was to use Michigan products in the competition including beef, pork, poultry, seafood, fruits, vegetables, beer, wine, liquors and hand crafted service ware, platters and plates.

"Our mission was simple," said Randy Smith, manager of the 2012 MCOT and executive chef of the Walnut Creek Country Club. "We represented the Detroit metro area, Michigan and the entire United States on an international stage, using products grown, raised, processed and manufactured in our Great Lakes state, emphasizing that Michigan is home to some of the greatest products and chefs in the world."

In addition to Ganhs and Loving, this year's award-winning team included Sarah Rougeau, banquet chef at the Oakland Hills Country Club (silver medal winner), Chef Gabriel Vera, executive chef, Lena & Habana restaurants in Ann Arbor (bronze medal winner), John Miller, executive chef, Chartwells at Oakland University (gold medal winner), and Brian Beland, executive chef/director of food and beverage at the Country Club of Detroit (gold medal winner).

Michigan is home to nearly 1,000 American Culinary Federation members statewide and has had great success in previous World Culinary Olympics winning 12 gold, nine silver and six bronze medals in international competitions over the last 25 years. The ACF Michigan Chefs de Cuisine hosted several fundraisers these past two years to help raise money for the MCOT to send the team, supplies and equipment to the competition. Through these fundraising efforts and also through contributions of many local businesses MCOT was able to raise nearly \$60,000.

Businesses that sponsored this year's team include: US Foods, Sysco Food Services of Detroit, LLC, Gordon Food Service, Northern Lakes Seafood & Meats, Mark's Quality Meats & Culinary Specialties, Coastal Produce, Churchill China, Lorge Marketing Services, LLC, Graphikitchen, LLC, Fairway Packing, Red Goose Spice Company, Assimacopoulos Supreme Baking Company, Fortune Fish Company, Leonardo's Produce, Elegance Distributors, Chef Source, ISC Services, Michigan Restaurant Association, Miceli & Oldfield, Advantage Waypoint, Del Bene Produce, King Coffee and Tea Services, Mama Mucci's Pasta, Sunburst Chemicals, R. Hirt Jr. Co., Westland Car Care Automotive, Gold Star Products, Michaels & Associates, Gass Centennial Farms, General Wine and Spirits, North Star Produce, Ray's Ice Cream, and Werp Farms.



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Frank Pahl and Little Bang Theory join traditional Japanese silent film narrator Ichiro Kataoka to provide live musical accompaniment and commentary for a special performance of an early film by Japan's great Yasujiro Ozo.
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Puppet Performances

Heather Henson's Ibex Puppetry returns with its Endangered Species Parade, featuring animal puppets, kites, flags, dancers and musicians.
Saturday & Sunday, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m., Great Hall.

Sunday Music Bar

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NORTHVILLE SCHOOL BRIEFS

Dance clinic

The Northville High School Varsity and JV dance Teams invite dancers (girls and boys) ages 8 through 13 to join them for a fun day of dance on Saturday, Jan. 12, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Performers Edge Dance Company in downtown Northville.

The dancers will learn a dance routine that they are invited to perform in the NHS Dance Team Showcase. The Showcase is Friday, Jan. 18, at 6:30 p.m. in the Northville High School Auditorium. Showcase tickets are available from dance team members, at the dance clinic, and at the door on the day of the Showcase.

Registration and payment information for the Dance Clinic is available on the NHS dance team website at www.northvilledanceteam.com. Registration has been extended and will be accepted at the door beginning at 8:30 a.m. on Jan. 12. The

clinic fee includes dance instruction, snacks and a clinic T-shirt.

Blood drive

There will be a Red Cross blood drive from 2:30-8:15 P.M., Monday, Jan. 14 at Meads Middle School.

Sign up online at redcrossblood.org. Enter sponsor code: northvilleschools.

Everyone who registers will be entered into a raffle for a \$500 Visa gift card and two Lady Gaga concert tickets. Please consider donating blood to help your student and help save a life. To donate blood, you must be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds, be in general good health and provide a valid photo ID upon donation. For answers to any additional questions you may have regarding eligibility, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-866-236-3276.

If you have any questions regarding the blood

drive, please contact Karyl at (248) 535-1873.

Swimming team benefit

The Northville High School swim team has partnered with JD Racing Indoor Karting in Novi for a fundraiser for the team. Visit the facility any day Monday-Thursday until Jan. 31, mention NHS Swim as a promotion code and receive a discounted rate of \$16 (normal price is \$18) for each race session. A portion of the proceeds will be donated toward a new scoreboard system for the high school pool. Drivers must be a minimum of 8 years of age and 50-inches tall.

JD Racing Indoor Karting is located at 44225 West 12 Mile Road in Fountain Walk (near Chuck E. Cheese). Hours are 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday.

For more information, call (248) 773-8777.

Seven-week Congressman ends stint with historic vote

By Ken Abramczyk
Staff Writer

David Curson ended his seven-week stint in U.S. Congress with an historic vote on Jan. 1. His vote to prevent the so-called “fiscal cliff” was one of seven by Democrats and five by Republicans from Michigan supporting the extension of tax cuts for middle-income Americans, but the action also ended a tax cut of 2 percent on Social Security, which will impact paychecks for Americans.

The fiscal cliff was the primary order of business for the Democrat during his Congressional term.


“I’m done as of noon tomorrow,” Curson said Wednesday. Curson, 64, a UAW activist who has spent several years

in contract negotiations as an executive assistant to two UAW presidents and worked with the auto task force representing the UAW on the GM and Chrysler bailouts, won the special election Nov. 6 to finish the unexpired term of Thaddeus McCotter.

McCotter resigned after petition signatures were deemed to be photocopies by the Secretary of State’s office. Attorney General Bill Schuette’s investigation eventually led to charges against four McCotter staffers, alleging that they were involved in a deliberate fraud involving a pattern of copying and altering petitions in order to qualify the five-term congressman for the 2012 primary ballot.

Gov. Rick Snyder’s office

‘You realize that there are truly a lot of people on both sides who believe in this country.’



DAVID CURSON

scheduled a special primary election on Sept. 5, followed by a spot on the Nov. 6 general election ballot, to complete McCotter’s unexpired term.

Curson served from Nov. 8 until Thursday. On Thursday,

Republican Kerry Bentivolio, who won election on Nov. 6 to a two-year term in the redistricted 11th Congressional District, began his term.

Curson returned to his Belleville home Wednesday and, as his term ended, expected to make sure his district office was closed that afternoon.

“I loved the experience. It was seven weeks of non-stop, very hard work,” Curson said. “I had to do a lot of preparation.”

“You realize that there are truly a lot of people on both sides who believe in this country. It’s kind of the same thing that I’m doing for the UAW, working for the things I believe in,” Curson said.

Curson said he will return to his job with the UAW.

Curson does not see himself running for elective office again.

“The constant campaigning and always asking for money, I just don’t think I could stomach that,” Curson said. “I will probably not run in any election in my future, but I think I will be helping out someone else down the road.”

The redistricted 11th Congressional District doesn’t include Westland, Garden City and Wayne as did the previous 11th Congressional District that had been represented by McCotter. Those cities are now part of the 13th Congressional District, represented by John Conyers Jr.

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SALES

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Jermont said it was one of the best seasons in recent years.

“Last year was good, but this year was one of the best in recent memory,” Mascolo said.

He said 2008 was maybe the most difficult year because they were left with too much unsold merchandise. However, this year they got it just right. That’s always the challenge, he said.

Many in downtown are now offering some great sales to get rid of their extra merchandise left over from the season.

Mascolo said the Northville and Novi area has shown more consumer confidence the past year or two, which has helped their sales. Jermont also said the location of their store helps because the

downtown saw a lot of foot traffic during the last month.

Dancing Eye Gallery’s Janine Bauchat said they also saw a lot of customers come through their doors.

“The town was full this past month, so that was good,” she said.

The holiday season kicked off on Nov. 16 with the annual Holiday Lighted Parade and continued through the month of December with holiday shopping and events for the whole family, which included the Winter Market, First Friday Holiday Experience, Tinsel and Treasure Holiday Market, and Christmas in the Village.

These events really helped attract people and potential customers into the downtown, several business owners said.

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added. “Once I start something, I’m not likely to quit.”

He’s in the Drama Club at NHS and his lower weight makes dancing easier, and increases the roles he can play. Blickle did “Hair-spray,” the spring musical last year after he’d lost weight, and had to wear a “fat suit” for the John Travolta role.

“It was kind of ironic,” said Northville Township neighbor Shelly Bush, mom to Henry’s best friend, Emily Bush, also an NHS senior. The two seniors run three or four miles daily. Henry used to accompany Emily on runs on his bicycle and remembers it was an effort to keep up even riding when he was heavy. She had exercises from being on the varsity soccer team for her friend.

“He’s shocked me with his dedication,” Emily Bush said. “I would offer him what I’m eating and he would never take it.”

Blickle, now a 30 skinny in pants, started at a size 46. When he couldn’t fit into his 44s, he vowed to slim down.

When he was losing weight, he’d have a Slimfast, coffee, lemon



Henry Blickle lost 103 pounds.

water and vitamin for breakfast. Lunch was salad or a peanut butter and jelly sandwich. When rehearsing for the show, he’d have a Subway for dinner, or a sandwich from his mom. He often has soup and sandwich combos or a Caesar salad.

Blickle allows himself a small sweet treat, such as mini Reese’s peanut butter and chocolate cups. Now at dinners, his mom has salad regularly and a fruit bowl. He buys Lean Cuisine-type meals if she’s not cooking.

“I’ve been told I have an infectious happiness. I don’t think it’s really changed the way I am, the way I view people,” Blickle said. He recalled one bully in second grade who teased, but Blickle told his older brother about the bullying and it ended.

Blickle’s been accepted at Western Michigan University, and will audition for The American Academy of Dramatic Arts in Los Angeles. He noted his family and friends supported him in weight loss, with “Do whatever makes you happy.”


“It’s stayed off for roughly a year now,” he said. “It’s just kind of a lifestyle.”

Blickle summed up his accomplishment by encouraging others to lose weight for themselves, and not for other people. It’s best to set small goals, he added, and work from there.

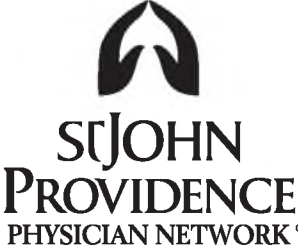
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– Jennifer C.



Northville actress to perform in One Act Festival

Northville resident and actress Kristin Heitmeier will be featured in the upcoming One Acts Festival Jan. 18-20 at Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton (50400 Cherry Hill Road). The 2013 One Acts Festival will showcase the winners of a national playwrighting contest, and will include eight original works. Authors from Michigan as well as Florida, Texas and Hawaii entered the play-writing contest and won a slot in the festival. Local actors and directors will take the stage to bring these original works to life. Audience members will vote to determine which playwright will take home 1st, 2nd or 3rd place cash awards. Heitmeier (shown here with David Zolotarchuk of Canton) will appear in both "Saving JFK" by Brion Scheidel of Canton and "Slick Dame" by Kay Poiri of Kailua, Hawaii. Each work is approximately 10-20 minutes in length. Show times are 8 p.m. on Jan. 18 and Jan. 19, and 2 p.m. on Jan. 20. Tickets are \$12 each. For more information, visit www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater.

BRIEFS

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vation assistance offered by Washtenaw County government, will take place at 7 p.m., Jan. 10.

The Jarvis Stone School is a one-room school house. Its site has been associated with local public education since early settlement began in this region in the 1830s. Owned by the Salem Area Historical Society, the proposed local historic district consists of a 19th century school house, an historic barn moved to the site to prevent its demolition, a shed, and several landscape features. It is similar to many school houses that operated in the rural areas of southeast Michigan, many of which are now lost due to development or neglect.

A historic district study committee preliminary report, completed in October 2012, determined that the Jarvis Stone School is eligible for historic designation under National Register for its "character, interest, or value as part of the development, heritage, or cultural characteristics of the community, state, or country (education), and for a historic building moved from its original location yet still maintaining significance for its "architectural value [or] association with an historic person or event."

For more information, please contact: Melissa Milton-Pung, Washtenaw County project manager/historic preservation, at miltonpungm@washtenaw.org or (734) 222-6878.



Ron Kischuk of the Ron Kischuk Quartet

Relay seeks volunteers

The joint community event Relay for Life is looking for volunteers to be on the planning committee from the Northville and Novi areas. If community members want to create a maximum impact in helping their community save lives without having a huge time commitment, then joining this team is a tremendous idea that everyone should consider. Besides working with other members of your local communities, a committee member will assist in planning one of the premier events of the year and help raise awareness and funds towards the research and elimination of cancer. The only beginning age requirement for a committee member is that they be at least in high school. Other than that, people of any age are welcome to be a part of this team.

The event is to take place in downtown Northville at Ford Field on June 15-16 in 2013. Chairperson positions ranging from promotions to entertainment, to even accounting

are all desperately needed. Typically the time requested is what you can spare, but on average it is less than 10 hours a month.

If time commitment is a worry, then other committee help is also needed and appreciated. If anyone is interested in learning more about how they can volunteer, please contact Rachel Leas, the community staff partner, at rachel.leas@cacer.org or (248) 663-3436.

Jazz @ The Elks

The Plymouth Elks Lodge #1780, located at 41700 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth Township, is beginning a new series of Jazz @ The Elks on the last Tuesday of every month from 7-10 p.m. On Jan. 29 the club will be entertained by the Ron Kischuk Quartet with Ron on trombone, Gary Schunk on keyboard, Marion Hayden on bass, and Judie Cochill on vocals. There is a \$10 donation at the door which includes hors d'oeuvres.

For more information, call (734) 453-1780 or e-mail plymouthelks1780@yahoo.com.

MILL RACE MATTERS

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

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

WEEKLY EVENTS

(*Grounds closed to public)

- **Thursday:** 9 a.m. Archives open; 9 a.m.-3 p.m. TARTS Stitching Group
- **Friday:** 9 a.m. Archives open; 10 a.m. DAR meeting
- **Saturday:** 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. private party in Church; 6-10 p.m. private party in Church
- **Sunday:** 6:30 p.m. Venture Crew #8
- **Monday:** 10:30 a.m. Northville Garden Club; 3 p.m. Lions Club
- **Tuesday:** 9 a.m. Stone Gang; 6 p.m. Girl Scouts #737
- **Wednesday:** 1 p.m. AAUW Bridge Group; 6:45 p.m. Mindfulness Meditation Group

LIBRARY LINES

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

- **UNRAVEL: TEENS KNIT & CROCHET** Noon-2 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 12

Details: Casual sessions for all skill levels; basic instruction provided. Drop in for one or all sessions as we prepare for a surprise Yarn Bomb in the spring.

- **BATTLE OF THE BOOKS TEAM MANAGER MEETING** 7 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 15

Details: All team managers must attend this mandatory meeting for information about the 2013 Battle of the Books competition. Registration forms available at the Library or school media center.

- **GEMINI FAMILY MUSIC CONCERT** 4:15 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 15

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Dropping the ball

Hundreds show up to celebrate New Year's Eve at Northville Nite

Courtney Shute, 15, left, and Aurora Gross, 16, seem to be enjoying a session of Lego Rock Band during Northville Nite. The two teens were at the event to help volunteer in a kids' crafts area.



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By Kurt Kuban
Staff Writer

Hundreds of Northville families decided to say good-bye to 2012 and celebrate the coming of the new year at the annual Northville Nite party held at the Northville Parks and Recreation Center at Hillside.

According to Tyler Porter, special events coordinator for Northville Parks and Recreation, roughly 300 people bought tickets before the event, and another 200 people showed up at the door.

"We had a great turnout. It was about the same as it has been in the past," Porter said.

The event featured many family-friendly activities, including crafts, huge inflatable games, entertainment and a lot more. Because it was a family event, it didn't go until midnight like most New Year's Eve parties. However, at 7 p.m. there was still a ball drop just like in Times Square.

"Everyone really seemed to enjoy the event this year," said Porter.

Like in year's past, the event relied on the hard work of volunteers, though this year they could have used a few more.

"I was running around all night. My feet were killing me by the time we left," said Porter, who noted this is one of biggest events thrown by Northville Parks and Recreation.

The theme to this year's Northville Nite was "Through the Decades" — rooms were set up and decorated to represent different decades of American history. Party-goers entered through the gates and started by traveling back in time to the "Roaring '20s". Other decades included the 1950s, 1960s, 1970s, 1980s and one room represented the future.

Porter said one of the most popular rooms was the 1980s, which featured the game Rock Band.

"I would say the event went really well," he said.



Men, both young and old, were attracted to the slot-car racing track during Northville Nite. The car racing games took place in Hillside's large gymnasium.



Grace Stover tries her hand a ring-toss game at Northville Nite. There were many activities for the kids.



Heather Stewart works with her daughter Caroline, 5, to complete a craft project at the Dec. 31 Northville Nite at the Recreation Center at Hillside. Hundreds of people showed up for the annual New Year's Eve night activity that featured inflatable rides, games, food and projects for all ages.

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NORTHVILLE POLICE BRIEFS

House party busted

A 9-1-1 call to the Northville City Police led to a house party being busted and a 51-year-old man being cited for giving alcohol to minors.

On Jan. 1, police were dispatched to a home on Coldspring Drive after a call was received from an individual from the residence. Police said the caller sounded like an intoxicated male. The call led police to treat it as a medical emergency situation.

The police later found the caller, a 15-year-old from Northville, passed out in the house with vomit near him. Medical attention was given to him. There were a number of teenagers at the party who had been drinking, but none were given any citations. However, the one adult at the party was cited for furnishing alcohol to minors and party ordinance violation.

Shoplifting 'mistake'

A 46-year-old Redford Township man was arrested for shoplifting at Home Depot on Jan. 2. The man told Northville Township Police he simply made a mistake when he walked out of the store with \$72

worth of merchandise. He said he was walking out to his car because he had forgotten his wallet, and that he intended to return to the store to pay for the items after retrieving it.

After speaking with the store's loss prevention personnel, however, police arrested the man and put him in the back of a squad car. The man gave the arresting officer his keys, and told him to go check under his floor mat, where he said he had left his wallet and \$200 cash. The officer did find the wallet, but the man was still arrested for shoplifting and transported to the police station for processing.

Once police did a background check on the man, they found he had two previous convictions for retail fraud (both out of Livonia) in 2009 and 2011. Home Depot records show he had three previous retail fraud incidents at other Home Depot stores.

The man posted his \$200 bond and was released.

Retail fraud

Northville Township Police arrested two New Boston men on Jan. 5 after they pocketed three bottles of liquor at Meijer and ran

from the store without paying. When police arrived on the scene around 4:45 p.m., they were told the men got into a Dodge Caliber and fled from the scene, heading southbound on Haggerty. A police officer went to the I-275/Six Mile ramp and observed the car traveling southbound on the expressway. The officer caught up with them near the M-14 interchange, and made the traffic stop.

The officer found the three bottles of liquor, which were turned back over to the store.

The two men were arrested and taken back to the police station, where they were booked. Both men complained of having chest pains, and Northville Township Fire Department personnel were called to examine them. They found no abnormal readings, and the men were placed into cells. It was determined the driver had 11 current suspensions to his drivers license, and he was held on the warrant.

Police also found about 1,000 Lot-to tickets in the vehicle. The driver said he goes to party stores and digs through the garbage for the losing tickets so he can register them for second chance drawings.

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Northville City Firefighter Karen Westfall Westfall has been with the department for 13 years. She is a graduate of Bentley High School in Livonia and a 32-year resident of Plymouth Township, where she and her husband, a retired career firefighter, raised their three children. She has one grandchild and a second on the way. Karen served with the Northfield Township Fire Department for nearly 10 years where she rose to the rank of duty shift captain. She is certified Firefighter 1 & 2, Emergency Medical Technician, Hazmat Operations and Fire Officer 1.

Basic training graduate United States Air Force Airman Joshiro Nagashima has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. Nagashima completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills. Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force. Nagashima is the son of Michiko Nagashima of Northville, and a 2003 graduate of South Lyon High School.

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VanDam, Zona to entertain, educate crowds at big fishing show this weekend

Two of the biggest names in bass fishing, Michigan natives Kevin VanDam and Mark Zona, will make special appearances at the 2013 Ultimate Fishing Show – Detroit (UFD), Jan. 10-13 at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi.

VanDam is one of the world's most accomplished fishermen with four Bassmaster Classic championships and seven B.A.S.S. Angler of the Year titles on his resume. His seminars at past UFD events have been both entertaining and educational and attended by beginner anglers and seasoned pros alike. KVD, as fans know him, will make a special appearance on Thursday, Jan. 10, at the show.

Zona is well known as a passionate and opinionated angler and expert on bass tournament fishing. He made a reputation for himself in the industry with a rod and reel, and now hosts his own show on the Outdoor Channel – Zona's Awesome Fishing Show. He has appeared as a host on several ESPN Outdoors shows. Zona entertains and inspires fans with his high-powered seminars and will make a special appearance at UFD on Friday, Jan. 11.

More than 75 other free fishing seminars by some of the top anglers in the country are scheduled during the four-day event. Marianne Huskey, the first female ever to win the Angler Insight Marketing (AIM) Angler of the Year; Mark Martin, "The Original Champ" of the Professional Walleye Trail (PWT) Champion-

DETAILS

Event: 2013 Ultimate Fishing Show – Detroit
Location: Suburban Collection Showplace, Grand River between Taft and Beck roads, Novi
Dates: Jan. 10-13
Hours: Thursday, 3-9:30 p.m.; Friday, 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Admission: \$10 for adults and \$4 for children 6 to 14. There is no charge for children 5 and under. Discount coupons are available at Wendy's Restaurants and on-line at www.UltimateFishingShow.com Free on Thursday for patrons who bring six cans/boxes or four pounds of non-perishable food items to donate to the annual Michigan Sportsmen Against Hunger food drive. The food will be collected by volunteers from local conservation organizations and donated to the Red Cross & area food banks.
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ship; Jonathon VanDam, a rising bass-fishing star and the second youngest angler ever to win a Bassmaster Elite Series title (Saturday and Sunday only); and Hall-of-Fame muskie guide Bob Brunner are some of the other big names scheduled to appear.

"I don't know of any other show in the coun-



Check out the newest fishing gear at the Ultimate Fishing Show at Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi. Jan. 10-13.

try with a powerhouse lineup like the one we have assembled for the Ultimate Fishing Show – Detroit," says UFD show manager Adam Starr.

Special features galore

The Hawg Trough, a mobile 5,000-gallon fish tank that is transported to locations around the country as an attraction and seminar platform, returns after an absence of several years. Once on location, the tank is stocked with fish, and angling experts provide seminars and demonstrations throughout the show. Audience participation by both seasoned anglers and freckle-faced kids keeps the crowd entertained throughout the day.

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Ultimate provides seminar leaders to present from their rigged fishing boats. By trolling and casting, they actually catch fish while instructing spectators on the intricacies of their sport.

Nationally recognized Grillin' Buddies, will appear all four days of the show. Mad Dog & Merrill are self-proclaimed "Grillologists," who travel the country entertaining and educating thousands of backyard enthusiasts on the finer points of grill-ing cuisine. Their seminars, cookbooks and videos show people how easy it is to be creative and to entertain in their own backyards.

The Michigan Charter Boat Association will provide show patrons with an opportunity to experience simulated Great Lakes fishing with the Virtual Fishing Simula-

tor. Participants hold a trolling rod in hand and watch a video as a salmon hits their lure. Then the fun begins as the participant attempts to land the salmon while the simulator fights back like a live fish. There is a small fee to participate and all proceeds benefit the MCBA's scholarship fund.

New this year is the Virtual Reality Simulator, offering show patrons the unique opportunity to enjoy the thrill of water skiing or wakeboarding – in January, without getting wet. Experience the simulated thrill of throwing a back roll on a wakeboard or hitting a ski jump at 80 mph and flying 240 feet in the air.

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Fishing Show – Detroit is smack dab in the middle of America's largest freshwater fishing market. Anglers attend the annual show to find the season's best value on fishing boats and angling gear and to book fishing adventures from the dozens of professional guides, charter boat captains, lodges and outfitters.

Several downstate dealers including Wilson Marine and Wonderland Marine West are bringing more than 200 new fishing boats, complete with motors and trailers and fully tricked out for immediate angling action. They will unveil the state's most complete assortment of fishing boats representing 40 brands at the new year's best prices.

Because of its sheer size, the show attracts representatives from major manufacturers such as Stren, Berkley, Fenwick, Lowrance, Okuma, Shimano, Offshore Tackle and Bert's Custom Tackle and others.

Many guides, outfitters, lodges, charter fishing captains and other destination vendors have reserved space again this year. "Outfitters Expo" is a popular show within the show that offers fishing and family vacations throughout Michigan, the Great Lakes, Canada and beyond. Patrons can compare costs and services by speaking directly to lodge owners, fishing guides and even bush plane pilots.

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ALLEN, MARY JEAN
June 17, 1930 - Dec. 24, 2012
obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

BESCO, KEVIN
May 18, 1970 - Dec. 29, 2012
obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

BOYES, CARROLL I.
78, passed away December 23, 2012. Survived by her children, Sheryl (William) Richardson, David T. Boyes, Lois (Norm) Martin, Susan Boyes, eight grandchildren and many great grandchildren. Preceded in death by her parents and daughter Lynda. Memorial service to be held January 12, 2013 at West Highland Baptist Church, 1116 S. Hickory Ridge Road, Milford at 11am; visitation one hour prior.

CERDA, MONTY JOSEPH
Private services will be held at a later date. On line condolences: obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

DEVLIN, MILDRED
Age 91, passed away Dec. 28, 2012. Visitation Dec. 30, Phillips Funeral Home, Funeral Dec. 31, St. Joseph Catholic Church.

GORDON, JEAN F.
Age 90, of Northville died Janu - ary 6, 2013 on her 90th birthday. Beloved sister and aunt.
www.casterlinefuneralhome.com

HALLMANN, BRUNO J.
Age 89; born March 23, 1923 The Free City of Danzig, Germany; and died in White Lake, Michigan on January 6, 2013. Beloved husband of Elizabeth "Betty" Hallmann for 56 years; Loving father of William "Bill" (Suzette) Hallmann and John (Dorothy Macha) Hallmann; Cherished grandfather of Amber, Christina and Sterling Hallmann; Bruno will be missed by many family and friends; Funeral Service will be held at the Highland Chapel of the Elton Black & Son Funeral Home 3295 East Highland Road Highland, MI, Monday January 14, 2013, at 10 AM. Family Will Receive Friends Saturday January 12, 2013 from 5:00-8:00pm and Sunday January 13, 2013 from 1:00-8:00 pm. Memorials appreciated to the Veterans Support Foundation 8719 Colesville Road, Suite 100, Silver Spring, MD 20910.
Please visit:
eltonblackandsonhighland.com

HAMILTON, LLOYD
Age 98, passed away December 27, 2012. He was born on Jan. 22, 1914, in Sawyer, KY, to the late Arthur and Minnie (Logan) Hamilton. He had been employed with Michigan Seamless Tube for 40+ prior to his retirement. Lloyd is survived by his children: Patty (Robert) Cohen, Joann (Jack) Frandeka; stepsons: Carsey Cogar, Arnold (Lyne) Cogar; six grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, three step-grandchildren, and seven step-grandchildren. Visitation was held on Wednesday, January 2nd from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. with a funeral service at 12:00 p.m. at Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon. Online guestbook
www.phillipsfuneral.com

HAMMON, JACK
Age 71, passed away December 25, 2012. He was born on October 20, 1941, in Diana, West Virginia, son of the late Elzie and Artie (Cutlip) Hammon. He loved to watch the movies Shawshank Redemption and his favorite was the Green Mile. Jack was a very accepting and generous man who was funny and loved to joke. He was employed for 45 years at Michigan Seamless Tube Mill. He enjoyed a corny joke. Jack is survived by his loving children: Judy (Art) Wilson, Christina (Sean) Cashen, Jack (Darrin Feters) Hammon, Kelly (Dave) Karns and Laura Gibson. He is also survived by his grandchildren: Heather, Stephanie, Taylor, Matthew, Billy, Kennedy and Jacob. He was preceded in death by his son, Matthew, in 1976; and on the same day, Dec. 25, 2012, his wife, Maryann and her sister Judith Shedell. Visitation was held on Dec. 30, Sunday, from 1:00 - 9:00 p.m. at Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon. A funeral mass was celebrated Dec. 31, Monday, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, South Lyon. Memorial contributions may be made to the Hammon Family Memorial Trust at any Bank of America.
Online guestbook
www.phillipsfuneral.com

PARTA, DONALD L.
Age 89, previously of Echo Valley in Novi; passed away quietly at home in Bradenton, FL on Dec. 30, 2012. Served with 3/L/393 during the Battle of the Bulge and later worked at GM. Survivors include 3 children, 3 grandchildren, and 3 great-grandchildren. To be interred with his late wife, Barbara Jean.

HAMMON, MARYANN
Age 68, passed away December 25, 2012. She was born on June 16, 1944, in Detroit, daughter of the late Beryl and Margaret Shedell. Maryann had a great sense of humor and loved going to the movies. She was an avid Wheel of Fortune and Jeopardy watcher. She will always be remembered for her strong faith and her love for her grandchildren. She is survived by her loving children: Judy (Art) Wilson, Christina (Sean) Cashen, Jack (Darrin Feters) Hammon, Kelly (Dave) Karns and Laura Gibson. She is also survived by her grandchildren: Heather, Stephanie, Taylor, Matthew, Billy, Kennedy and Jacob. She was preceded in death by her son, Matthew, in 1976; and on the same day, Dec. 25, 2012, her husband, Jack and her sister Judith Shedell. Visitation was held on Dec. 30, Sunday, from 1:00-9:00p.m. at Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon. A funeral mass was celebrated Dec. 31, Monday, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, South Lyon. Online guestbook
www.phillipsfuneral.com

ISABELL, JEAN JEFFERY
Age 82, of Milford, 12/30/12. Lynch & Sons, 248.684.6645 or LynchFuneralDirectors.com



KAVANAUGH, HELEN CECILIA
A resident of Milford since 1995 died on Saturday, January 5, 2013. She was 101 years, 4 months, 3 weeks, and 2 days old. Born on August 12, 1911 in Loogootee, Indiana, she was the third eldest and last surviving of Ira and Maude (Clements) Weber's eleven children. Her beloved "Bernie" preceded her in death in 1980 after 44 years of marriage. She was also preceded in death by her daughter, Sharon (Mrs. Jack) Adams, and Helen is survived by her sons and daughters: Patrick (Linda) Kavanaugh, Nancy (David) Van Derworp, Maureen (George) Raab and Michael (Irenaanna) Kavanaugh. Also surviving are 17 grandchildren and 39 great-grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, and their families who join together in mourning the death of a dear woman giving thanks to God for the life of a loving wife, mother, grandmother and friend. Mostly Helen Kavanaugh was deeply devoted to her faith and family. A long time member of St. Mary's Church, her trust in God's goodness made her grateful and hopeful for every new day of her long and happy life. And she knew she could count on her large and extended family for company and care. Funeral services will be held at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 1955 E. Commerce Rd., Milford, on Wednesday, January 9, at 10AM. Burial will follow at Milford Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will be held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty St., Milford, on Monday 5-9PM and Tuesday 2-9PM. Vigil Service Tuesday 7PM. Memorials may be made in her name to Community Sharing. For further information please phone 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

SHEDELL, JUDITH
Age 66, passed away December 25, 2012. She was born on February 13, 1946, in Detroit, daughter of the late Beryl and Margaret Shedell. She was easy to talk to and loved to help people. She was very generous and loved animals and crafts. She was known for her very unique laugh. She had a strong abiding faith and a strong relationship with her nieces and nephews. Judith is survived by her nieces and nephews: Judy (Art) Wilson, Christina (Sean) Cashen, Jack (Darrin Feters) Hammon, Kelly (Dave) Karns and Laura Gibson; great nieces and nephews: Heather, Stephanie, Taylor, Matthew, Billy, Kennedy and Jacob. She was preceded in death by her nephew, Matthew, in 1976; and on the same day, Dec. 25, 2012, her sister Maryann Hammon and her brother-in-law, Jack Hammon. Visitation was held on Dec. 30, Sunday, from 1:00 - 9:00 p.m. at Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon. A funeral mass was celebrated Dec. 31, Monday, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, South Lyon. Online guestbook
www.phillipsfuneral.com



MCDONNELL, LOUISE
Living her 83rd year, A Keweenaw Peninsula native and Highland resident, left this temporary home to enter an eternal kingdom on January 4, 2013 after an extended illness. She was an avid Detroit Tigers fan and her love of the game brought family together for great moments and memories. She showed her family with love, great food, an appreciation of nature and her keen artistic touch. She will be deeply missed by her beloved husband of 58 years, Bob McDonnell; daughter, Jeanne (John) Caswell; sons, Rob (Colleen) McDonnell, Patrick (Lori) McDonnell; grandchildren, Holli (Brian) Berner, Jennifer (Clay) Hendrixson, Heather Wiederhold, Robbie McDonnell, Jessie Sanders, Julie McDonnell, Tommy (Buffy) McDonnell, Stacey McDonnell; great-grandchildren, Tyler Sweeney, Hannah, Katelynn, Grace and Genevieve Berner, Weslee and Trevor Wiederhold, Hailie McDonnell, Nolan McDonnell, Lilyann and Faith Sanders, Weston, Hosea and Elia Hendrixson; sisters, Connie Thomas and Emily Spadaro; niece, Vicki (Donn) Thorson and many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. She joins those who have gone before her: son, Robert Patrick McDonnell; grandson, Christopher Caswell; parents, Ludwig and Marie Mihelich. Louise's wishes were to have a private family memorial. Her family is grateful for the many prayers on her behalf and Odyssey Hospice for their caring and compassion.
For further information phone 248-684-6645 or visit LynchFuneralDirectors.com

MEHILL, JOHN P.
Age 91, of New Hudson, passed away 1/1/13. Funeral mass held 1/5/13 at St. James. [casterlinefuneralhome.com](#)

MORGAN, LISA
Age 49, passed away January 1, 2013. A private family service was held. Online guestbook [www.phillipsfuneral.com](#)



ROACH, WENDY MARIE
A resident of South Lyon, died at home in the care of her family on January 1, 2013 after a two-year battle with breast cancer. She was 50 years old. She leaves her husband, Greg; her son, Daniel; her daughter, Nicole; parents, Fred & Rosemary Verville; siblings, Fred (Marylynn) Verville, Vickie Mootz, Rory (Diane) Verville, Tod (Grace) Verville, Christine Gomez; in-laws, Lee & Rose Roach; brothers-in-law, Gary (Barb) Roach, Jeff (Debbie) Edwards and many nieces, nephews and dear friends. She was preceded in death by a sister-in-law, Wendy Edwards. Wendy worked as a paraprofessional in the office at Dodson Elementary and Plymouth-Canton Schools for many years. A Funeral Service was held at Immanuel Baptist Church in Ypsilanti, on Saturday, January 5th, 2013. Burial followed at Knollwood Memorial Park in Canton. Visitation was held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home in Milford, on Friday, January 4, 2013.
For further information please phone 248-684-6645 or visit LynchFuneralDirectors.com

ROBBINS, FREDICK
Nov. 9, 1971 - Dec. 20, 2012
obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

STANDO, PATRICIA A.
March 27, 1925 - Dec. 30, 2012
obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

WOOD, LOIS IRENE
Age 91, passed away December 30, 2012. Funeral Jan. 5, 12 p.m. Phillips Funeral Home. Online guestbook [phillipsfuneral.com](#).

ZIEGLER, ANN E.
Age 79, of Northville died December 29, 2012. A memorial service was held Sat. 1/5/2013. [www.casterlinefuneralhome.com](#)

Engagement



CRAIG BUTLER PHOTOGRAPHY

Turnbull-Drake
Brian and Ann Turnbull of Northville, joyfully announce the engagement of their daughter, Katelyn Turnbull, to Clayton Drake, son of Neal and Lisa Drake of Marlow, Okla. Turnbull is a 2004 graduate of Northville High School and a 2008 graduate of Oklahoma City University, and currently works as an account executive at an advertising agency in Oklahoma City. Drake is a 2005 graduate of Marlow High School and a 2009 graduate of the University of Central Oklahoma, and is the loss control specialist at an international staffing company headquartered in Oklahoma City. A summer wedding is planned in Northville in July 2013.

Local Girl Scout troop raising money for trip to Europe

Girl Scouts with Troop 40844 are going for the gold to get the "gold". Girls in the 22-member troop are raising money for a trip to Europe they plan to take in 2015. As a constant reminder of their goal they recently designed T-shirts embla-

zoned with the wording "Going for the Gold. 22 (golds) — 4 more than Phelps," The "Phelps" they refer to is Michael Phelps, who swam away with a record-setting medal haul at the 2008 Beijing Summer Olympics and last year's Sum-

mer Olympics in London. "They made the T-shirts for their own goal-getting motivation," said Troop Leader Chris Kowalczyk. "I think they'll just be wearing them all the time."

Please see SCOUTS, A13

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OFFICE CLOSING

The Charter Township of Northville Administrative Offices will be closed on Monday, January 21, 2013 in observance of the Martin Luther King Jr.'s Holiday. The offices will reopen at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 22, 2013.

POLICE & FIRE EMERGENCY SERVICES WILL REMAIN AVAILABLE

Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE Notice of Rate Increases Water & Sewer Department

The following water and sewer rates have been adjusted as follows and are effective with the new billing cycle that begins on January 11, 2013. The rate changes are as follows:
Rate per 1,000 gallons:

	Present:	Year 2013
Water	\$4.94	\$5.19
Sewer	\$4.59	\$4.82

Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE WATER and SEWER DEPARTMENT

-2013-

SUBJECT: 2013 Meter Reading, Billing and Payments Due Schedule for all Residential, Multiple and Commercial Accounts

Meter Reading & Calculate Bills	Bills Mailed	Payment Due	SWD Billing Period
January 14 – 22	February 15	March 11	March – April
March 15 – 22	April 12	May 6	May – June
May 17 – 24	June 14	July 8	July – August
July 15 – 22	August 16	September 9	September – October
September 13 – 20	October 11	November 6	November – December
November 15 – 22	December 13	January 6 (2014)	January – February (2014)

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NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Charter Township of Northville Planning Commission has scheduled public hearings for Tuesday, January 29, 2013, at 7:30 P.M. at the Northville Township Municipal Office building located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan. The Planning Commission will hear comments regarding a Special Land Use Amendment for Triumph Church located at 16115 Beck Road (Article 30, Special Land Use) to use a portion of Building 6 for youth ministry and child care; and for rezoning property located at 44033 and 44075 8 Mile Road from R-1 Single Family Residential to Planned Unit Development (PUD) to include mixed use for office, senior living and residential (Article 20, Development Options).

The public is invited to attend this public hearing and express their comments or ask questions. Plans will be available for viewing at the Township office between 8:00 A.M. and 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday and on the Township's website beginning January 9, 2013, at [www.twp.northville.mi.us](#). Written comments will be received by the Northville Township Planning Commission at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168.

Tim Zawodny, Vice Chair
Planning Commission

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SCOUTS

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The girls in Troop 40844 attend Hillside, Meads Mill, Our Lady of Victory and Northville High School in Northville and St. Mary Catholic School in Monroe. In addition to their European trip, they also are planning to earn their Gold Awards, the most prestigious award bestowed by the Girl Scouts which requires completing a Girl Scout journey and more than 80 hours of community service toward a project of their choice.

"Girl Scouting is good for their self-esteem,"

Kowalczyk said. "It builds leadership skills and gives them the opportunity to make lifelong friends and do things that they might not otherwise have the opportunity to do. It also gives them a sense of community and the importance of giving to others."

Kowalczyk said a few of the girls have been with her since she became a troop leader eight years ago. She said they set their sights on Europe as a fitting way to end their active troop involvement.

"They thought we should do something pretty big to end it all," Kowalczyk said.



Girl Scouts with Northville's Troop 40844 show off the T-shirts they designed.

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Wednesday Evening, 7:00 p.m.

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11:00 AM - Eucharist with Traditional Music

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Northville, MI 48168
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www.wardchurch.org
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Contemporary Worship at 9:30 & 11 a.m.
Children's Programs available at 9:30 & 11 a.m.
The Traditional Service is broadcast on the radio each week at 11 a.m. on 560 AM

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

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Milford

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1116 S. Hickory Ridge Rd., Milford, MI 48380
248-887-1218
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Wednesday All Ages: 7:00 p.m.
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www.opcmilford.org
(248) 685-3560
Contemporary Worship Service: Sunday 9:15 am & 11:15 am
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Middle School Student Ministries: Sunday 9:15 am
High School Student Ministries: Sunday Evening 6-8 pm
Women, Men and Life Groups: Various Schedules

AT100016

Milford United Methodist Church
1200 Atlantic St., Milford, MI 48381
Sunday Worship at: 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.
Groups for Children, Youth and Adults
248-684-2798
milfordumc.net

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Sunday School & Bible Class 9-30 a.m.
Worship-10:30 a.m.
www.newhudsonumc.org

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

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(248) 349-1144
777 West 8 Mile Road • (8 Mile and Taft Road)
Worship Times: September - May 8:00, 9:15 & 11:00 a.m.
Memorial Day - Labor Day 8:30 and 10:00 a.m.
Rev. Dr. Steven J. Buck, Senior Pastor
www.fumcnorthville.org

AT100012

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

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Northville, MI. 48167
Pastor Andy Whitten
Phone 248-374-2268
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Adult Sunday Bible Study at 10 AM
Sunday Service at 11 AM
Bible Study, Wednesdays at 7:00 PM

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Novi

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46325 10 Mile Rd. • Novi, MI 48374
Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 8, 9:30 & 11:30 a.m.
Msgr. John Kasza, Pastor
Parish Office: 347-7778

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1/2 mile west of Novi Rd.
www.faithcommunity-novi.org
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Rev. Arthur Ritter, Senior Minister

AT100013

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Saturday Worship 5:15 pm.,
Sunday 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.
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www.oakpointe.org

AT100002

NOVI UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
41671 W. Ten Mile Road • Novi, MI 48375
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Kids Church 8:45 & 10:30 a.m.
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OUR VIEWS

State must invest in early learning to compete globally

Far too often state legislators and educators get sidetracked trying to win a seemingly endless argument rather than doing what is best for children.

Much of the recent discussion about reforming education has been about providing more options to families. Gov. Rick Snyder is promoting an “any time, any place, any way, any pace” system that would ostensibly lead to more charter schools and give parents more say in where and how their children learn.

Educators loathe change more than most so position statements and talking points are issued to legions of followers and the battle is on. This pattern is all too familiar to the families of Michigan and the bickering does little to help.

One common-sense solution to improving educational outcomes for families is simply getting more children into quality educational programs at a younger age. Sadly, Michigan's track record of funding preschool is lousy despite the fact that most experts agree that an additional year or two in school is beneficial to young learners.

The Michigan State Board of Education began a strong push for universal preschool for 3- and 4-year olds in 2011 but Gov. Snyder took the business approach to the problem by consolidating the state's early childhood programs and resources into the Michigan Office of Great Start. The mission of the office is to coordinate 84 separate funding sources for early childhood programs.

Michigan lags behind 23 states in providing access to education for 4-year-olds according to a 2011 study by The National Institute for Early Education Research, a unit of Rutgers.

While Oklahoma offers universal access to state-funded preschool and 75 percent of eligible children are enrolled, just 18 percent of 4-year-olds are in state-funded preschool in Michigan. Nation-wide, 28 percent of 4-year-olds were enrolled in a state-funded preschool programs in the 2010-2011 school year so Michigan not only fails in comparison to the leading states, but also trails the national average by 10 percent. It isn't that Michigan is cutting funding because that isn't true. Other states have simply found ways to increase funding at a greater pace because they have made early learning a priority.

Michigan does almost nothing to fund preschool for 3-year-olds but Illinois, the same state many of our college graduates are flocking to for jobs, leads the nation in providing access to education for 3-year-olds.

While some states have focused on broadened opportunities for all families, Michigan focuses only on poor or other at-risk youth.

And even the population the state is trying to help isn't being adequately served. Susan Broman, head of Michigan's Office of Great Start, concedes that many of Michigan's 4-year-olds now eligible for state-funded preschool are not enrolled due to lack of funding.

This lack of commitment to funding preschool is not only counter to Gov. Snyder's goal of having students reading proficiently at the end of third grade, it is counter to the greater goal of making our state competitive in the global marketplace.

We aren't advocating free day care for all Michigan families either. We are talking about the need for increased funding for quality educational programs for young learners.

Recent research shows that even gains made through Head Start fade if the commitment to quality education isn't consistent throughout the learning experience so just throwing money at the problem isn't the answer.

What Michigan needs is bold commitment to early education that includes not only lofty goals and a system to make sure they are achieved but also actual money in the budget to make it happen.

COMMUNITY VOICE

What do you think is the biggest story of 2012 (and why)?

We asked this question in downtown Northville.



“Newtown, Connecticut. It touched all of our hearts in a way we can't fully comprehend.”
Tracey Wormsbacher
Northville



“Hurricane Sandy. People are still feeling the impact of it.”
Devon Pearson
Northville



“The fiscal cliff. Because our government was toying with people's emotions.”
James Oury
Northville Art House member



“The election. It was big and full of dissension.”
Gary Kasenow
Northville

LETTERS

‘Obamaphile dodge’

Mr. Lawrence's comments on Mr. Nowka's letter in your Dec. 20 issue were a very typical Obamaphile dodge. He stopped his national debt analysis at \$10 trillion under President Bush, but failed to note that after only four years under President Obama the national debt is now over \$16 trillion, well beyond 2008 projections and rising fast. Mr. Nowka made some important points. Mr. Lawrence might be better off by not asking where's the beef but instead asking where's the left-wing pork.

Ernie McLaughlin
Northville

Two hopes

With the coming of the New Year there are two events I would hope that will happen in 2013.

First is that with the tragic events at Sandy Hook Elementary School our state legislators will seriously consider requiring scheduled yearly safety inspections and enact guidelines for safer building design in our public schools. One of the most important aspects of any confrontation with a criminal is the opportunity to flee from the assailant. Therefore all exit doors and windows in a school must be operable at all times. In many schools seldom used exit doors have been found to be rusted shut or exterior concrete surfaces have lifted, preventing the doors from swinging open thus impeding the opportunity for occupants to flee.

Another aspect to consider is the overall design of the school. In 1973, Oscar Newman wrote the book, “Defensible Space, Crime Prevention Through Urban Design.” In his book, he discusses methods of designing buildings in order to reduce crime or eliminate design oversights that foster criminal activity. In other words some buildings, by design, can be an easy target for criminals. Most of our schools fall into the easy category. For example, many of our school buildings central office areas do not allow for a visual surveillance of the main entrance or a controlled area in which to screen visitors entering the building. There are few, if any, private office buildings where a visitor is requested to voluntarily sign in at the office, provide no identification, can sign in “John Doe” and then freely walk through the building as they can in most public schools.

School buildings should have a separate and secure visitor's vestibule where a guest can be greeted, observed and detained if necessary until the police arrive without danger to staff or students. In some school buildings, visitors can enter the exterior doors and proceed immediately to stairs or corridors that provide access to the entire building without ever passing near the office. We need to re-evaluate the amount of glass we install in

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hallways, entrance and classroom doors. Whether classroom doors should be able to be locked from within by the teacher to prevent entry by an intruder and provide better security to the occupants within. Classrooms should provide multiple means of egress, not just one single door into the interior hallway, in order to allow students and staff the ability to flee out of harm's way should an assailant enter the room from the hall.

The answer is not to confront the assailant with force, but to get the students to safety, and many of our current school buildings do not allow this. Another safety measure may be to require visitors to wear a nonremovable wrist band that tracks their movement through the school. I would hope our legislators will take the lead and organize a review board of architects, teachers, administrators and law enforcement personnel to develop safety and security guidelines for school design and procedures vs. focusing all their efforts on increasing gun control. Gun control may help but it is not the only answer.

My second hope for the New Year is that with the recent removal of all the trees at the corner of Seven Mile and Haggerty Road, which now opens up the breathtaking view of downtown Detroit and the Ambassador Bridge that someone will come to the realization that this site is best suited for a multi-story hotel with a world class restaurant on its upper floor, not another retail strip mall.

Steve Lomske (architect)
Northville

Lame duck frenzy

A couple of weeks have now passed since the far-right lame duck feeding frenzy in Lansing. At least the governor had the good sense, or political savvy in the wake of Sandy Hook, to veto the concealed carry legislation, but he rubber stamped every

other bill, from the so-called “Right to Work” legislation to the bill that protects him and his legislative co-conspirators from recall. Dick DeVos and the Koch brothers won this one, and the citizens of Michigan lost. Big, special interest money failed at the federal election level this year, but it is still, unfortunately, quite effective at the state level.

There was a time when I was a registered Republican. I might have changed a little over the years, but the Republicans have changed a lot. In the years since I changed my party affiliation the gulf between my beliefs and values and the beliefs and values displayed by the Republican Party has grown increasingly wide. They have become the party of greed and special interests. The zealous Tea Party faction, some of whom might actually imagine themselves to be the spiritual descendants of the Boston patriots of 1776, out on a mission to right the wrongs in this country, are just the unwitting pawns of the big money faction. If this were 1776, King George III would be right behind them, cheering them on.

Our recourse to the offenses committed by our representatives is in the voting booth. Unfortunately, it is almost two years until we can exercise our franchise, and the collective memory of the voting public tends to be much shorter than that. I, for one, vow that I will not forget what has been done in this legislative session, and will do whatever I can to guarantee that Messrs. Kowall, Crawford, Heise, and Snyder have served their last term in Lansing.

John D. Webster
Northville

Right to freeloader

Gov. Rick Snyder and the Republican-dominated Michigan Legislature showed leadership in giving those who work in a plant or school covered by a union contract the right not to pay union dues if they do not want to. Of course, this will help kill the unions in our state, but it is a defense of freedom.

I am retired, so I am not involved with unions. However, like those who have received benefits from a union, I have received help from firemen and policemen. Police came quickly when I called because a burglar was in my house. And the Northville firemen put out a blazing fire in my kitchen. The trouble is I have to pay to taxes to support the police and fire departments. If Gov. Snyder and the Republicans are so concerned and brave as to excuse workers getting benefits from union representation from paying their share of supporting the union, why don't they pass a law giving me the right not to pay taxes to support benefits extended by the government? the logic is the same. I, too, should have the right to be a freeloader.

Irene Piccone
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Walled Lake chiropractor Tom Sladic was recently granted the title of a Certified Nutrition Specialist by the American College of Nutrition. The Novi resident's office is off of Pontiac Trail in Walled Lake.

Shaping up

Chiropractor recommends eating fruits, veggies, as well as exercising

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Novi resident Tom Sladic, a Walled Lake chiropractor, got a wake-up call when he had a heart attack at age 38. Sladic wasn't overweight. "I was not the typical heart attack patient," said Sladic, who'd exercised regularly before the heart attack. "That was the catalyst, I guess you could say, that led me on this mission."

That increased his interest in nutrition and overall health. Sladic recently got good news; he's now a Certified Nutrition Specialist through the American College of Nutrition, as well as a member of the Institute for Functional Medicine.

"It's very important," the chiropractor said of nutrition. Many have sensitivities, such as to gluten or to proteins like whey.

Sladic, who earned his doctor of chiropractic degree from Life University in Georgia, has been practicing 15 years. He noted a poor diet can lead to autoimmune diseases.

"You have to find something you're going to make a lifestyle," Sladic said. He recommends the "Paleolithic" diet, which is heavily plant-based with lots of fruits and vegetables.

"It's a very popular diet these days," he said. "You can get creative with the recipes," especially if tests determine you have food sensitivities.

"I eat a Paleo diet," said Sladic, whose family includes children ages 12 and 14. "Kids are always a challenge, I'm not going to lie to you," but

said his do well on diet.

The chiropractor recommends avoiding processed foods as much as possible. "You're much further ahead," he said, adding, "You can get all the foods you need from Kroger."

His office is at 1881 Pontiac Trail, Suite B, between Dexter and Welch roads in Walled Lake, the phone (248) 926-0455. His website is www.DrSladic.com.

Sladic, 45, often presents nutrition seminars, and is eager to share information.

The intent of eating food is to supply our bodies with nutrients to grow, repair and be healthy, Sladic said.

The selection of foods becomes the cornerstone of health, becoming healthy or unhealthy.

Diets loaded with sugar and toxins lead to obesity, insulin resistance, cardiovascular disease and can be linked to a host of diseases, Sladic said.

For those with health-related New Year's resolutions, Sladic recommends "baby steps."

Start eating less sugar, start eating less starches, start adding some real food into the diet slowly,

Change is difficult and it takes about two weeks for new habits to form and become second nature, he said.

In summary, Sladic said, if you feed your body improperly it becomes toxic and sick and you will eventually feel it. Stop engaging in physical activity and your muscles and frame become weak and frail, he said.

jbrown@hometownlife.com

Are you using a New Year's resolution to treat a medical condition?

While losing weight may be one of the most common New Year's resolutions in 2013, it will also be one of the most abandoned resolutions during the year. For many people,



Katz

their weight issue is actually the chronic medical condition of obesity. And, while personal resolutions are the first step, people struggling with obesity may benefit from medical care to reduce their health risks and improve their quality of life.

According to the National Institute of Health, obesity is a serious, chronic medical condition and a national epidemic. About two-thirds of U.S. adults are overweight and nearly one-third are obese.

"Obesity is associated with life-threatening conditions that reduce quality of life and lifespan, including diabetes, high blood pressure, heart disease, stroke, arthritis, certain cancers and sleep apnea" said Dr. Gary Katz, medical director of the bar-

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iatric surgical team at St. John Providence Weight Loss Center. "Research shows that 66 percent of all U.S. adults and 18 percent of U.S. children are at risk for these health conditions due to their weight."

According to the National Institute of Diabetes, Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK), weight loss surgery is an option for people who are severely obese and cannot lose weight by traditional means or those who suffer from serious obesity-related health problems. The operation promotes weight loss by

restricting food intake and, in some operations, interrupting the digestive process. As with other treatments for obesity, the best results are achieved with healthy eating behaviors and regular physical activity.

You may be a candidate for surgery if you have:

- A body mass index (BMI) of 40 or more—about 100 pounds overweight
- A BMI between 35 and 39.9 along with a serious obesity-related health problem such as type 2 diabetes, heart disease, or severe sleep apnea (when breathing stops for short periods during sleep)
- An understanding of the bariatric operation and the lifestyle changes you will need to make

"Weight loss surgery has helped millions of people shed excess weight and live healthier lives" said Katz. "It is a common treatment option for people with severe obesity who have been unsuccessful with other weight loss methods. Weight loss surgery works because it also includes education to transform eating habits to maintain an ideal weight and thus live a healthier life."

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Hanging with Santa

Sarah Colvin (left), Abbi Colvin (right), and Molly Johnson hang out with Santa at Northville Civic Concern's Dec. 15 distribution party at Northville Township's Church of the Nazarene. Civic Concern and its volunteers adopted needy families for the season and made sure that they had a warm, fulfilling Christmas with few treats for their homes.

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Time/Day: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday-Friday; 7 p.m. Monday-Wednesday; 4:30 p.m. Saturday
Hoily Days: 9 a.m., 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.
Reconciliation: beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays or by appointment
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Sunday Worship: 11:15 a.m.
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Details: Nursery and older children programs available. Worship blends traditional and contemporary elements resulting in a multi-sensory worship experience.
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Bibie Schooi: Sunday 10 a.m.; Wednesday 7 p.m.
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Contact: Rev. Arthur P. Ritter, Senior Minister (248) 348-7757, visit mbccc.org or e-mail to office@mbccc.org.
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Church Schooi: 10-11 a.m.
Feiellowship Hour: 11 a.m.
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Mustangs finish fourth at Salem invite

Swim team gets state cut for 400 free relay team

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

It wasn't the victory some Northville tankers may have hoped for when they headed over Salem to compete in the annual Rock Kilgore Invitational, but there were some bright spots nonetheless. The boys' swim team, coached by Rich Bennetts, took fourth out of six teams at the tournament.

"We had some good races," said Bennetts. "The 400 free relay team got their state cut, so that was good news."

Bennetts said his team is still young and picking up experience with each and every meet.

"We have a long way to go, but the boys are working hard," he said. "I think we will be a much-improved team at the end of the year. However, we all know that this team is used to winning, and we have some very tough meets coming up, so we will see how it goes."

The invitational is distinct in the fact that it has



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Mustang James Xue is part of the 400 freestyle relay team that qualified for the state meet.

three heats in every race, and each heat is scored the same. Taking third in the slowest heat is as worth as many points as taking third in the fastest heat, and so on.

In the 200 medley relay, Northville's team of Daniel Brown, Chris Geng, Mark Kaminski and Yash Bajaj took third in the C heat, while the team of James Xue, Josh Liu, Akbar Ariswala and Scott Wang took third in the B heat. In the 200 freestyle, Sergio Reyes took third in the B heat. Geng add-

ed points for Northville in the 200 individual medley, taking first place in his respective heat while Nick Hayes took second and Andrew Westphal took third in their respective heats. In the 50 free, Alan Ruan took a third and Austin Hunt took a second in their heats, while divers Christian Field and Anton Travis took first and third, respectively.

In the 100 butterfly, Nick DuFresne took a first, while Scott Wang finished second and Aris-

wala and Frank Zhang were third in their respective heats. The 100 freestyle finished with Austin Hunt earning a first, Josh Liu taking second and Westphal taking third while Sergio Reyes took first and Matthew Schafer took third in the 500 freestyle.

In the 200 freestyle relay, the team of Bajaj, Brown, DuFresne and Danny Teng took first in the C heat while Zhang, Geng, Ariswala and Reyes took third in the B heat and Sam Boyea,

Ruan, Scott Wang and Hunt took third in the A heat.

Bajaj captured second in the 100 breaststroke, as did Josh Liu, while Ruan finished third in his heat. The day ended with Northville taking a second in the C heat of the 400 freestyle relay with a team of Brown, Kaminski, Hayes and Teng while the team of Westphal, Boyea, Xue and Hunt took fourth in the A heat but finished with a 3:22.79 to qualify for the state finals.

ON TAP

The Mustangs swimming and diving team will be back in the water when they visit Novi today at 6 p.m. before hosting the Northville Quad Meet at noon Saturday. The team will then visit Walled Lake Western Tuesday and then host North Farmington a week from today. Both meets begin at 6:30 p.m.



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Mustang Gabby Mencotti looks to take a shot during Northville's Jan. 4 game against Salem High.

One low-scoring affair

Northville girls hoops team gets ugly win

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

Northville girls basketball coach Todd Gudith said it better than any one when he noted that "an ugly win is better than a pretty loss."

His team would definitely know following their victory over Plymouth Salem last week by a slim margin, 24-21.

"Salem always plays us tough," said Gudith. "They are a big team, which provides us with some difficult match-ups. We seemed to never really get comfortable offensively and forced up a lot of shots that we could have turned into better chances. Our girls played well defensively to keep us in the game."

The Mustangs found themselves trailing by the end of the first quarter in the contest, though only by a margin of 5-2 as neither team seemed to be able to find the bottom of the basket with much success. The Mustangs, however, did find some life in the second quarter, outscoring the Rocks, 10-4, to take a 12-9 lead into the half. It would

ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs girls basketball team will be back on the floor when they play tomorrow at Novi at 5:30 p.m. before hosting South Lyon Tuesday at 7 p.m.

prove to be the difference maker as Northville scored four points in the third to Salem's five and outscored the Rocks, 8-7, in the final stanza to secure the win.

The Mustangs turned the ball over 17 times — a season high — while shooting just 26.5-percent from the floor. Salem wasn't any better, shooting just 24-percent.

"Our division is solid from top to bottom and there's going to be nights like this, so anytime you can walk out with a W is a plus," said Gudith. Northville, which is 6-1 overall and now 1-0 in the Central Division, was led in scoring by junior Gabby Mencotti, who scored eight points on the night, while Heather Randall added six points in the victory.



Mustang Heather Randall, left, and Salem Rock Kelly Whalen fight for a rebound during the teams' Jan. 4 game at Northville High.

Mustangs fifth at Highlander Invitational

Squad follows lead of Jon Wines, who wins gold

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

In a field of 11 teams at the Rochester Adams Highlander Invitational last week, it would have been easy for the Northville Mustangs wrestling team to simply fade into the background and go unnoticed.

Instead, the team made plenty of noise, finishing fifth overall as they followed the lead of Jon Wines as the senior brought home gold in the heavyweight division.

"Jon looked good in all phases, impressing the staff with some great take-downs and his ability to finish matches with pins," said coach Bob Boshoven.

Wines pinned all of his opponents on the day to take the top spot in his weight class.

Northville also had Max Mudar (140 pounds), Kevin Charara (112) and Sean Wagner (135) take third in the tournament.

The tournament was especially sweet for Wagner, who won his third medal in three years. He has finished first, second and now third at the tournament. The event also found Wagner earning the 50th victory by fall of his varsity career.

Northville's Shunhe Wang and Alex Coe finished fourth for the Mustangs while Spencer Compo and Alex Justice finished fifth.

ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs wrestling team will be back in action when they travel to Livonia Stevenson for an invitational Saturday. They will then host a quad meet at home Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.



From left, Enzo and Angelo Mastrioianni consult with fellow wrestler Jordan Morgan on Sunday at the Ferndale invitational alongside their coach, Matthew Tochman.

Northville youth wrestling team excels in first tourney

The Northville Youth Wrestling team's first competition of the year took place Sunday, Jan. 6 at the Ferndale Invitational Wrestling Tournament. Eleven Mustang wrestlers hit the mat. An undefeated trio brought home gold medals. One youngster won third and two earned fourth place honors.

Undefeated so far this season, Jacob Bisdorf, a fifth grader at Ridgewood Elementary School, fought for a hard earned first place medal, winning two bouts by pin and three matches in points.

"My favorite things about wrestling are winning medals and learning new things from all the coaches and older kids," said Bisdorf, who is in his second year of Michigan Youth Wrestling Association competition.

"Jacob had no idea what wrestling was when he first started," said Jacob's dad, Jeremy Bisdorf. "He lost most of his matches at his first couple of meets. He never gave up though. He began applying things he learned in practice and stuck with it. He has now had some successes and really loves the sport. It is great to see him grow this way and make a lot of new friends along the way."

Two other Mustang wrestlers began their career with first place finishes. Thornton Creek Elementary School students, first

grader, Enzo Mastrioianni and fifth grader, Brennan Van Ripper both wrestled undefeated on the day.

In a highly contested match, with a 0:01 second pin, Parker Dietrich stacked an opponent from Catholic Central at the end of the second period.

"I yelled to Parker 'five seconds' as I saw him putting the other opponent in a stack," said Parker's mother, Janet Dietrich. "Then 'bam', the hand slapped down and it was a pin right at 1 second."

The center referee had to call in an official referee to confer on the Hillside Middle School sixth grader's climactic finish. Parker finished the day with a fourth place medal. "That's a move I'm definitely going to use again," Parker said.

Five-year-old Eian Szerlip also won fourth place. Jordan Morgan took home a third place medal.

Other competitors included: Thornton Creek kindergartner Angelo Mastrioianni, Meads Mill Middle School eighth grader Joey Minghine, Ridgewood Elementary School first grader Owen Ross and third grader Tyler Ross, and Moraine Elementary School second grader Boden Dietrich.

Northville Youth Wrestling practices evenings at Northville High School. For more information, email nvyouthwrestling@mail.com or call (248) 374-0592.

Relay carolers



LISA BIANCHI

The Novi High School varsity girls swim and dive team members are caroling to help battle cancer and have raised \$331.25 toward their \$1,500 goal for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. The swimmers and diver (from left) are: Zoe Psiakis, Alexana Steck, Alexandra Cortez, Meagan Cortez, Kara Berg, Ava Bianchi, and Jaymie Ziegler; and Sophie Psiakis (center) and Cecile Steck (back).

Recognition



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Mustangs hockey team skates to tie

The Northville Mustangs hockey team skated to a 6-6 tie against a tough Plymouth Salem squad last week.

The two teams couldn't seem to get the best of one another, skating out to ties at the end of each period until the score remained knotted up at the final buzzer.

Leading the way for the Mustangs was Ryan Bloom, who tacked on another hat trick to his growing resume. He tallied his last goal on a penalty shot with just 10 seconds left in the game following an intentional delay of game penalty on the Salem goalie, who was called for purposely knocking the net off the moorings.

Tyler Gardiner had three assists on the day. He currently leads the squad in the assists category. Also picking up three assists was Alex Stuart, who had a goal on the night as well.

The team's other two goals were scored by Ken Kosinski and Ben Crabell, who each had an assist on the night. Other assists were credited to Andrew Rosati and Todd Goebel.



JOHN PAWLOSKI

Northville's Ryan Bloom (3) fires a shot against the Salem Rocks in a game that ended in a 6-6 tie.

Gymnastics team has close match against Livonia

The Northville Mustangs gymnastics team turned in a strong performance against a very solid Livonia Blue team last week, though they ultimately fell in the end, 134.05-131.

The team did have several highlights, however, as Alyssa Breen turned in an 8.3 on the vault, while Lauren Rodriguez earned an 8.45 on the bars. Gerianna Dauber was awarded an 8.55 from the judges with her floor exercise while Taylor Dempsey had an 8.8 on the beam. Erin Warwood also scored an 8.5 with her beam performance.



CHRIS WARWOOD

Senior Taylor Dempsey prepares to do a back handspring on beam for the Mustangs.

Basketball team falls to Sailem

The Northville Mustangs boys' basketball team was on the wrong end of a landslide last week as they fell to Plymouth Salem, 51-26.

The team found itself trailing by seven after the first quarter of play, 12-5, and headed into the locker room with the Rocks a double-digit lead, 24-12.

The Mustangs did manage to work the Rock's lead to just 10 points in the third quarter before the Salem squad put on a scoring clinic with a 15-0 run to take a commanding 41-16 lead.

Northville was led by Andrew Meacham, who scored 13 in the losing effort. Chris Dierker led Salem with 18 points.



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Mustangs Stewart Henzi, left, and Andrew Meacham try to stop a shot by Salem Rock's Ankit Tiwari during the teams' Jan 4 meeting at Salem High.

— By Sam Eggleston



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Wolfpack perfect in Saline tourney



On Saturday, Dec. 15, the Northville Wolfpack 6th grade girls basketball team competed in the Saline Maximum Potential Holiday Hoopfest Tournament. The girls compiled a perfect 4-0 record, playing teams from Jackson, Saline, Livonia, and Hartland, and won the tournament championship. The girls are looking forward to playing in many more tournaments including the Grass Lake Girls Basketball Tournament to be held Jan. 19-20, and the Northville Invitational Tournament on Feb. 9. The team is coached by Steve Grant and assistant coach Steve Thallman. The team consists of (back row from left) Assistant Coach Steve Thallman, Coach Steve Grant, (middle row from left) Karina Moore, Jenna Lauderback, Connie Krizmanich, Jane Berry, Nicole Martin, (front row from left) Ellie Thallman, Hannah Grant, Tara Beason, and Chloe Zulcosky.

PREP SPORTS SCHEDULES

Northville

BOYS HOCKEY

All games at 7 p.m. unless noted
1/11-1/12 @Ann Arbor Pioneer TBA

BOYS BOWLING

All events at 3:30 p.m. unless noted
1/14 @Wayne Memorial
1/15 Waterford Mott

GIRLS BOWLING

All events at 3:30 p.m. unless noted
1/14 @Wayne Memorial
1/15 Waterford Mott

BOYS BASKETBALL

All games at 7 p.m. unless noted
1/11 @Novi
1/15 @South Lyon

GIRLS BASKETBALL

All games at 7 p.m. unless noted
1/11 @ Novi 5:30 p.m.

BOYS SWIMMING

All meets at 6:30 p.m. unless noted
1/10 @Novi 6 p.m.
1/12 Northville Quad Noon
1/15 @Walled Lake Western
1/17 North Farmington

CHEERLEADING

All events at 6 p.m. unless noted
1/12 @Stoney Creek Invitational TBA
1/16 @South Lyon Quad

WRESTLING

Meets at 5:30 p.m. unless noted
1/12 @Livonia Stevenson Invitational TBA
1/16 Quad Meet

Novi

BOYS BASKETBALL

All games 7 p.m. unless noted
1/11 Northville
1/15 Plymouth Salem

GIRLS BASKETBALL

All games at 7 p.m. unless noted
1/11 5:30 p.m. Northville
1/15 @ Plymouth Salem

WRESTLING

1/12 10 a.m. @ South Lyon Invitational
1/16 5 p.m. @ Northville Quad (Northville, Livonia Stevenson, South Lyon)

BOYS & GIRLS BOWLING

All meets at 3:30 p.m. unless noted
1/12 1 p.m. @ Plymouth-Canton Schools Tournament (@ Super Bowl)
1/14 @ Plymouth Salem (@ Super Bowl)
1/15 South Lyon East (@ Novi Bowl)

COMPETITIVE CHEER

1/12 9 a.m. Novi Cheer Invite
1/16 6 p.m. @ South Lyon Quad (Northville, Livonia

Stevenson, South Lyon)

BOYS & GIRLS SKIING

All dual races 4 p.m. @ Alpine Valley unless noted
1/10 Hartland, Milford
1/17 Ladywood, West Bloomfield

Catholic Central

SWIMMING

1/10 @Livonia Stevenson
6:30 p.m.

BOWLING

1/11 Notre Dame Prep 3:30 p.m.
1/12 Plymouth Tournament 1 p.m.
1/17 DeLaSalle 3:30 p.m.

BASKETBALL

All games at 7:30 p.m. unless noted
1/11 @DeLaSalle

WRESTLING

1/12 CC Super Duals 10 a.m.

HOCKEY

All games at 7 p.m. unless noted
1/10 Port Huron Northern
1/12 Cranbrook 2:30 p.m.

SKIING

Events at 6 p.m. at Mt. Brighton unless noted
1/10 Farmington
1/15 Howell 5 p.m.
1/17 South Lyon United

Shamrocks skate to victory

Team edges Wyandotte with Brady Jones' score

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

The Shamrocks' hockey team found itself in the rare position of being tied in the third period with time expiring and a must-score scenario on the ice in order to obtain the victory.

But, in true Detroit Catholic Central fashion, the pressure didn't seem to phase the Shamrocks one bit as they skated away with a 3-2 victory over Wyandotte thanks to Brady Jones' goal in the final period of play.

The Shamrocks started the day off trailing the Wyandotte skaters, 1-0, with just nine minutes off the clock in the first period as Griffin Maiani, assisted by Aaron Robinson, scored for the Bears.

But the Catholic Central squad didn't let that lead last long, scoring four and a half minutes lat-

ON TAP

The Detroit Catholic Central hockey team will be on the ice again when they play today at 7 p.m. at home against Port Huron Northern before hosting Cranbrook Saturday at 2:30 p.m.

er off the stick of Jones, who took assistance from Tyler Payne and Danny Middleton for the score.

The Shamrocks edged out to a 2-1 lead at the 6:52 mark in the second period, thanks to a power play goal by Carson Gatt, who was assisted by Max Wanko and Jones on the play. But Wyandotte came back in the opening minutes of the third period to tie it up again, this time on a power play of their own as John Calhoun took a pass from Joe Smellie and fired it home for the 2-2 game.

Catholic Central didn't flinch, however, and just went back to work, eventually earning the game-winning goal off Jones' stick with 6:08 off the clock in the final period to earn the win. Wanko was credited with the assist on the winning shot.

The game was rather tame in terms of penalties, as the Shamrocks earned two calls totaling four minutes in the box and Wyandotte was whistled for four penalties, including a 10-minute major for checking from behind that was called on Vinnie Jelsomemo midway through the third period.

Ryan Mulka earned the win in goal for the Shamrocks, stopping 11 shots on goal, while Wyandotte's Justin Armatis didn't fare so well, facing 44 shots and stopping three for the loss.

CC suffers two tough losses

Cagers fall to Dearborn and Detroit Loyola

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

Two tough losses greeted the Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks as the welcomed 2013.

The squad, coached by Bill Dyer, took a 55-50 loss to Dearborn on January 2, just two days before suffering a 62-42 loss against Detroit Loyola.

Against Dearborn, the Shamrocks jumped out to a 12-6 lead and maintained an edge as they entered the locker room at halftime leading 24-20. But Dearborn was able to match the Shamrocks in the third quarter with each team scoring 12 points, before simply having an outstanding performance in the final stanza and outscoring Catholic Central 23-14 to earn the win.

The Shamrocks were leading by one point late in the game when they took a poor shot with less than a minute remaining.

"We fouled on the rebound and fell behind

ON TAP

The Shamrocks basketball team will be back on the court when they play tomorrow at DeLaSalle at 7:30 p.m.

by one," said Dyer. "They blocked a shot on our next possession and we had to four again and we ended up losing by five."

There was a bright side to the game — Charlie Ryan had his first start of the season and the junior led the Shamrocks in scoring with 13 points while Nick Malzone, a senior, added 11 and junior Noah Lee added nine in the loss.

Dearborn was led by Ali Farhat, who scored an impressive 37 points to help keep his team undefeated with a 6-0 record.

Against Loyola, the Shamrocks had trouble converting at the free-throw line, shooting just 13-for-27, and couldn't capitalize on their opportunities as they fell, 62-42.

Detroit Catholic Central led, 13-2, after the first quarter but trailed, 31-19, heading into the half.

"We missed seven free throws in the first half," noted Dyer.

Those seven points were glaring at the Shamrocks in the third quarter as they trailed Loyola by seven, but the Catholic Central cagers missed three straight shots and stumbled into the fourth quarter where they were outscored, 21-8, by their opponents.

"We weren't able to convert at the free throw line and that took away any chance we had to keep the game close," Dyer said.

Loyola went 6-for-10 from the charity stripe and was led in scoring by James Stewart and Toby Sharpe, who each had 15 points to lead all scorers. Catholic Central was led by Lee, who put in 12 points.

The Shamrocks, now 3-2 on the season, had 27 turnovers and shot just 13-for-42 from the floor.

Shamrocks dominate at CC Invitational

Wrestling team gets four tourney champions

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

The Catholic Central Invitational is always an event that high school wrestling fans look forward to, as it tends to bring some extremely talented teams to the area for a day of quality grappling.

The most talented team at the 2013 Catholic Central Invitational, it just so happens, was the host school as the Shamrocks earned themselves a victory with 241 team points. They simply ran away from the competition, with Toledo Central Catholic earning second place with 127 points.

"I think our young men competed hard and wrestled well," said Detroit Catholic Central coach Mitch Hancock. "We have

ON TAP

The Detroit Catholic Central wrestling team will be back in action when they host the CC Super Duals at 10 a.m. Saturday.

a lot of depth on this team and I think we showed that this weekend. We take pride in winning our own tournament and our guys like competing at home."

The Shamrocks had four tournament champions and nine other placing wrestlers in the invite. Winning titles for the Catholic Central grappling team were Logan Marcicki, Drew Garcia, Nick Giese and Ken Bade while Myles Amine and Bob Coe finished second on the day.



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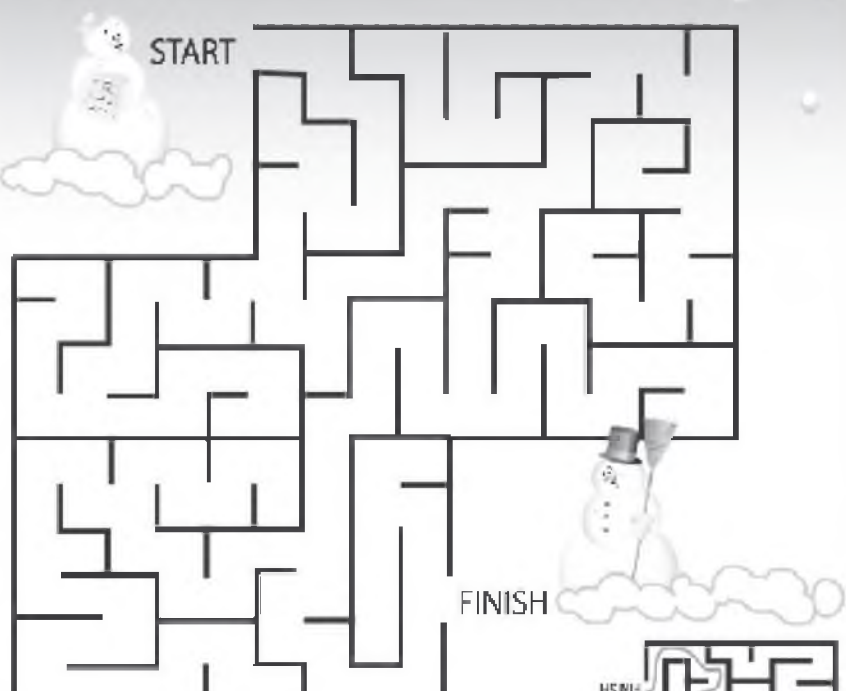


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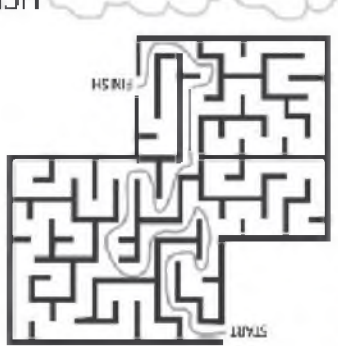
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Bright House Networks donates \$10,000 to Sweet Dreamzzz

As part of its 12 Days of Giving campaign, a commitment to making the holidays happier this season for those in need, Bright House Networks presented a \$10,000 donation to Sweet Dreamzzz on Dec. 18. The donation will assist in the purchase of needed supplies for the sleep kit which provides a child with practical materials that their families may not otherwise be able to afford – a sleeping bag, nightshirt, and socks for warmth, a toothbrush and toothpaste for hygiene, and a stuffed animal, activity book, crayons, and reading book to aid in bedtime relaxation.

Bright House Networks' 12 Days of Giving campaign was designed to support charitable organizations in its local communities that are focused on helping the military,



Shown (from left) are Bright House Networks' Leigh Byrd; and Sweet Dreamzzz's Nancy Maxwell, executive director, and Susan Orlikowski, office manager.

homeless, hungry and children. During the 12 days, which ran from Dec. 1-12, Bright House Networks posted a different picture of an item in need on its Facebook page. The items ranged from razors for military personnel to baby formula and diapers for children. For every person

who shared the photo of the day, Bright House Networks committed to donate that same number of items to a charity in each of its local communities. The charity with the most shares received an additional \$10,000 donation on behalf of Bright House Networks and its giving customers.



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Caregivers Sandy McCluskey (left) and Betty Maxwell (right) help Northville Senior Living residents Dee Snowden and Jewell Bretz with a game of bingo. The assisted living facility has been open for more than two years now at the corner of Main and Dunlap streets.

Creating 'family atmosphere'

Downtown assisted living facility makes sure tenants are part of the community

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Martin Waldo of Northville was glad his dad, Glenn, had a good place to live.

Glenn Waldo died Nov. 1 at age 83. He'd been living the last two and a half years at Northville Senior Living on Main in downtown Northville.

"We were really happy that my dad was able to spend his last days in a safe environment," said Martin Waldo. His father had been independent, and when the family looked at senior living options they were glad to find Northville Senior Living.

Martin could walk the few blocks from home to see his dad, who had dementia.

"Northville Senior Living, they're really nice people," he said.

Waldo appreciated the cleanliness, its being well staffed, "just a nice environment."

Even family dogs could visit Glenn briefly.

"It kind of has a small-town feel," said Waldo's wife, Carol. "Everybody's known by name. They really try to create a family atmosphere." Grandchildren visited Glenn often.

The facility across from Starbucks, with room for 17 people, has been open about two and a half years, said Director Sandra McCluskey of Northville Township. She's in the business with husband Ian and also partner Dennis Engerer, owner of the Northville Physical Therapy & Rehabilitation business in the building.

"We just thought there was a need for it in the community," said San-



Northville Senior Living nurse Betty Maxwell helps resident Jewell Bretz to her room in the downtown facility.

dra McCluskey. Northville Senior Living administers medication, serves home-cooked meals, does housekeeping and laundry, and provides a visiting doctor, physical therapy and specialty nursing care. Most residents but not all have Alzheimer's or other dementia-related conditions.

"We believe that the palliative care is every bit as important as physical care," she said. "Hugs and kisses are No. 1 on our list."

The facility is staffed 24 hours, with four in the day, two or three in the afternoon, and one or more on midnights depending on illnesses. They work with hospice, and hospice workers are also often at the facility on Main Street.

"We prepare all the meals from scratch," said McCluskey, who praised her caring staff.

Sandra McCluskey had attended medical school and been a commercial interior designer with clients including much of the Detroit Medical Center.

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"It's just been one of my loves," she said of Northville Senior Living. "We didn't do it until after we retired."

She stops in unannounced daily, which is easy as she lives nearby. "I literally can walk to work." Cameras inside also track work at Northville Senior Living.

Residents often go outside or to Starbucks. They attend Friday night summer concerts in downtown Northville.

"They feel part of a community still," she said. There are no restrictions on family visiting hours, contributing to the home-like atmosphere.

McCluskey remembers resident Glenn Waldo fondly.

"You get very attached to them," she said.

Northville Senior Living is located at 311 E. Main Street, Northville. For more information, call (248) 465-1850, or visit www.northvilleseniorliving.com.

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NORTHVILLE BUSINESS BRIEFS

Vendors sought

Rummage & Relics, which sells vintage, re-purposed and funky finds during First Friday weekends at Northville Square (by the Carousel), at 133 W. Main Street, Northville, is accepting new consignors. According to owners, Rummage & Relics currently has nine vendors featuring new, used and vintage items. During their first weekend of sales, more than 700 people came through the doors. Interested vendors should call (248) 773-5280. You can preview the items by inquiring at Lime-Light Emporium seven days a week.

The First Friday hours each month are 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sat-

urday, and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday.

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Yoga classes

Diane Siegel-Divita will be offering yoga classes at the historic American Legion Hall, 100 W. Dunlap Street in Northville. On Mondays there will be strength training (light weights with a little yoga stretching), and yoga classes for all levels. On Thursdays, she will teach yin yoga.

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Realtors decry home lending standards, urge reform

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

New survey findings, combined with an analysis of historic credit scores and loan performance, show home sales could be notably higher by returning to reasonably safe and sound lending standards, which also would create new jobs. That's according to the National Association of Realtors.

Lawrence Yun, NAR chief economist, said there would be enormous benefits to the U.S. economy if mortgage lending conditions return to normal. "Sensible lending standards would permit 500,000 to 700,000 additional home sales in the coming year," he said in a statement. "The economic activity created through these additional home sales would add 250,000 to 350,000 jobs in related trades and services almost immediately, and without a cost impact."

A monthly survey of Realtors shows widespread concern over unreasonably tight credit conditions for residential mortgages. Respondents indicate that tight conditions are continuing, lenders are taking too long in approving applications, and that the information lenders require from borrowers is excessive. Some respondents expressed frustration that lenders appear to be focusing only on loans to individuals with the highest credit scores.

Tony Schippa, a Realtor with Coldwell Banker Preferred of Plymouth, said there has been talk of lowering credit scores for buyers. "I'm dealing with that right now with a client," who had a foreclosure several years ago. The client's had to reapply through the FHA.

"If they lowered the scores, it would definitely free up buyers," Plymouth resident Schippa said. "Making it harder to get loans, there goes the business."

Buyers buy furniture, paint and much more, the local Realtor said. "That definitely brings jobs to Michigan. I think lowering them would be



a good thing. With anything, you've got to look out for the abuse."

Buyers should put decent money down: In the Clinton years, some people weren't doing that, taking on interest-only loans, Schippa said. Some consumers weren't educated on interest-only loans, he said. "When it tanked, you've got all these people sitting on homes they can't afford."

Schippa, president of the Greater Metropolitan Association of Realtors, advocates rules we can abide by and still get a decent mortgage. Twenty percent down isn't realistic, especially for first-time buyers, he said. "If you're a first-time homebuyer, you might want to get off the fence."

Interest rates may rise, Schippa said, in 2013. "You can definitely buy a lot of house now and inventory's tight."

Even though profits in the financial industry have climbed back strongly to pre-recession levels, lending standards still remain unreasonably tight.

"As an industry, we'd like to see the credit scores loosened up," said Schippa. The average young buyer has too low of a score to buy, he added.

"The first-time homebuyer's really the one who boosts the economy," Schippa noted new residents like to

spruce up their homes, which encourages neighbors to also do so. He cited an example in Detroit, highlighted in a TV broadcast, of neighbors taking pride and fixing up their homes together as a community.

The NAR's Yun said all it takes is a willingness to recognize that market conditions have turned in the wake of an over-correction in home prices, with all of the price measures now showing sustained gains. "There is an unnecessarily high level of risk aversion among mortgage lenders and regulators, although many are sitting on large volumes of cash which could go a long way toward speeding our economic recovery. A loosening of the overly restrictive lending standards is very much in order," Yun said.

Respondents to the NAR survey report that 53 percent of loans in August went to borrowers with credit scores above 740. In comparison, only 41 percent of loans backed by Fannie Mae had FICO scores above 740 during the 2001 to 2004 time period, while 43 percent of Freddie Mac-backed loans were above 740.

In 2011, about 75 percent of total loans purchased by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, which are now a smaller market share, had credit scores of 740 or above.

There is a similar pattern for FHA loans. The Office of the Comptroller of the Currency has defined a prime loan as having a FICO score of 660 and above. However, the average FICO score for denied applications on FHA loans was 669 in May of this year, well above the 656 average for loans actually originated in 2001.

Loan performance over the past decade shows the 12-month default rate averaged just under 0.4 percent of mortgages in 2002 and 2003, which is considered normal. Twelve-month default rates peaked in 2007 at 3.0 percent for Fannie Mae loans and 2.5 percent for Freddie Mac loans, clearly showing the devastating impact of risky mortgages.

Yun said homebuyers in recent years have been highly successful. Since 2009, the 12-month default rates have been abnormally low. Fannie Mae default rates have averaged 0.2 percent while Freddie Mac's averaged 0.1 percent, which are notable given higher unemployment in the timeframe.

Under normal conditions, existing-home sales should be in the range of 5.0 to 5.5 million. "Sales this year are projected to rise 8 to 10 percent. Although welcoming, this still represents a sub-par performance of about 4.6 million sales," Yun said. "These findings show we need to return to the sound underwriting standards that existed before the aberrations of the housing boom and bust cycle, and thoroughly re-examine current and impending regulatory rules that may cause excessively tight standards."

The National Association of Realtors, "The Voice for Real Estate," is America's largest trade association, representing one million members involved in all aspects of the residential and commercial real estate industries.

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The NAR website contributed to this report.

Heed Fair Housing Act

By Robert Meisner
Guest Columnist

Q: I am wondering whether the Fair Housing Act only applies to sales and rentals of residential property. Can you elaborate?

A: 42 USC 3604 of the Federal Code applies not only to sales and rentals of residential property, but also to the provision of services and facilities. Accordingly, HUD can obtain jurisdiction over a condominium association not involved in the sale or rental regarding alleged discrimination in the provision of services

or facilities based on race, color, religion, sex, familial status or national origin, or handicap status. With respect

to a handicap, the failure to allow a reasonable modification of premises or to grant a reasonable accommodation in rules and policies constitutes a violation. The association should always be mindful of this potential risk in establishing rules and regulations and other forms of conduct.

Q: I am thinking about buying a condominium in San Francisco along the waterfront near the baseball stadium. Do you have any information about that?

A: You are a little bit late in getting a bargain, since that area is in the center of a redevelopment undertaking by private developers along the pier, as well as the construction of many new condominiums which have been successfully marketed. Obviously, there is reasonable rapid transit to and from the ballpark area with a number of restaurants and boutiques. You are best advised to consult with a real estate professional who has expertise in condominium development to ensure that you are not buying a pig in the poke, so to speak, particularly in a newly constructed condominium, but which could result in substantial additional assessments being levied.

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

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HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Sept. 17-21, 2012, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON	
43648 Amber Ct	\$141,000
2250 Arcadia Dr	\$70,000
6639 Ardsley Ct	\$192,000
2460 Barkhill Rd	\$77,000
4011 Brighton Ln	\$170,000
1475 Centennial Ct	\$455,000
291 Cherry Hill Pointe Dr	\$168,000
41964 Coventry Way	\$133,000
7137 E Spring Dr	\$145,000
4260 Forest Bridge Dr	\$202,000
44954 Glengarry Rd	\$258,000
48251 Gyde Rd	\$375,000
50050 Harding St	\$288,000
50076 Harding St	\$226,000
50088 Harding St	\$239,000
7748 Kaiser St	\$121,000
7851 Kaiser St	\$110,000
6451 Kennesaw Rd	\$395,000
1587 Liberty St N	\$401,000
43550 Lyme Ct	\$194,000
2152 Premier Ln	\$77,000
2103 S Brookhill Ln	\$77,000
4548 Sherwood Cir	\$195,000
4745 Sherwood Cir	\$220,000

48615 Stonebriar Dr	\$200,000
2896 Wakefield Dr	\$238,000
1430 Whittier Dr	\$125,000
GARDEN CITY	
33223 Alvin St	\$80,000
434 Belton St	\$70,000
961 Belton St	\$50,000
250 Helen St	\$46,000
32237 Marquette St	\$60,000
921 Radcliff St	\$57,000
LIVONIA	
38651 Eight Mile Rd	\$245,000
35934 Ann Arbor Trl	\$38,000
27680 Bennett St	\$90,000
11025 Berwick St	\$50,000
11787 Cavell St	\$68,000
36257 Club Dr	\$30,000
17379 Doris St	\$119,000
35681 Elmira St	\$130,000
18421 Filmore St	\$100,000
29620 Grandon St	\$104,000
31544 Haldane St	\$100,000
9235 Harrison St	\$100,000
29433 Lori St	\$140,000
36313 Meadowbrook St	\$168,000
37656 N Laurel Park Dr	\$168,000
29583 Nottingham Cir	\$99,000
29823 Oakley St	\$123,000
14305 Richfield St	\$153,000
31103 Roycroft St	\$125,000
16722 Ryan Rd	\$340,000
34699 Saint Martins St	\$285,000
18221 University Park Dr	\$70,000
30169 Vassar St	\$135,000

32530 W Chicago St	\$127,000
NORTHVILLE	
48260 Binghampton Dr	\$500,000
48414 Binghampton Dr	\$504,000
16643 Brooklane Blvd	\$465,000
318 Buchner Hill Dr	\$290,000
20573 Clement Rd	\$252,000
44280 Deep Hollow Cir	\$547,000
40300 Fairway Iii Rd	\$1,200,000
17542 Hilltop View Dr	\$495,000
40822 N Northville Trl	\$312,000
44573 Spring Hill Rd	\$538,000
18993 Stonewater Blvd	\$532,000
46043 Sunset St	\$125,000
19313 Surrey Ln	\$76,000
17206 Tall Pines Ct	\$425,000
530 W Main St	\$459,000
44590 White Pine Cir E	\$508,000
17948 Winchester Dr	\$315,000
PLYMOUTH	
47145 Beechcrest Dr	\$234,000
371 Blunk St	\$332,000
31823 W 13 Mile Rd	\$129,000
1160 Fairground St	\$195,000
623 Jener Pl	\$177,000
11422 Maple Ridge Dr	\$488,000
12154 Wildwing Rd	\$253,000
15167 Willowbrook Ln	\$237,000
REDFORD	
19145 Beech Daly Rd	\$87,000
14221 Breakfast Dr	\$152,000
25020 Doris Ct	\$60,000
25751 Dover	\$66,000
14201 Farley	\$75,000
14435 Fenton	\$37,000

9578 Grayfield	\$20,000
11313 Kinloch	\$28,000
17651 Lennane	\$48,000
8963 Mercedes	\$70,000
13959 Mercedes	\$33,000
26900 Minock Cir	\$72,000
20427 Norborne	\$30,000
19151 Olympia	\$24,000
15413 Pomona Dr	\$15,000
8919 Sarasota	\$40,000
9601 Sarasota	\$42,000
15168 Sumner	\$26,000
18458 Sumner	\$25,000
12015 Telegraph Rd	\$50,000
26727 W Chicago	\$50,000
WESTLAND	
2150 Ackley Ave	\$13,000
37155 Baker Cir	\$227,000
32422 Birchwood St	\$62,000
29132 Brody Ave	\$80,000
34138 Florence St	\$80,000
32429 Hazelwood St	\$63,000
7833 Hillcrest Blvd	\$125,000
33657 Hunter Ave	\$70,000
7414 Manor Cir	\$28,000
7599 Manor Cir	\$30,000
33031 Melton St	\$81,000
32666 Merritt Dr	\$81,000
32119 Parkwood St	\$73,000
34768 Stacy St	\$70,000
8221 Terri Dr	\$91,000
2230 W Miller Cir	\$78,000

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

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

BEVERLY HILLS	
16116 Buckingham Ave	\$233,000
19129 Chelton Dr	\$296,000
22020 Orchard Way	\$360,000
BIRMINGHAM	
1008 Ann St	\$325,000
537 Bird Ave	\$150,000
1700 Bowers St	\$276,000
1860 Bowers St	\$139,000
612 Brookside Ave	\$690,000
1444 Chesterfield Ave	\$490,000
530 Fairfax St	\$500,000
359 Ferndale Ave	\$280,000
737 Greenwood St	\$1,020,000
1731 Hazel St	\$135,000

1039 Stanley Blvd	\$159,000
1274 Westwood Dr	\$820,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	
4459 Barchester Dr	\$408,000
926 Dowling Rd	\$230,000
3279 E Breckenridge Ln	\$320,000
217 Hillboro Dr	\$163,000
4207 Ramsgate Ln	\$335,000
1725 Tiverton Rd Unit 2	\$136,000
6190 W Surrey Rd	\$250,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	
4271 Covered Bridge Rd	\$265,000
454 Fox Hills Dr N # A-3	\$39,000
4891 Haddington Dr	\$264,000
1866 Hunters Ridge Dr	\$165,000
2865 Lahser Rd	\$135,000
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP	
2860 Augusta Dr	\$245,000
4310 Forest Dr	\$405,000
3933 Heatherwood Dr	\$209,000
3556 Moberly Rd	\$380,000
FARMINGTON HILLS	
21990 Cass St	\$170,000
29186 Glenbrook Dr	\$300,000
28767 Kirkside Ln	\$258,000

33617 Old Timber Rd	\$291,000
29230 Scotten St	\$38,000
30053 Shiawassee Rd	\$100,000
31823 W 13 Mile Rd	\$129,000
27107 W Skye Dr	\$157,000
28454 Wellington St	\$190,000
27700 Westcott Crescent Cir	\$142,000
FRANKLIN	
32635 Franklin Rd	\$225,000
17023 Marguerite St	\$201,000
LATHRUP VILLAGE	
18190 Rainbow Dr	\$100,000
MILFORD	
906 E Commerce St	\$399,000
203 W Washington St	\$165,000
NOVI	
25308 Birchwoods Ct	\$375,000
45039 Cobblestone	\$325,000
26412 Fieldstone Dr	\$275,000
24816 Glenda St	\$140,000
40492 Lenox Park Dr	\$250,000
40435 Oak Tree	\$185,000
21730 Picadilly Cir	\$465,000
22272 Pondview	\$108,000

25636 Portico Ln	\$117,000
44443 Wright Way	\$257,000
SOUTH LYON	
24322 Brompton Way	\$321,000
23899 Copperwood Dr W	\$262,000
26260 Daria Cir W	\$319,000
54818 Glenwood Ct	\$308,000
901 Hidden Creek Dr	\$245,000
22542 Lazy K	\$332,000
59594 Mary Ln	\$50,000
53870 Springfield Dr	\$205,000
52312 Trailwood Dr	\$2,000
52312 Trailwood Dr	\$105,000
SOUTHFIELD	
28440 Brooks Ln	\$155,000
25220 Magic Dr	\$52,000
20765 Northome St	\$120,000
25169 Southwood Dr	\$85,000
WHITE LAKE	
4600 Coastal Pkwy	\$50,000
8985 Lakeview Dr	\$160,000
938 Sloane Ct	\$162,000

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Three myths about hiring older job seekers

Susan Ricker,
CareerBuilder Writer

Big Foot roams the woods of North America. The Loch Ness Monster lurks below the water's surface in Scotland. Hiring younger workers makes more sense than hiring mature ones. Which one of these myths is most widely believed?

Big Foot and "Nessie" may be out in the wild somewhere, but mature job seekers are just as attractive job candidates as their younger counterparts. More experienced, more mature, more reliable — mature job seekers are the total package when it comes to hiring. So why do employers buy into the notion that their age is a drawback? Learn how to bust three common myths about older workers and get hired.

Myth No. 1: You're out of touch

Perhaps the most common myth is that mature job seekers struggle to keep up with technology and industry trends. The truth is that it's every job seeker's responsibility, regardless of age, to ensure he has the experience and skills needed for the job he wants.

While younger job seekers may receive the most current education, mature job seekers can take advantage of this opportunity, too. If your job search isn't yielding much interest, it may be time to consider attending a workshop or seminar in your field. Tailor your résumé to the job posting's re-



quirements. Research the company and mention specifics in your cover letter. Also note your skills and experience, including your technology capabilities. You can beat this myth and market yourself as the total package. You have experience, judgment and dependability on your side.

Myth No. 2: You'll expect a leadership position

The experience, judgment and dependability that make you the total package may also make you appear to be a high-maintenance job seeker or somebody who expects a leadership position.

Combat this assumption in your cover letter by explaining that you're interested in the specific position and that you look forward to joining the team. You may be moved into a leadership position soon after starting, but don't expect a warm reception if you mention a leadership position as a requirement to being hired. Instead, explain your leadership qualities and how they apply to the job for which you're interviewing, as well as how you'll fit into the company culture.

Myth No. 3: You'll retire soon anyway

The classic "Where do you see yourself in five years?" ques-

tion makes an appearance at most job interviews, though for mature job seekers, this question may sound loaded. Will you still want to work in five years?

While younger job seekers may respond with a positive answer about how they hope to still be working with their team, mature job seekers may need a more specific answer. Hiring managers may worry that more mature job seekers are looking for a pastime before retiring. Make it clear that the age of retirement is rising and you're looking at this position as an important part of your career. Share how you've previously met your professional goals

and how this job will contribute to your other goals. Then, transition to the company's goals and how you're a great match.

No matter your age, you can bust these three myths and present yourself as the total package. Prove that you're keeping up with industry trends, make it clear that you want to be a part of the team, and share your career goals to show your workplace commitment.

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Car Report

Advertising Feature

Forget the traditional peaceable sensibilities of the holiday season. Fiat has been going to war, on a number of market fronts.

In the U.S. market, there has been Fiat's new initiative, shared with Chrysler brands, to specifically target Volkswagen owners with special sales incentives to switch brands. Fiat recently went further than any other car brand in utilizing the unique location-based capabilities of gas-pump-side TV advertising. Fiat executives also have gloated over the fact that their all-electric vehicle is a version of the classically designed 500 — and have taken many shots at the prosaic design of the all-electric Nissan Leaf.

And, of course, these things have unfolded even before Fiat gets to Super Bowl XLVII in New Orleans. It's expected to shine there once again, with a racy TV ad chosen from among several that brand executives have been teasing — including one involving a supermodel, her bikini top and the pincers of a scorpion. Expect a rapt audience for the likely Fiat ad in this Super Bowl, on CBS on February 3, after the brand ran a seductive spot for the Abarth version of its 500 during the last Big Game.

For now, Fiat has been getting chippy in a new arena for the brand: the high-profile, low-sales world of electric vehicles, where it is launching the 500e all-electric vehicle.

Apparently unprovoked, a Fiat execu-

tive took a none-too-veiled shot at Nissan for the styling of its Leaf. And with the Los Angeles Auto Show as a backdrop, Nissan quickly shot right back at some of Fiat's own design executions.

The spat began unfolding at the show's media preview when Matt Davis, head of Fiat product marketing in the United States, was talking about the coming all-electric version of the Fiat 500 and told Bloomberg News, "Let's be honest, ugliness is probably one of the worst forms of pollution. The Fiat 500e proves that you do not have to give up on good looks to deliver an electric car."

Perhaps stepping up a bit too quickly to confirm its identity as the offending brand — Nissan shot right back. Unlike the Fiat EV, said Simon Sproule, head of Nissan's global marketing communications, to Automotive News, "Leaf is a "fully functioning" car for families and daily use. And he called the Fiat 500e a me-too car to appease regulators, as contrasted with Leaf, which was designed as an all-electric from the ground up and has bravely led the EV charge.

Sproule also made an addendum that some might view as gratuitous, but without which this tussle wouldn't be as



Fiat wants to create a better-looking EV market with its 500e.

much fun. "Let's face it, Fiat has not shied away from controversial styling themselves," Sproule told the magazine. "Many viewers would describe many of their products as visual pollution. Take a long, hard look at the Fiat Doblo."

If you do, you'll note that the Doblo, for the European market, indeed looks like the unfortunate result of a mating of a compact pickup truck, a shrunken Chevrolet Suburban and some sort of contractor's panel van.

Fiat's director of brand communications, Casey Hurbis, was happy to continue the dust-up, at a low level, in his conversation with me. "Doblo," he snorted, "isn't even in the U.S. market."

Meanwhile, Fiat has come up with an advertisement that is specific only to Gas Station TV, a Birmingham-based company that operates pump-top screens at nearly 1,900 gas stations across the country. The ad for the 2013 Fiat 500 features a character who literally appears to be abiding in the gas pump just so he can get a peek at the 40-mpg Fiat 500.

The ad — initially running only on GSTV at California gas stations — is the most "environmentally relevant" ad yet created for the network by any automaker, GSTV CEO David Leider told me. It ends with a listing of the three Fiat dealers closest to each particular gas station.



The man "inside the gas pump" is starring in a Fiat ad on GSTV.

"We like to do fun, innovative, breakthrough creative, and this provided a unique venue," Hurbis told me. The ad on GSTV "certainly provides a captive audience" while they fill their cars, he said. "I'm a little surprised that more advertisers haven't used this space already to create contextually relevant marketing."

In his most aggressive move, CEO Sergio Marchionne lately has been offering \$1,000 rebates to current VW owners in the U.S. to buy a Fiat or Chrysler vehicle. The offer was only for buyers who currently owned or leased a VW vehicle, and customers didn't have to give up their VW to qualify.

The Volkswagen Conquest Bonus Cash incentive was announced December 4 and expired on January 2, available on all 2012 and 2013 models except the Jeep Grand Cherokee SRT, the SRT Viper, and non-Aero Dodge Dart SE models. Chrysler similarly targeted Toyota models in 2010, a Chrysler spokeswoman noted, and does this "on occasion," she said.

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