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Underwood will discuss food recipes, medicinal pick-me-ups and lavender beauty products. The presentation is not for everyone. It is designed for high schoolers and older.

For more information or to register for the program, call the library at (248) 349-3020.

Gaming appointment

Last week, Gov. Rick Snyder's office announced the appointment of Dennis Beagen of Northville and the reappointment of Michael Watza of Novi to the Michigan Gaming Control Board.

The five-member board licenses and regulates commercial casinos in Detroit and oversees pari-mutuel horse racing and Native American casinos throughout the state. Not more than three members can be from the same political party.

"Dennis and Michael are outstanding, experienced professionals," Snyder said. "I am confident they will effectively work to ensure fair and honest gaming in the Great Lakes State."

Beagen is an emeritus professor of communication at Eastern Michigan University. He previously held various leadership positions with the university, including executive associate to the provost for advancement, head of the Department of Communication, interim dean of continuing education and acting associate provost of academic affairs. He holds bachelor's and master's degrees in speech/communication from Eastern Michigan University and the University of Michigan, respectively. Beagen, an independent, replaces Benjamin Friedman.

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That's the way the ball bounces



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Nancy Morris and her son Logan, 2, both seem pretty impressed with the bounce of a basketball as the pair took part in the Jan. 22 Toddle Time at the Northville Community Center on W. Main Street. Toddle Time takes place every Tuesday from 10 a.m. to noon at the center and runs \$3 per child. For more information, call Northville Parks and Recreation at (248) 349-0203 or visit www.northvilleparksandrec.org.

Hands-on fun

Ridge Wood students learn math and science don't have to be boring

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Staff Writer

It's hard to say what activity was the most fun during the Family Math and Science Night at Ridge Wood Elementary School.

The event gave some Northville families last week a glimpse into how science and math can be fun and learned in a hands-on way. It was sponsored by the school's PTA and coordinated with the help of the Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum.

The activities were designed to mix science and math in way that was captivating. There were around 20 different activities that those attending could try out. They included "the antacid launch" and "Newtonian catch."

Both of these were a hit, with one demonstrating how an antacid tablet after being shaken up in a small plastic canister will shoot up into the air like a rocket, and the other a physics demo with the children sitting on a two-seat spinning machine while throwing a ball back and forth. It was difficult to catch because it looked like it was curving away, but it wasn't.



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Paige Molloy, 10, learns about polymers as she stabs pencils into a plastic bag filled with water at the Jan. 17 math and science night at Ridge Wood Elementary. The night was hosted by staff of the Ann Arbor Hands on Museum and Northville High School students.

For parent Jamie Stalberg and son Brandon, 6, the night started off eventful with the "polymer bag" experiment, in which a special plastic bag was filled with water and then pencils were poked through it.

But because it was a type of polymer, the bag could have up to 10 pencils stuck into it and not leak. At least that was the goal.

"It was neat," Brandon said.

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Woman, 69, attacked at her home in Northville

By **Lonnie Huhman and Joanne Mallszewski**
Staff Writers

Farmington Hills and Northville police are asking for information from the public in the brutal assaults of two women in separate incidents Wednesday, Jan. 16.

Police in both communities are investigating whether the assaults that sent both women to the hospital with serious head injuries were commit-

ted by the same unidentified man.

The Northville woman was attacked at her home on Lake Street by a man who also stole her purse. The incident happened around 11 a.m. According to Northville City Police, the 69-year-old woman had just returned from the Northville Community Center to her home.

Police, who issued a community crime alert

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Township reaches new deal with firefighters

By **Kurt Kuban**
Staff Writer

Northville Township and its firefighters union have reached an agreement on a new three-year contract that will give the firefighters a slight pay increase each year.

Under terms of the agreement, which the Board of Trustees approved Thursday after a closed session, members of the Northville Township Professional Fire Fighters Association will get 2-percent pay raises in 2013, 2014 and 2015, the final year of the contract. The union, which ratified the deal last month, represents the fire department's

28 (soon to be 30) full-time firefighters, who are all advanced life support certified, meaning they also provide ambulatory service in addition to fighting fires.

Representatives of both the union and the township administration praised the deal as being fair. The previous contract expired Dec. 30.

Northville Township Supervisor Chip Snider called the deal a "win-win" for both parties. He said other than the pay increase, the contract looked a lot like the one that expired last month, with "very little changes."

"I think the firefight-

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Southern murder mystery

Northville man pens book about 1928 murder that touched close to home

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

“Some things stay with you for the rest of your life. Like the story of a murder told to you by your mother. Like a murder that refuses to die.”

Thus begins Lee Holland’s latest book, *The Murder That Never Dies*. Although a longtime Northville resident and C.P.A., Holland began his life in the Deep South. That’s where this story takes place. His inspiration was his mother, Mertice Mae (Armstrong) Holland.

“I decided to write the story for her,” he said. “She told it to me a long time ago and it always stayed with me.”

In 2006, Holland’s first

book was published, a memoir called *Boiled Peanuts and Buckeyes*. In his second outing, he takes us back to Alabama to the setting of a murder mystery that sent a small town into a state of shock.

It takes place in the 1920s in Slocomb, Al. Holland describes its idyllic setting like a television show. The townsfolk were neighborly, there was little crime and life was generally good. However, things changed a bit in 1928.

He said what makes this murder story so compelling is that it involves two prominent figures in Slocomb. The town doctor, Gordon Wright Smith, and a professor named Claude F. Avant.

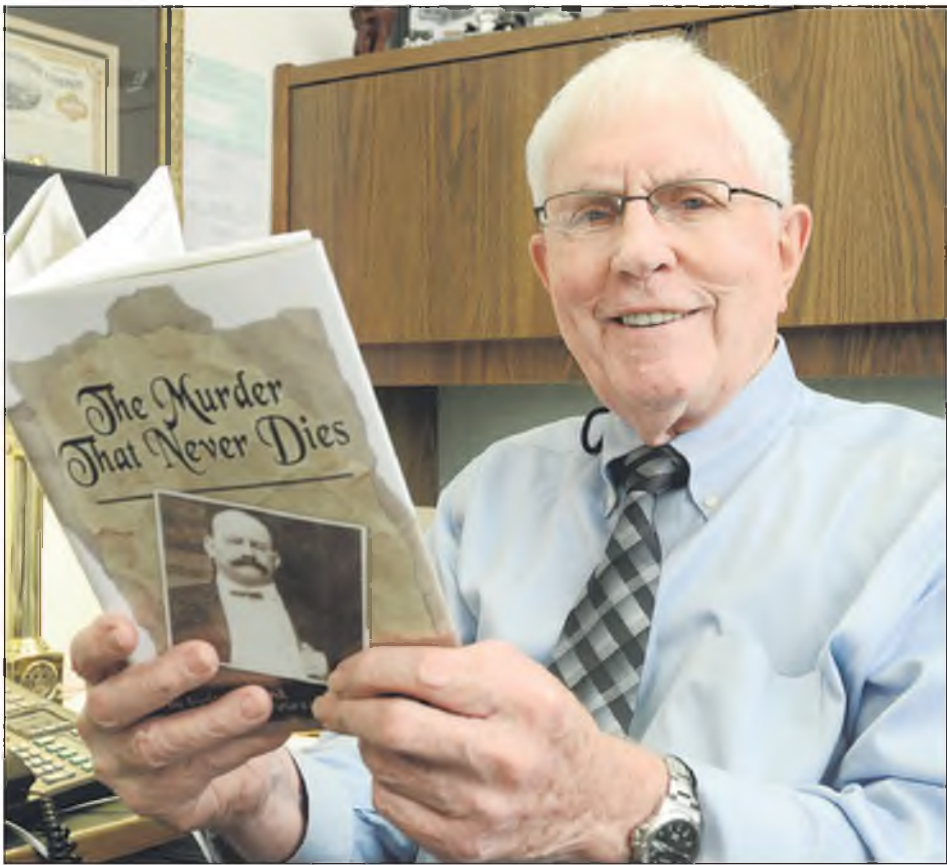
The murder of Avant

was a tragedy many would never forget. He was beaten and stabbed. Later on Smith was accused, but was never found guilty. Nor was anyone else. Another undying rumor in the story is that Smith faked his own death.

For decades no one would talk about it, according to Holland. He said the superstition was that if you talked about it that someone might want to get you. It’s a gripping story.

His co-writer for the book is Laurie Palazzolo. He said a lot different people helped out with this book. A lot of the sourcing for the story was taken from people who lived in or near Slocomb, including Holland’s family members.

“I really wanted to do a



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Northville’s Lee Holland, a CPA by trade, recently published the crime book “The Murder That Never Dies” about a small town doctor in Alabama who allegedly committed a series of murders in the late 1920s.

good job with this story because it meant so much to my family,” he said.

The book can be purchased on Amazon at www.amazon.com.

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after the incident, said the woman had put her car in her garage and was walking down her driveway when an African-American man carrying a burgundy portfolio approached her and asked if she would take part in a survey.

The victim questioned the type of survey and noticed that the person did not have any type of identification such as a lanyard with an identification card or badge, so she asked to see some I.D.

According to police, that is the last thing she remembered. When she awoke, she managed to get into her home and call a friend, who took her to Providence Hospital in Novi.

The victim suffered a fractured jaw and a severe head injury. She was admitted to the hospital and is

listed in stable condition.

The victim’s purse, containing her cell phone, credit cards and identification, was taken. The cell phone was later recovered in Farmington Hills. Police describe the vehicle used by the culprit as a light colored — possibly tan — sedan.

In the Farmington Hills incident, a 42-year-old woman was found in the outside entrance of her apartment at Village Green Apartments, near Eight Mile and Grand River, where it was believed she was assaulted. She had been assaulted with what police believe to be a club-type weapon. She was taken to Botsford Hospital with a what appeared to be a fractured skull and a fractured ankle, according to police.

In both incidents, the suspect is described similarly as an African-American man in his 30s of medium build and 5 feet, 10 inches to 6 feet, 2 inches tall. In the Farmington Hills incident, the man is

described as wearing a beige jacket and blue jeans, while in Northville, the suspect is listed as wearing a dark, three-quarter length coat and carrying a burgundy portfolio. In both cases, the suspect vehicle is described as a light brown — possibly beige — late 1990s Ford Taurus four-door, according to police.

Officers are currently working with neighboring jurisdictions, which may have had similar incidents.

“It is a possibility that they are related. We are not yet positive. But this type of serious assault is pretty unusual,” Farmington Hills Police Cmdr. Matt Koehn said.

Anyone with any information regarding the Northville incident should call Northville Police at (248) 349-1234.

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CC student died of natural causes

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Novi Catholic Central student athlete David Widzinski's died of heart arrhythmia of unknown etiology, according to the Wayne County Medical Examiner.

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

Novi Catholic Central student David Widzinski's death last month has been classified as "heart arrhythmia of unknown etiology," according to the Wayne County Medical Examiner's report on Jan. 16.

The examiner initially indicated the cause could not be confirmed until the toxicology results came back. Results show there were no foreign substances found in his system.

Widzinski's tragic death left his family, friends and the Catholic Central community devastated. The medical examiner's report put some closure on the tragedy.

"We've been struggling and it's been hard for us," said David's mother, Barbara Widzinski, of the time since his death.

The 16-year-old student was found dead in his

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In his memory, Barbara Widzinski said a scholarship fund has been set up by Catholic Central in her son David Widzinski's name to help select students who need help with tuition. For those interested in giving to this fund, donations can be made to Catholic Central to the attention of "The David Widzinski 15 Memorial Scholarship Fund." Donations can also be made at the school's website at www.catholiccentral.net (select "Donation form" from the "giving" pull-down menu).

Northville home bed by his mother on Dec. 3 after she went to wake him up for school.

David was a standout at CC and was one of two sophomores on its successful football team during this past season. His last game was the 36-21 loss to Cass Tech for the Division 1 title on Nov. 26 at Ford Field. He led the team in tackles as a linebacker, and during the last game he continued playing even though he broke his hand on one of the plays.

ers understood what the economy was like over the last three years, and they worked with us to hammer out a fair deal," Snider said, adding the 2-percent pay increase "was fair compensation in today's market."

In 2012, firefighters started off at a salary of \$44,862. After four step increases (the maximum), they earned \$64,088.

Despite the fact the previous contract had expired, NTPFFA President Jessie Marcotte said negotiations between the union and township were never hostile or tense. He said both sides have a "great working relationship" and ultimately had the same goals when sitting down at the table.

"We — both the firefighters and township management — very much view negotiations as a time to grow together rather than a time to grow apart. I think we both want to provide the highest level of service we can possibly provide," Marcotte said. "I think this contract definitely makes it possible to do just that."

Fire Chief Richard Marinucci agreed.

"The way things are going in this day and age, to be able sit down and come to an agreement so quickly is a testament to both sides. This contract works for both parties," he said.

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District adds new teachers for second semester

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Staff Writer

After some mid-year retirements, the Northville Public School District again added new teaching staff to address class size issues.

At their last meeting, the Northville Board of Education approved a recommendation to add Erin Hill and Michelle Wirth as new special education teachers at Cooke School, science teacher David Clark at the high school, and James Davis as a half-time English teacher at Meads Mill Middle School along with being the International Baccalaureate coordinator. Hill and Clark are recalls.

And according to Dave Rodgers, Northville Public School's director of Human resources, with the support of the Northville Education Association, positions at both middle schools and high school are being filled with "highly qualified" long-term substitutes for the second semester.

This will add help and create new classes.

In a letter to parents, Hillside Middle School Principal James

Cracraft informed them of the decision and said, "The purpose is to reduce class size."

He said Hillside will gain the following sections: (1) 8th grade Math class, (1) Honors Algebra, (2) 7th grade Math classes, (1) 6th grade Science class, (1) 1 Rocketry Class, (1) Geo Structures Class and (1) Co2 Car Class.

One reason behind these new hires was the mid-year retirements of science teacher William Dicks from the high school, Meads Mill English teacher Shirley Klokkenka, and Cynthia Henderson and Vicky Wickering from Cooke.

These retirements free up some ongoing legacy costs and with new additions a lower pay scale is set, allowing the district to make the changes. A previous decision to add staff, primarily at the elementary level, was due to an unexpected increase in enrollment.

Rodgers said the positions vacated by Dicks and Henderson will be filled by NPS teachers currently on layoff. Wickering's position was filled with a new hire and Klokkenka's position is being filled by Paul Tripp, who has transferred over

to Meads from NHS. His position is being filled by a current special education teacher.

At Hillside a full-time math and science position is being filled by a long-term sub.

"The addition of the new position will allow some of the math and science teachers teaching electives to pick up additional sections of math or science and reduce some class sizes," Cracraft said.

He added by reducing class size and offering support, "we look to impact student achievement in these areas."

Lea Kotlinski has joined the Hillside staff and will begin teaching classes on Jan. 28. Cracraft said Kotlinski is certified in math and science, and has a masters degree in special education.

In a school board update, new officers were selected at the last meeting. Former board vice president Ken Roth is now president while James Mazurek will now be vice president. Cyndy Jankowski was elected secretary and Joe Hige will remain treasurer.

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Brendan Woeloecke, 10, learns about using simple machines and leverage to lift a wooden block at the Jan. 17 math and science night at Ridge Wood Elementary.

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don said after he and his father got up to five pencils into a bag before it began squirting water out.

They went to the event after seeing a flier his daughter brought home. Stalsberg said he thought they would check it out, and they were glad they did.

"It's always important to learn about these subjects, and this is a really great way to do that," he said.

Each table was manned by a volunteer from the Northville High School Honor Society. At the polymer water bag table was

senior Joshua Lucksom.

He and others devoted their time to help with showing how to do and explaining each activity.

"It's fun to see how many pencils you can get in," Joshua said.

Ann Arbor Hands-On coordinator Kate-Lyn Davis said the activities are meant to be a fun mix of education and imagination, so it can be a true hands-on experience.

While saying this, another group of families watched with excitement as another small plastic film canister popped into the air, leaving everyone smiling and asking — why?

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Booster vacancies

The Northville High School Boosters Board is looking to fill two very important positions at NHS.

The first open position is concessions chair for the 2013-14 school year. The job would consist of buying and stocking the concessions stand in advance of sporting events held at Tom Holzer Field, the NHS soccer field and at the NHS gymnasium. Each team would be responsible for scheduling the volunteers for the respective games.

The second open position is chair of the 2013 NHS Boosters Golf Outing and Silent Auction, which will be held on Saturday, Aug. 24 at the Links of Novi. While there are already volunteers in place to assist with the event, a chairperson is still needed.

If you or someone you know might be interested in either position, or for more information send an e-mail Sue Baldwin, president of the NHS Boosters, at baldwins@huronvalley.k12.mi.us.

Community Coffees

Northville Public Schools Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher invites parents, guardians, and community members for coffee and an informal opportunity to discuss important school district issues during a series of Super-

intendent Community Coffees planned for the remainder of the school year.

The Community Coffees are scheduled for the following dates, times and locations:

- Thursday, Jan. 24 from 9:30-11 a.m. at Stone House Coffee & Tea, 16923 Ridge Road

- Wednesday, March 20 from 1:30-3 p.m. at Next Chapter Bookstore & Bistro, 141 East Main Street

- Monday, May 20, from 6-7:30 p.m. at Board of Education Office, Room 302, 501 West Main Street

Gallagher is hosting the community coffees to provide another avenue for school families and community members to ask questions, offer input, and learn more about the school district in a small group setting. Gallagher also is eager to hear from school families and residents about those issues and concerns that are important to them. The coffees will have a very informal format. Those attending are welcome to come and go at any time during the specified time frame.

Look for additional Superintendent Community Coffees to be scheduled for the 2013-14 school year. Specific dates, times and locations will be sent via LISTSERV beginning in the fall.

Basketball fundraiser

The Northville High School girls basketball program is holding

a fundraiser at several upcoming games: Tuesday, Jan. 29 (against Stevenson), Feb. 1 (against Novi), and Feb. 8 (against South Lyon East). Organizers will be raffling off up to four Detroit Tigers tickets (box seats behind home plate) for the Friday night game on April 26 game vs. the Atlanta Braves. All you have to do is make a half court shot during halftime at one of the home games and you will be entered into a drawing to win. The cost is \$2/per basket attempt for high school students, \$1 for elementary school students (will shoot from 3-point line), and \$5 for all others. You can make several attempts to win tickets and support the girl's basketball team at the same time. If only one person makes a shot, they would win all four tickets.

'Girls on the Run' coach needed

Moraine Elementary is in need of a Girls on the Run coach. Girls on the Run is a program that encourages girls in grades 3-5 to develop self-respect and healthy lifestyles through running. The program combines training for a 5K event with self-esteem enhancing, uplifting workouts and curriculum-based lessons on themes such as resisting peer pressure, making healthy decisions and contributing to the community. Moraine has been fortunate to have this program in place for the past two years,

but cannot continue to offer it without help from some volunteer coaches. Being a coach is a fun and rewarding experience, please consider helping to bring this program back to Moraine this spring.

To find out more what it takes to be a Girls on the Run Coach, please contact Rebecca Mubarez at rmubarez@ymcadetroit.org or (734) 453-2904, or Nichole Gallagher at nicholescott@dickscott.com or (313) 720-2110.

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'Game Show' hits high school stage

Members of the Northville High School Drama Club relax during a recent rehearsal for "Game Show" — the choice for this year's student-run production. Game Show dates are Jan. 25 at 7 p.m. and Jan. 26 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. General admission tickets are \$5 and available during limited hours at the Northville High School Box Office this week leading up to the shows, and then one hour prior to each performance. For additional show and ticket sales information, visit www.nhstheatre.com. The "Game Show" cast members are (from left) Ryan Duda, Kaitlyn Kallas, Joseph Wylie, Henry Blicke, Annie Sullivan, Steven Collareno, Laney Sullivan, Zoe Que, Lauren Bryden and Dominic Seipenko.

Judge dismisses felony counts against McCotter staffers

By Ken Abramczyk
Staff Writer

A Wayne County Circuit judge dismissed felony conspiracy charges Friday against two former staffers of former U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter and sentenced them to probation in the petition fraud case involving the former congressman's re-election bid last year.

Judge Margie Braxton sentenced Don Yowchuang, 33, to three years probation and 200 hours of community service. If he violates probation, he will spend the last year in jail. Yowchuang must pay approximately \$1,500 in court costs and fees.

Braxton sentenced Paul Seewald, 48, to two years probation and 100 hours community service, and he also must pay a total of \$937 in court costs and fees.

Both must report any contact with police or loss of employment to probation officers.

Following an investigation this summer, Attorney General Bill Schuette alleged that members of McCotter's staff were involved in a deliberate fraud involving a pattern of copying and altering nominating petitions in order to qualify the five-term congressman for the 2012 Michigan ballot.

On Friday, Braxton said she didn't believe Yowchuang and Seewald conspired to commit election fraud since the signatures were collected at "the last minute," that is just prior to the mid-May deadline last year.

Braxton added that she didn't take the petition process lightly. "Things should be done the way they should be done," she said.

She quickly added that she was "somewhat impressed that they (Yowchuang and Seewald) have stepped up to the plate and assumed their



responsibilities."

"It's an unfortunate incident," Braxton said of the petition fraud.

Yowchuang of Farmington Hills, who worked as deputy district director for the former congressman, had pleaded no contest to 10 counts of forgery, a five-year felony, and six counts of falsely signing a nominating petition as circulator, a misdemeanor.

Seewald of Livonia, who worked as district director for the former congressman, pleaded guilty to nine misdemeanor counts of falsely signing a nominating petition as circulator.

Joy Yearout, spokeswoman for Schuette, said the attorney general's office is reviewing options for an appeal on Braxton's ruling to dismiss the charge of conspiracy to commit a legal act in an illegal manner.

"The message here is very clear — if you break the law, there are consequences," she said in a prepared statement. "We'll review the dismissal of the conspiracy charge and make a decision about appeal."

After Friday's hearing, Seewald's attorney, Mark Mandell, said Seewald "took responsibility for what he did" and could begin to "put his life back together."

Seewald said he was thankful for the community support. He took a leave of absence from the Livonia Junior Athletic League in which he volunteered as president and coached football, and looked forward to continuing with his involvement with the

league.

"I will be looking forward to rebuilding what's been damaged in my life," Seewald said. "I can't say enough about how much I appreciate the support I received from family members, the community, the league and kids that I've coached."

Yowchuang left the courtroom and the outside hallway area without speaking to reporters.

Mandell criticized Schuette. "I think the attorney general overreached by charging low-level staffers with felonies to look tough on election law," he said. "The fact is, as we know now, Mr. Seewald isn't guilty of a felony."

Mandell believes the case has not been thoroughly investigated by Schuette's office. Mandell believes that investigators have not found the source of 80 percent, or about 900, of the invalid signatures that were cut and pasted.

McCotter's staff turned in more than 2,000 signatures, but only 244 were found to be valid ones. Candidates are required to turn in a minimum of 1,000.

Other McCotter staffers faced charges in the petition fraud. In October, Lorraine O'Brady, a former scheduler for McCotter, was sentenced to 20 days in jail or 20 days in a work program, then received 18 months probation after pleading no contest to misdemeanor charges.

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

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NORTHVILLE POLICE BRIEFS

Car vandalized

A poker dealer at Northville Downs recently found her tires flattened and car keyed with obscenities.

On the night of Jan. 18, the 31-year-old Whitmore Lake woman reported to Northville City Police that she left work and had driven to the BP gas station at Seven Mile and Beck roads. Once stopped she discovered her two front tires were flat and scrawled on the car were two words, one legible and obscene.

She said she has no idea who would do something like this.

Her car was parked in the main lot. There are no suspects and Northville Downs does not have exterior security cameras in the area.

License suspended

A 38-year-old South Lyon man was stopped by Northville City Police and arrested for driving on a license that was suspended for the sixth time.

On Jan. 19, the police reported running the man's plates as he was driving down west Eight Mile Road. Once the plates came back expired he was stopped near Lanthorn Lane. He told officers that all he had was an identification card and that his license was suspended.

It also came back that he was wanted on a warrant out of Livonia. The police later turned him over to Livonia Police.



Crawford sworn in for third term



State Rep. Hugh Crawford, who represents the Oakland County portion of Northville, was officially sworn into office Jan. 9 as state representative for the 38th District as the 97th Legislature began in Lansing. Crawford (center) was accompanied to the ceremony by (left) Blair Bowman, owner and CEO of The Suburban Collection, as well as Dennis O'Connor, the president of the Novi Board of Education. Crawford said both guests were helpful in providing feedback on legislation in the last term. "I am looking forward to beginning my third term as representative of the 38th District," said Crawford, R-Novi. "I hope to continue the work we have been doing in making Michigan a more competitive and thriving state." Local residents can continue to call Crawford at (517) 373-0827 or via e-mail at HughCrawford@house.mi.gov. Information can also be accessed through his website at www.gophouse.com/crawford.htm. Crawford's Lansing office remains located at 887 House Office Building, 124 N. Capitol Ave., Lansing.



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It's regarded as the largest single night fundraiser in the world, and for the 13,069 people who attended the 2013 North American International Auto Show Charity Preview, it was a sign that this region can more than rise to the occasion when it comes to helping children.

NAIAS reported that the 2013 Charity Preview, presented by Charter One / RBS Citizens, raised \$3,920,700 for nine children's charities during an evening of glitz, glamour and gorgeous people. The 2013 tally represents more than a 30 percent increase in funds raised over 2012 — the highest amount since 2008.

"I'm tired and my feet are sore, but I am thrilled that the people of Detroit and Southeast Michigan have once again opened their hearts for our kids," said Jim Seavitt, chairman, NAIAS 2013. "I have seen, from personal experience, the benefits that these funds provide, and I couldn't be prouder to be part of one of the greatest events which provides us the opportunity to do so much for so many."

Charities benefiting from the event include Boys and Girls Clubs of Southeastern Michigan, Boys and Girls Hope Detroit, Children's Center, The Children's Hospital of Michigan Foundation, The Detroit Auto Dealers Association (DADA) Charitable Foundation Fund, a fund of the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan, The Detroit Institute of Children, Judson Center, March of Dimes Metro Detroit, and Think Detroit PAL.

Funds raised by the Charity Preview go even further with the DADA Charitable Foundation Fund. Each year, charitable organizations from throughout the region submit proposals for grants from the DADA Charitable Fund to support worthy programs to improve and enhance the lives of children and youth. Approximately 10 grants typically ranging from \$10,000 to \$50,000 are awarded from the fund annually.

Photos by Julie Yolles



Pegeen Link, a designer for Northville-based Epiphany Kitchens, put her creative talents to work when she ordered a vintage sewing pattern online and then made her unique taffeta dress for Charity Preview. Pegeen enjoyed the preview with her husband, Roy, of Plymouth-based Link Engineering. He is the 2011 Engineering Society of Detroit's Lifetime Achievement Award winner. The couple live in Northville.

SHOW RUNS THROUGH SUNDAY

Show hours are 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. (no admittance after 9 p.m.) through Saturday, Jan. 26. The show ends Jan. 27 and hours that day are 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. (no admittance after 6 p.m.). Tickets are \$12 per person and \$6 for seniors (65 and older) and children (7-12 years old). Children ages 6 and under are free with parent or guardian.



Northville residents Karen and Rich Tajer had a busy night of parties and charity supporting. They attended the Charity Preview, AutoGlow at Ford Field to benefit The Children's Center of Detroit and a private corporate party at Rich firm, Yazaki. Rich is executive vice president at Yazaki.



South Lyon residents Sharla and Jason Desentz started early by attending the ribbon-cutting ceremony, then Charity Preview, followed by AutoGlow. Sharla looked like pure 14 karat gold in her dress from the Clothing Cove in downtown Milford.



Novi residents Beth and Bill Bell check out the Jaguar Exhibit at Charity Preview.



Commerce Township residents Renee and Dan Cooper have had a busy six months with the opening of their Max and izzy's children's books and clothing boutique in Milford. Renee had a short time to slip away from work to purchase her Charity Preview dress at the Clothing Cove in Milford.



Dancers and light show at the Volkswagen exhibit.

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Blood drives

There are several upcoming American Red Cross blood drives that will take place locally. They include:

- 1:30-7:15 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 24 at Gardner White/Best Buy, 43525 West Oaks, Novi
- 9 a.m.-2:45 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 26 at Amerman Elementary School, 847 N. Center Street, Northville
- 8 a.m.-1:45 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 27 at Our Lady of Victory Church, 133 Orchard Drive, Northville
- 7:30 a.m.-1:15 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 27 at First United Methodist Church, 777 W. Eight Mile, Northville

Organizers say current blood supplies are critically low. To set up an appointment or for more information, contact Diane at (313) 549-7052 or Diane.Risko@redcross.org.

Dancers fundraising dinner

The O'Hare Irish Dancers will hold a dinner fundraiser at 7 p.m., Friday, Jan. 25 at Genitti's, 108 E. Main Street, Northville. The group is trying to raise enough funds to send its



The O'Hare Irish Dancers

dancers to compete in the world championships to be held in Boston. Tickets for the event are \$40 per person (cash bar). With your ticket purchase, you will receive a delicious Italian dinner followed by the exciting dance show, Celtic Rhythm, performed by the talented dancers from the O'Hare School. Tickets are limited, so please act quickly and help these dancers fulfill their dreams.

For more information, including how to purchase tickets, contact Tina Doyle (734) 904-2841, or send an e-mail to irishdanceworlds-fund@gmail.com. The

group is also on Facebook at "Irish Dance Worlds Fund".

'Looking' at Tipping Pointe

The Norm Foster-written "Looking" will be performed from Jan. 24-March 3 at the Tipping Point Theatre, 361 E. Cady Street, Northville. The show will star Sandra Birch, Dave Davies, Anne Miranda, and Wayne David Parker, and will be directed by Kate Peckham. The story revolves around four middle-aged characters in a desperate search for true love.

The curtain rises at 8 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays, with matinees at 3 p.m. on Saturdays and 2 p.m. on Sundays. A special matinee performance

has been added on Wednesday, Feb. 13 at 3 p.m.

Tickets are \$29 to \$32 for adults and \$27 to \$30 for students and senior citizens and are available now by calling the box office at (248) 347-0003.

This production is supported, in part, by an award from the Michigan Council For Arts and Cultural Affairs and the National Endowment for the Arts.

Republican Women's Club

Learn about House Bill 4769 and Sharia Law at the monthly meeting of the Suburban Republican Women's Club at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 24, at "The Woods" Clubhouse, 18238 University Park Drive, Livonia, 48152 (behind Laurel Park Mall).

After the speakers, there will be question and answer time. Light refreshments will be served. There is no charge.

Visitors and guests are always welcome. For more information, please call (734) 522-5428.

Auditions

The Marquis Theatre in Northville is holding auditions at 5:30 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 27 for the upcoming production of "The Valentine Rabbit". Auditions are open to children ages 8-15.

Those auditioning will sing "Do-Re-Mi" from "Sound of Music" (accompanist will be provided), and read a poem or monologue (provided by you) — no longer than 90 seconds and it doesn't have to be memorized.

There are no audition fees. For Information Call (248) 349-8110 or visit northvillamarquistheatre.com.

Grief workshop

Ward Presbyterian Church, located on 6 Mile and Haggerty Roads in Northville, is sponsoring an eight-week grief workshop, From Grief to New Hope, beginning on Monday, Feb. 18 from 7-8:45 p.m. For those who cannot attend an evening workshop, New Hope will be offering a morning workshop at St. Paul's Lutheran Church on Thursdays beginning Feb. 7.

The Ward workshop is open to anyone who is grieving after the death of a loved one and will be presented by New Hope's speaker's team led by Cathy Clough, founder/executive director of New Hope Center for Grief Support. Each session will begin with a presentation about one aspect of grief followed by small group participation led by trained facilitators. Attendees will be placed in groups with others who have had similar losses. The evening workshop will meet for eight consecutive Monday nights from 7-8:45 p.m. at Ward Church. The morn-

ing workshop will meet for six consecutive Monday's from 10:30 a.m.-noon at St. Paul's located at 201 Elm Street in downtown Northville. Both workshops are free.

For registration information call New Hope at (248) 348-0115. For information about From Grief to New Hope workshops offered in other cities throughout southeastern Michigan or other age and loss specific grief support groups offered by New Hope Center for Grief Support call New Hope or visit www.newhopecenter.net.

Tinkerbell at the Marquis

The historic Marquis Theatre in downtown Northville is currently featuring the live musical "Tinkerbell Visits Storyland". This energetic, live musical, which features local actors including many children, has lots of singing and dancing. Join Tinkerbell, Peter Pan, Wendy, John and Michael as they visit Oz, Snow White, Little Red Riding Hood, and more. Shows are Saturdays and Sundays through Sunday, Jan. 27. Visit northvillamarquistheatre.com for a complete list of dates and times. The Marquis Theatre is located at 135 East Main Street. Tickets are \$8.50 each, and can be ordered by phone at (248) 349-8110 or at the box office. Group rates are available. Please no children under the age of 3.

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Governor wants additional \$10 billion in road improvements

By Philip Allmen
Staff Writer

Gov. Rick Snyder said Michigan is on the right path, and the state needs to continue to reinvent itself.

Snyder said improving the state's infrastructure is a main priority, something that will take years to accomplish. Changes, he said, are needed both with revenue and distribution of funds.

"It's time we do something about roads," he said.

In the long run, it will save residents money, according to the governor. He wants to see an additional \$1 billion dollars dedicated to roads for each of the next 10 years. If that money isn't invested, the road infrastructure will need an additional \$25 billion

worth of work.

"Think of it as getting regular oil changes or waiting for an engine rebuild," he said.

That additional yearly cost translates to \$124 per vehicle in Michigan, though he said that money is offset by an average of \$81 per vehicle in annual road repairs.

Snyder didn't say where that additional money would come from, but increased registration fees or gas tax hikes are likely.

State Rep. Kurt Heise (R-Plymouth Township), who represents most of Northville, said he wants to look at the road expenses before considering anything on the revenue side.

"Everyone agrees our roads are in poor shape, but we also know times are still tight for work-



ing families. We need to make sure we get the best value with our current dollars," he said.

"The governor has a lot of work ahead of him on the roads issue but its good that we have that debate this year."

Allowing automated vehicles in the state is coming, as well. Florida, Nevada and California

Northville Township Supervisor Robert Nix (left) attended the State of the State address last week as a guest of State Rep. Kurt Heise, who said it was Snyder's "best speech so far."

already have passed legislation on the new technology.

"We should be stepping up on this issue," Snyder said.

State Sen. Mike Kowall, R-White Lake, said such legislation should be introduced in a few weeks in Michigan.

"We already have cars that park themselves," he

said. "It's exciting what's coming up."

An Upper Peninsula company almost left the state to test out the new technology, Kowall said, but the legislation currently being drafted changed their mind. The company employs about 200 people, he said.

Snyder said in his speech he wants to see changes in the insurance industry, primarily related to no-fault insurance and insurance fraud.

The average claim, he said, is \$44,000, the highest in the nation and more than double the next closest state.

Snyder didn't say how he planned to revamp no-fault insurance.

Snyder wants to expand the Education Achievement Authority from its current level of 15 failing schools in Detroit

to 50 schools statewide. The EAA was created to address schools that have persistent low test scores. Legislation addressing the expansion stalled in the Legislature last year.

House Minority Leader Tim Greimel said the governor said he wanted more money for early education, but more than \$2 billion has already been taken away from education.

Improvements in mental health, veteran affairs and abandoned properties were among other areas of focus in his speech — more than a dozen major issues he said he wants to tackle in 2013.

Throughout the speech Snyder said the Legislature and government employees need to work together to provide the best customer service to Michigan residents.

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Local DAR chapter honors historical society for Mill Race preservation

Among the highlights of the Jan. 17 annual meeting of the Northville Historical Society were recognition of the society's preservation efforts by the Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter of the National Daughters of the American Revolution, and the society's recognition of longtime NHS volunteers Carol and Bruce Butske.

Kathleen Ripley Leo, regent of the Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter of the DAR, presented the Northville Historical Society with a certificate of thanks and appreciation in recognition of "its outstanding achievement in historic preservation of buildings (at Mill Race Historical Village)" and for "collecting manuscripts, documents and archival materials, compiling historic artifacts, genealogical and official records and photography collections, compiling oral histories and serving



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Larry Last, outgoing president of the Northville Historical Society, accepts the Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter of the National Daughters of the American Revolution's certificate of appreciation from chapter regent Kathleen Ripley. Also pictured are local DAR members Donna Busch and Deb Davis.

as historical guides and docents."

Leo shared with NHS members gathered in the New School Church at the Mill Race Historical Village that Sarah

Ann Cochrane, the namesake of the Plymouth-Northville DAR chapter, was the daughter of a Congregational minister who preached in the New School Church building in

the 1840s after settling in Northville.

In addition to the certificate of appreciation, Leo noted that the Sarah Ann Cochrane DAR chapter is working with the Northville Historical Society to procure a grant for digitization of the society's extensive archival holdings, specifically its photographic collection.

In continuing a long-held tradition of the Northville Historical Society, Carol and Bruce



Northville Historical Society member Bill Stockhausen (left) presents Carol and Bruce Butske, with the society's annual Key Award for outstanding volunteerism.

Butske were awarded the society's Key Award for outstanding volunteerism.

In presenting the honor, Bill Stockhausen (a longtime member, past president and former Key Award winner) noted that Bruce was the bulwark in arranging the move of the Wash Oak School in 1975 from its original site on Currie Road to the Mill Race Historical Village. He worked on restoration of the school and was a main force in restoration of the Hunter House, one of the first two buildings moved to the Mill Race site in 1972.

Carol Butske was the society's first librarian and archivist, and kept the preservation efforts at Mill Race Historical Village in the public eye.

The Mill Race Historical Village, created and maintained by the Northville Historical Society, celebrated its 40-year anniversary in 2012. The Northville Historical Society, founded in 1964, will mark its 50th anniversary in 2014.

For more information about the Northville Historical Society, call (248) 348-1845 or visit the society's website at www.MillRaceNorthville.org.

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ABNER, DEBORAH JUDITH NEE BEECHER
Age 66 of Northville passed away Thursday, January 17th at Providence Park Hospital. Beloved daughter of Dr. Lawrence Beecher, loving mother of Lisa Carlay Tenbusch (John) and Stephani Abner Asbury. Sister of Diane Jones (Mel), Cheryl Nelson (Rob), Pamela Beecher, Kerry Kidder (Jeff), Geoffrey Beecher (Cathy) and Dr. David Beecher (Laurie). Grandmother of Jack and Gabbie. She is also survived by 10 loving nieces and nephews and 10 great nieces and nephews. A memorial visitation will be held on Tuesday, January 22nd from 4-9pm at the Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Directors, 19091 Northville Road, Northville, 48168. In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorial donations to the Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. 758517, Ipeka, KS 66675.

BLAZEK SR. DAVID,
Age 71, of Brighton, Jan. 21, 2013. A private family service was held. Arrangements by Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon.

DUTKA, JOSEPHINE
Age 80, passed away Jan. 19, 2013. A private family service was held. Arrangements by Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon.

KNUDSON, DANIEL
April 21, 1957- January 17, 2013. Departed this world to rejoin nother Janet and father Jerry. Dan was brought up in Milford and after his journeys to California, Colorado, Hawaii, Florida, he always returned to those that held his heart. Cherished friend and brother he leaves surviving sisters Nancy (Hans) Ott, Cathy Vernier, Becky (George) Roese, and brother Jan (Roxanne) Knudson. Danny was an adored Uncle by, Hans, Jonathon, Jill, Alex, Adam, Aaron Mitchell and Brandy. He will be dearly missed. Any questions or remembrances can be sent to: Beckroo@comcast.net.

LEIST, Kenneth Ethen
Age 83 of Hartland, January 18, 2013. Funeral West Highland Baptist Church, Jan. 23, 2013. LynchFuneralDirectors.com

MCDONALD, MICHAEL L.
Age 63 of New Hudson died January 18, 2013. Beloved husband of 49 years to Patricia. Loving father of Tammy (Jeff Friess) Vaquet and Michael (Carolyn) McDonald. Dear grandfather of Hollie E. Creech, Mindy Paquette, and Serena Swain. Brother of Linda (the late Lanar) Powell, Kay (Ron) Moquin, Delbert (Suzette) McDonald, Harold McDonald, Larry (Louise) Johnson, and the late Douglas McDonald. Also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, extended family, loving friends, and his dogs, Kirby and Jack. Cremation has taken place and private family services have been held. Serving the family Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, Walled Lake. Condolences at www.LynchFAMILYFuneralDirectors.com

MEYER, VIRGINIA D.
Age 75, of Rochester, passed away 1/15/2013. Beloved sister and aunt. Online condolences at www.casterlinefuneralhome.com

SARVER, BONNIE LOU
72, entered into eternal rest on Wednesday, January 16, 2013, after a brief, but courageous battle with cancer. She passed away peacefully with her family by her side at her home in Pinckney, Michigan. Bonnie was born on February 24, 1940, daughter of William and Kathleen Cunningham in Washington, Pennsylvania. Her father was a coal miner and they lived in many small towns in the Pennsylvania coal area, ending up in Indiana, Pennsylvania. There she met and married her husband of 54 years, John Sarver. Bonnie earned her bachelor and master degrees in education from Eastern Michigan University. She taught for 30 years at South Lyon High School until she retired. Education was a passion of hers and she went to work every day with a smile. Bonnie was highly respected and well-liked by the staff and many students throughout the district. She loved being with children and young adults so Bonnie continued as a substitute teacher for Pinckney, Stockbridge, and Howell schools until her illness. Bonnie married John "Jack" Sarver and together they raised 3 sons in Michigan. Bonnie was a very kind and gentle soul with a loving and generous heart, always giving to others. A wonderful mother and grandmother, Bonnie was an excellent cook and enjoyed preparing meals and hosting holiday dinners for her family and friends. Of her many interests, she mostly enjoyed spending time with her family, and taking long drives throughout the rural southeast Michigan area. She also greatly enjoyed the natural beauty surrounding her home. Bonnie is survived by her devoted husband of 54 years, John "Jack" Sarver of Pinckney, Michigan; her loving sons, Chris (Erin) Sarver of Eugene, Oregon, William (Sheila) Sarver of Rochester, Michigan, and Pat Sarver of Grand Marais, Michigan; her 4 grandchildren, Stephen, Anjali, Anisha and Eve Sarver. She is also survived by her siblings Shirley Adams, Betty Selkirk, Darlene Pone, William Cunningham, and her mother Katherine Cunningham. Bonnie was preceded in death by her father, William Cunningham. A celebration of life will be held at 1:00 PM on Friday, January 25, 2013 at the Borek Jennings Funeral Home, Hamburg Chapel, 7425 M-36, in Hamburg, Michigan. Friends and relatives are invited to join until the time of her simple farewell at 4:00 PM to share their most cherished memories of Bonnie. Cremation will take place prior to the memorial service. Please leave a message of comfort to Bonnie's family by calling 877-231-7900 or sign her guestbook at www.borekjenning.com. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in honor of Bonnie L. Sarver to the Special Olympics Michigan at www.somi.org

SMITH, ROBERT F.
Age 74, Jan. 18, 2013. Funeral was Jan. 21 at Phillips Funeral Home. Donations: Alzheimer's Assoc. or the Humane Society.

SMITH, ROBERT L.
January 16, 2013, Age 85 of Northville. Beloved husband of Betty J. Loving father of Debra (Jerry) Lehner and Connie (Timothy) March. Proud grandfather of 5 and 8 great grandchildren. Preceded in death by sister Vivian (Clifford) Baker and brother Claude (Millie) Smith. Visitation Sun 3-9 PM with Mon 11 AM Funeral Service at Vermoulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd., (btwn Sheldon & Beck) Plymouth. Memorial contributions may be made to Samaritan's Purse International Relief. Interment Rural Hill Cemetery. To share a memory, please visit: vermoulenfuneralhome.com

WILLIAMS, JIMMY LEE
Age 66, of South Lyon, passed away suddenly on January 5th, 2013. A memorial gathering took place on January 9, 2013 at Muehlig Funeral Chapel of Ann Arbor.

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MON, WED 11:20, 9:30
TH 11:20, 4:30

ZERO DARK THIRTY (R)
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Crawford-Palmieri

Krista Kathryn Crawford of Northville and Caleb John Palmieri of Carol Stream, Ill. are engaged to be married. Krista, the daughter of Northville's Terry and Linda Crawford, is a 2008 graduate of Northville High School and will graduate from North Park University in Chicago in May of 2013 with a bachelor in communication arts. Caleb, the son of John and Christine Palmieri of Carol Stream, Ill., graduated in 2008 from Wheaton North High School and in December, 2012 from North Park University with a bachelor in secondary education with a major



in history. A July 13, 2013 wedding is planned. The wedding will take place at

the cottage of the bride's family in northern Michigan at Torch Lake.

Roumayah-Evans

Lesley Roumayah and Joseph Evans, both of Northville, are engaged to be married. The bride to be is the daughter of Steve and Paula Roumayah of Northville. She is currently attending Oakland University and is a registered nurse at Karmanos Cancer Center in Detroit. Evans is the son of Joe and Zandra Evans of Northville. He is currently attending a transfer program to Eastern Michigan University and is employed at Jogue Inc. as an account manager. An October 11, 2013 wedding is planned at Shenandoah Country Club.



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OUR VIEWS

Sooner than later

Township officials need to expedite demolition of old hospital

Taking a drive by the old Northville Psychiatric Hospital property on Seven Mile going west from Haggerty brings to mind the Charles Dickens classic *A Tale of Two Cities*.

On a portion of the property, at Haggerty, construction crews have been active, the land has been stripped of its vegetation and earth has been flattened in preparation for a new hospital facility that will break ground this spring. The 100,000-square-foot building is expected to be just the first of a larger multi-use development called Northville Park Place on the 82 acres owned by developer REIS (Real Estate Investment Group-Schostak).

Then there's the 330-plus acres Northville Township owns further west along Seven Mile. The most activity on this portion of the property is probably the trees and other vegetation growing in around most of the old hospital buildings. Well, unless of course you count all the trespassers who seem be quite fond of the old network of hospital buildings and connecting tunnels. In other words, not much of substance is happening on the property, despite the fact township voters in 2009 decided to spend \$23.5 million to purchase the land.

But that's not to say there aren't plans. In fact there is actually a detailed master plan for the property that — if ever implemented — will convert the land into an amazing recreational asset for the township. A place township residents will be proud of. There are, however, many roadblocks before that vision becomes reality — most notably the cost of demolishing the old hospital buildings. Township officials believe that cost (all demolition, asbestos abatement and site preparation) will be about \$28 million.

The question township officials are faced with is how they will pay for it. They know the money will ultimately come from tax dollars captured from the REIS development through a brownfield redevelopment authority. However, capturing enough to pay for the demolition could take 20 years. Township officials just don't know because the development hasn't occurred yet. There are a lot of unknowns. The goal, based on the developer's plans, is that the brownfield will capture more than \$80 million over 30 years.

Township officials have two avenues in front of them. They can purchase bonds that can be paid back over time, so the buildings can be cleared sooner. Or they can take a pay as you go approach — doing the demolition piece by piece, and only as fast as tax dollars are collected through the brownfield authority.

Some will argue for the latter in deference to financial austerity. That process, however, could take a generation, meaning the residents who voted to purchase the property won't be able to use it until their twilight years. The other problem with that course is the costs the township is currently incurring to police the property because of trespassers — estimated to be \$150,000 in 2012. The property also contains plenty of hazards, from the asbestos in the buildings to the many barrels and paint cans strewn throughout the buildings. It's only a matter of time before somebody gets seriously hurt on the property.

Most members of the Northville Township Board of Trustees and administration expressed a desire to fast-track the demolition. Likewise, we encourage the township staff to figure out a way to purchase bonds at a reasonable cost with the backing of the future brownfield funds. Of course, they must keep the public informed of the process every step of the way. Transparency is important.

The bottom line is the sooner those buildings come down the better. Township voters, by a good margin, decided to make an investment in that property. Everyone has known that investment includes demolition. Township officials should do all they can to make sure it happens as soon as possible.

COMMUNITY VOICE

Do you think there needs to be changes to our gun laws?

We asked this question downtown



“Personally, no. But maybe things could be a little stricter considering some of the recent events.”

Mike Pistolesi
Novi



“Yes. I think we should start by researching what the problem really is. I think assault rifles should be banned and there should be a limit on magazine size. And really, mental health should be a bigger issue than it is.”

Karolyn Pargo
Northville



“No, it's not going to change anything or prevent criminals from committing crimes.”

Ginny Hoffman
Redford (frequent visitor to downtown Northville)



“There could be better background checks, but I think we should respect the Second Amendment and its rights.”

Chuck Penn
Northville

LETTERS

Back-stabbed by the GOP

On Dec. 20, just before the holidays, Sen. Pat Colbeck and Rep. Kurt Heise wrote a defense of the “right-to-work” law that was recently passed and signed by Gov. Snyder. In their guest editorial (“Right-to-work was right thing for Michigan”) they stated that if a union member doesn't believe that their union leaders have earned their support, they should have the right to opt out of union membership and paying union dues. The historical term for people like these is scabs.

It is interesting that Sen. Colbeck and Rep. Heise believe that if you disagree with your elected union representation, you shouldn't have to pay dues or belong to the union, even though you would continue to enjoy all of the benefits negotiated for you by that union representation, but they haven't written an identical bill that would apply to them. Just like union officials, both of you were elected, and there is no doubt that I am not happy with your representation, nor that of Gov. Snyder, so should I be able to opt out of paying my state of Michigan taxes, even though I would continue to enjoy all the benefits of public services?

If it is the “right thing” for elected union officials to be denied union dues to operate, why wouldn't it be the “right thing” for you to be denied my tax money when I don't want to pay to support the radical and extreme agenda that the Republican House, Senate and governor have recently decided to stab the middle class in the back with? Did you really think that your constituents are so ill-informed or stupid that they would buy such a lame argument you are giving for union busting? Of the 10 states with the highest rate of unemployment, six of them are RTW states. The top 10 states in private sector employment earnings per capita — Colorado, California, Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New Jersey and New York — none of them are RTW states. People in RTW states have lower incomes and fewer, if any, benefits.

Did you think that no one would notice that you passed bill after bill with breakneck speed, suspending the normal rules of debate and consideration for passage? Extreme is great if you are a stick of gum or a snowboarder, but it is not a positive recipe for governance.

It is more than worth noting that most of what was passed in the wee hours of the morning and the final hours of the 2012 legislative session were things that the two of you nor the governor ever campaigned on. You told no one that you wanted to tax the pensions of seniors and invite seniors to leave Michigan for states that

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don't tax pensions, while handling the new revenue from seniors to business. You told no one that you wanted Michigan to become a “right-to-work” state. In fact, Gov. Snyder repeatedly lied to the people of Michigan when he told us he thought that RTW was “too divisive” and that it was “not on his agenda.” You told no one that you intended to pass needless and draconian regulations regarding woman's reproductive choice. You told no one that you would change the rules for recall of elected officials so it would be more difficult for citizens to remove radical, extreme and out-of-control politicians like yourselves. You told no one that you would disinvest in all forms of education while claiming to want to attract better jobs. Further, with the record volume of last-minute legislation that was passed, it is unlikely that you could have even read most of the bills you voted for.

Steve Lawrence
Northville

Judge given short shrift

I enjoyed reading your story in the Jan. 3 *Northville Record* about Martha Snow's appointment as Wayne County Circuit Court judge, but I thought that you gave Judge Gershwin Drain short shrift when you only mentioned that he “resigned from the bench.” Actually, Judge Drain resigned from the Wayne County Circuit Court bench to accept an appointment from President Obama to the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan.

Robert Geake
Northville

Riding the Titanic

Impotence of the U.S. House of Representatives added more spending and left them still naked to more. We ride the Titanic. Coming soon, the cries of disas-

ter and insolvency over modest resistance to lifting our debt limit. Tissue paper economists will flood information sources, however, goods will flow and business won't stop running as long as the dollar is accepted as being of value.

Remnant Republicans must appeal to their public for mercy, as a rapid vote for increasing debt might risk careers. Our president, wagging a finger with a grin, will suggest no negotiation now, as the House is responsible for any acceptance of spending. Any hesitation to raise the debt ceiling will be met aggressively with the multipurpose Democrat pernicious glossaries of racism, then hatefulness and then social injustice. These glossaries replayed by organized leftist wags to end any conversation protecting any challenge of their warmed-over pathways toward socialism.

Many Americans may regard the debt as words and a passing bad dream, still floating along without urgency. Everyone's views of war are the opposite, filling every waking moment with concern of danger and nightmares of changing conditions and their proximity. Our main line media and pseudo intellectuals should be skewered for maintaining too long an almost apathetic position on American national debt. History suggests these similarities preceded the snowballing financial collapse of Germany of 1932. Many elites, some later vanishing, demanded appointment of the “chancellor” the National Socialist on Jan. 30, 1933. A choice that laid for Germans the cornerstone for the worst chapters in their history. A brutal lesson.

John Boehner as a leader reminds me of Civil War Gen. George McClellan for new levels of dithering, retreat and halting decisions. States' positions and interests are more strongly expressed in the House of Representatives having balance against a popular single party line. The House, however, has lost for years every argument on spending control, dumping all ability to manage booming federal bureaucracies. Soon the president will throw the dogs a bone wrapped in baloney to pacify its most recent humiliation. Perhaps a few new leaders may appear to protect the engines of our market economy. I hope so. Better talent in governance appears to reside in our states. I believe each state should review term limits for U.S. senators — too many only pushing pork with so little accomplishment in the Senate. It might have been suggested with lingering characteristics of three-day old fish washed up on the beach in the summer, still legendary among themselves alone.

Jim Nowka
Northville

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Eliane Turner, of Northville, likes the Mopar Customized Jeep.

David and Jean Benoit are from Northville. David is chairman of Easter Seals-Michigan.

Northville Township resident Dawn LaRiche joined the paparazzi at the ribbon-cutting ceremony to take a picture of her husband, Scott LaRiche, Detroit Auto Dealers Association (DADA) President, NAIAS Executive Board member and vice president/executive manager of Lou LaRiche Chevrolet in Plymouth Township.

JULIE YOLLES

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John and Karen Kaley are from Novi.



A New Year,
A New Chapter!



Benefit pitches 'The Perfect Game'

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

A fundraiser in Plymouth next month will give baseball fans a chance to see some legendary former Detroit Tigers and revisit the Tigers' two most recent championship seasons.

“The Perfect Game,” a dinner and discussion among former Tigers about the World Series-winning teams of 1968 and 1984, is Thursday, Feb. 7, at the Meeting House Grand Ballroom. It’s a benefit for the Miracle League of Plymouth, which in 2011 opened the Bilkie Family Field, a baseball field designed for special-needs children.

The event will feature hors d'oeuvres, an open bar, a five-course meal and the baseball discussion, plus a computer-simulated matchup between the 1968 and 1984 Tigers teams. Sports broadcaster Eli Zaret will be the master of ceremonies.

League president Debra Madonna said about a half-dozen former Tigers have signed on for the discussion, and that she is awaiting confirmations. The Grand Ballroom capacity is about 300, but Madonna said the panel discussion is designed to unfold like dinner-table conversation, and will be broadcast on television monitors for those who might be sitting close to the panel.

The Miracle League, which has drawn players and volunteers from around the metropolitan area, is making plans for its third season, which will begin this spring.

Bunyan & Banjos
Friday, January 18
2:00 p.m.

Join us as we travel back through Michigan's history through songs, stories, and great food! Presented by Kitty Donohue.

RSVP by January 14.

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Wednesday, January 23
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RSVP by January 21.

History of the Underground Railroads

Wednesday, January 30
1:30 p.m.

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Tale of two South Lyons

Northville boys fall to South Lyon, top East

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

It was a tale of two South Lyon teams last week when the Northville Mustangs boys basketball team split two Central Division contests.

The Mustangs, led by Todd Sander in his fifth year at the helm, took a 61-42 loss to the South Lyon Lions, but rebounded for a 50-30 win over the South Lyon East Cougars.

Against the Cougars, the Mustangs slid out to a 12-4 lead in the first quarter and never looked back as they added 17 to their total in the second quarter while holding the Cougars to just six for a 29-10 lead.

"We were up at the half and then just kept it rolling," said Sander. "It was good in that everyone played decent minutes and we had 10 players score."

Leading the scoring was Andrew Meacham, who poured in 17 points to lead all scorers. Andrew Stevens added eight points while Nathan Kellum added five. Three other plays notched four points and four others had two in the winning effort.

Please see BOYS, B2

ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs boys basketball team will be back on the hardwood when they host Salem tomorrow at 7 p.m. before visiting Livonia Stevenson at 7 p.m. Tuesday.



Stewart Henzi goes up for a bucket against South Lyon East recently.

CHRISTINE HENZI

Tankers earn two victories

Squad beats Walled Lake Western, North Farmington

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

The Northville Mustangs boys swimming and diving team earned two more wins as they've picked up some momentum this season.

The team, coached by Rich Bennetts, earned a 119-59 victory over Walled Lake Western before topping North Farmington 111-75.

"Well, we did enough to win tonight, but we still have major holes in our line-up and we really need some kids to step up and fill those in if we are going to be a player at our conference meet," said Bennetts after the Walled Lake Western victory. "Livonia Stevenson just keeps getting better and better from week to week and unless we start matching that improvement we are in big trouble."

Bennetts said that there are plenty of swimmers trying to lead the team, however.

"The kids are working hard and we are just waiting for someone to break through with a big swim and then I think it will start the ball rolling for us and we can really pick up some steam here towards the end of the season," he said. "We had some nice swims tonight from Christian Yap, Scott Wang, Akbar Ariswala and Matt Schafer but we need more."

Against Walled Lake Western, the Mustangs had first place finishes from the 200 medley relay, the 200 free relay, Mark Kaminski in the 200 freestyle, Andrew Westphal in the 200 individual medley and the 100 freestyle, Sam Boyea in the 50 freestyle, Troy Cini in diving, Jame Xue in the 500 free and Yap in the 100 breaststroke.

Against North Farmington, Bennetts said his team had much of the same performance as their previous victory.

"More of the same tonight," he said. "Fred Schulz and Connor Lepish had some good swims. What we need to see as a coaching staff is that our swimmers who are close to breaking through need to do it. We are into late January and we haven't seen that happen yet. It is the end of a five meets in 10 days stretch. You can use that as an excuse as to why our performance tonight was what it was, but other teams have the same schedule that we do so that excuse is just that, an excuse. We need answers and we are running out of time to get them."

Northville has a 6-1 record right now, but Bennetts said that number isn't exactly indicative of how well the team is doing.

"People can look at the 6-1 record and say that everything is going well, but as a coach you have to have the big picture in mind which for us is at the end of February and into March," he said. "We have a lot of kids that are trying very hard at practice and I am proud of them for that, but they still have to learn how to translate that into a good performance at the meet. We will continue to work at practice trying to get them to make that leap and start performing when it matters. Once we get that done, we will be a good team."

Against North Farmington, Northville's first-place finishes came from Austin Hunt in the 200 freestyle and 500 free, Westphal in the 50 free and 100 free, Xue in the 100 backstroke and the 400 free relay.

ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs boys swimming and diving team will be back in the pool when they host Salem today before hosting Livonia Stevenson a week from today. Both meets start at 6:30 p.m.

Defensive miscues lead to Northville loss

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

The Northville girls' basketball team was on the wrong end of a 53-46 loss against the South Lyon East Cougars last week.

Part of the difference in the game came from South Lyon East's determination, but the other part would prove to hang squarely on the shoulders of multiple defensive miscues as their full-court pressure — typically the cause of multiple turnovers in a contest — simply was ineffective.

"Defensively, we didn't have enough effort and just get after it," said Northville coach Todd Gudith. "Our team hadn't given up more than 36 in the previous four division games and to give up 53 is just us not being into it. Hats off to East, they outplayed us all game long and deserved to win. They kept making plays. I'm not sure if our team overlooked them because of their record coming into the game but I've said all along that our division is too competitive to take a night off and expect



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Mustang Megan Buckingham looks up and tries to keep control of the ball as she drives to the basket during Northville's Jan. 4 game against Salem High.

to win."

The loss drops Northville to 8-3 overall and 3-2 in the Central Division, making Gudith wince at the thought of losing control of the team's run at a division title.

"It's disappointing because we controlled our destiny within the division but now we have to win out and get some help to overtake Novi," he said. "The real question will be how our group responds from this."

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1/30 @Livonia Stevenson 8 p.m.

BOYS BOWLING

All events at 3:30 p.m. unless noted
1/30 @Salem

GIRLS BOWLING

All events at 3:30 p.m. unless noted
1/30 @Salem

BOYS BASKETBALL

All games at 7 p.m. unless noted
1/25 Salem
1/29 @Livonia Stevenson

GIRLS BASKETBALL

All games at 7 p.m. unless noted
1/25 @Salem
1/29 Livonia Stevenson

BOYS SWIMMING

All meets at 6:30 p.m. unless noted
1/24 Salem
1/31 Livonia Stevenson

GYMNASTICS

All meets at 6:30 p.m. unless noted
1/30 @Canton

CHEERLEADING

All events at 6 p.m. unless noted
1/26 Northville Invitational 8 a.m.

WRESTLING

Meets at 5:30 p.m. unless noted
1/26 @Livonia Churchill Observerland Invita-

tional 9 a.m.
1/30 Association Quad

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ICE HOCKEY

1/26 6:30 p.m. Livonia Stevenson
1/28 6:30 p.m. Livonia Franklin

BOYS BASKETBALL

All games 7 p.m. unless noted
1/25 @ South Lyon East
1/29 South Lyon

GIRLS BASKETBALL

All games at 7 p.m. unless noted
1/25 South Lyon East
1/29 @ South Lyon

WRESTLING

1/30 TBA @ KLAA Crossover (@ TBA)

BOYS SWIMMING

All meets at 6 p.m. unless noted
1/24 6:30 p.m. @ Livonia Stevenson
1/31 6:30 p.m. @ South Lyon East

BOYS & GIRLS BOWLING

All meets at 3:30 p.m. unless noted
1/26 TBD @ Doubles Tournament (@ Merri-Bowl)

COMPETITIVE CHEER

1/26 9 a.m. @ Northville Invitational

BOYS & GIRLS SKIING

All dual races 4 p.m. @ Alpine Valley unless noted
1/24 Lakeland, Walled Lake Western
1/28 Brother Rice, Marian
1/31 Walled Lake Central, Walled Lake Western

SPORTS BRIEFS

Round Up At The Rink

The Arctic Edge in Canton has graciously offered Ryan Rabinowitz's Round Up At The Rink event from 5:30-7:20 p.m. Feb. 9, donating all admission fees from open skating to Make A Wish Foundation. Plans are to have a silent auction and a DJ.

Lacrosse conditioning class

Northville Parks and Recreation is offering a lacrosse conditioning class, a unique opportunity to work with the professional trainers from Barwis Methods. Staff will focus on speed mechanics along with lacrosse specific agility movements. Wear running clothes, no sticks.

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Cost is \$90. Sign up through Northville Parks and Recreation. Visit www.northvilleparksandrec.org or contact kkoupal@ci.northville.mi.us for more information.

Help Boosters

The NHS Boosters Board is looking to fill two positions at Northville High School. The first open position is concessions

chair for the 2013-14 school year. The job consists of buying and stocking the concessions stand in advance of sporting events held at Tom Holzer Field, NHS' Soccer field and at the NHS gymnasium. Each team would be responsible for scheduling the volunteers for the respective games.

The second open position is chair of the 2013 NHS Boosters Golf Outing and Silent Auction, which will be held on Saturday, Aug. 24 at the Links of Novi. While there are already volunteers in place to assist with the event, a chairperson is still needed.

If you or someone you know might be interested in either position, please email Sue Baldwin, President of the NHS Boosters at baldwins@huronvalley.k12.mi.us.

Crafters sought

The Novi Athletic Boosters Holiday Kickoff Art & Craft Show will be held at Novi High School on Saturday, Oct. 19 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. This is a juried show, more than 250 booths are available at \$60 each. The show will be spread out in the school's atrium, cafeteria, performance gym and field-house, allowing ample space for all exhibitors.

To download the exhibitors application, visit www.noviathleticboosters.com/craft-show/. The application deadline is March 1.

BOYS

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"I liked our defense tonight," sander said. "We had 20 deflections in the first half, which is one measure of how active you are on defense." Unfortunately, the defense wasn't quite as polished in the game against South Lyon. The Mustangs fell

behind 16-13 in the first quarter and still trailed, 26-23, at the halftime buzzer. But it was the third quarter that truly made all the difference as South Lyon came out and outscored Northville, 24-7, in the stanza.

"We played very efficient in the first half but South Lyon really amped up their pressure in the second half, and we had a hard time getting anything going," said

Sander. "South Lyon can score in waves and that's exactly what they did in the third quarter."

The fourth quarter found Northville putting in 12 to South Lyon's 11.

Leading in scoring for Northville was Meacham, who had 18 points while Stewart Henzi added 10 in the loss. South Lyon's Conner Weidman and Luke Short combined for 47 points.



CHRISTINE HENZI

Northville's Andrew Meacham works down under for a board against South Lyon East.

GIRLS

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Northville started the game off on the wrong foot, falling behind east, 15-10, in the first quarter before coming back in the second quarter to take a one-point, 20-19, lead into the locker room.

The third quarter was more of an even showing, with Northville scoring

10 to South Lyon East's 12 points, but it was the fourth quarter that made all the difference.

The Cougars slid out to a nine-point lead with less than four minutes to play in the fourth, but Northville changed strategies, relying on the three-point field goal to get them back into the game.

Junior Gabby Mencotti scored two big three-point shots in the fourth quar-

ter, scoring 10 of her team-high 15 points in the final stanza. Northville chipped the lead down to three points with just under a minute left to play, but couldn't capitalize.

The victory for East was the first time since the school opened in 2007 that the girls' basketball team earned a win over the Mustangs. They are now 6-5 overall and 1-4 in the Central Division.

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A pre-bid walk through is scheduled for January 28, 2013 @ 8:30 am at 21200 Taft Road, Northville, MI 48167. The pre-bid meeting will be held at the Northville Athletic Field when the site will be accessible for a walk-thru. Please meet in the Cook School parking lot which is found at the address above and adjacent to the field. **This meeting is not mandatory.**

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SYNOPSIS
JANUARY 17, 2013 – REGULAR MEETING
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DATE: Thursday, January 17, 2013
TIME: 7:00 p.m.
PLACE: 44405 Six Mile Road
CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Nix called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.
Present: Robert R. Nix II, Supervisor, Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk, Marjorie F. Banner, Treasurer, Mary Gans, Trustee, Symantha Heath, Trustee, Fred Shadko, Trustee
Absent: Mindy Herrmann, Trustee (excused)
CLOSED SESSION: As permitted under the Michigan Open Meetings Act (PA 267) of 1976 or MCL 15.268, Section 8 (c) Negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement Northville Township Fire Fighters Union Contract.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

- Agendas:**
 - A. Consent and Regular Agendas – approved
 - B. Consent Agenda Items – approved
- Appointments, Presentations, Resolutions & Announcements:**
 - A. Bradley R. Barton – Appointment to Board of Review – approved
- Public Hearing:**
 - A. Set Public Hearing for February 21, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. for the Community Development Block Grant 2013 Budget – approved
- Brief Public Comments: None**
- New Business:**
 - A. Fire Fighters Union Contract – approved
 - B. Public Safety Detective Bureau – vehicle lease - approved
 - C. Collection of School Tax – Plymouth Canton - approved
 - D. Collection of School Tax – Schoolcraft College – approved
 - E. Collection of School Tax – Northville Public Schools – approved
 - F. Collection of RESA – Wayne County – approved
 - G. Bylaws for Alliance of Rouge Communities – approved
 - H. Township Investment Policy – approved
 - I. Election Precinct Addition – approved
 - J. Stormwater Maintenance Agreement - Little Hearts Learning – approved
 - K. Beck Road Water System Improvements – Change Order No.1 and Payment No. 4 – approved
 - L. Beck Road Booster Station – Change Order No. 2 – approved
 - M. Beck Road Booster Station – Payment No. 3 – approved
- Unfinished Business: None**
- Ordinances: None**
- Bills Payable:**
 - A. Bills payable in the amount of \$1,870,702.08 – approved
- Board Communication & Reports** from Supervisor Nix, Clerk Hillebrand, Treasurer Banner, Trustees Gans, Heath and Shadko, Manager Snider.
- Any other business or public comment for the Board of Trustees:** Trustee Gans commented on the Pathway Subcommittee work and Treasurer Banner inquired about weekly recycling.
- ADJOURN:** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

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

This is a synopsis of the meeting. A draft of the unapproved minutes will be available after January 30, 2013.

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Local lacrosse team earns bronze at national tournament

The Team Total Michigan Varsity lacrosse team, based at Total Sports in Wixom and earned the bronze medal at the National Tournament of Champions over the holiday break in Tampa, Fla. The tournament draws many of the best teams in the country. To qualify, teams must have been in the finals of a premier summer or fall event. Because Team Total Michigan Varsity team, which is coached by Dwayne Hicks and Chris Cooper, won the Patriot Games tournament this summer, they qualified.

The first day was not the best day for Team Total. Although the team played well at times, unforced errors and missed opportunities resulted in two tough losses — to Florida Elite and Mesa Fresh from Philadelphia.

Day two would see a different Team Total — faster, more aggressive,

and making fewer mistakes was the plan for the day. Against the #6 seeded Road Warriors (players from Syracuse and Six Nations), Total was running and gunning, but, so were the Warriors. In a close game, it came down to the team who controlled the ball and made key plays at the right time. In both cases, it was Team Total. Final score 9-7. Total moved on to the Elite Eight.

In the quarter finals, Total would be in a rematch against Florida Elite. Total came out faster, more aggressive, found their sticks skills, and were incredibly confident. Total dominated the match, winning 9-2 and earning a trip to the semi-finals.

On Day 3, Total faced FCA (Fellow Christians Athletes) — one of the premier travel team program in the country — in the semi-finals. FCA

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Team Total team members include John Cooke, Jake Fuller, Austin Herbert, Austin Reinke, Matt Beasley, Sean Stanners, Griffin Sibb, Brett Braun, Mark Longe, Travis Sparling, Ray Tague, Collin Cummings, Matt Molchan, Zach Rogers, Steve Ramos, Connor Murray, Mark Hoffman, Jack Van Acker, Connor Holton, Tommy McMaster, and Collin Smith.

Grapplers earn two big victories

Squad is now 3-0 in the Central Division

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

The Northville Mustangs wrestling team picked up two huge Central Division wins last week as they toppled Livonia Stevenson and cross-town rival Novi.

The squad, coached by Bob Boshoven and assistant Adam Coe, is now 3-0 in the Central Division and 13-8-1 overall.

The Mustangs started out the night with a dual against Livonia Stevenson and walked away with victories in eight of the 14 matches for a 45-25 victory. Despite the close number of matches, Northville's advantage came via bonus points as seven victories came via pin.

Leading by just two points, 27-25, Northville was rewarded huge points from David Borthwick, Alex Justice and Jon Wines, who all pitched in pins to secure the victory for the Mustangs. Also earning pins were Spencer Compo and Alex Coe.

Against Novi, the Mustangs cleared a 40-32 victory, winning just sev-



PHOTOS COURTESY OF NORTHVILLE WRESTLING
Northville junior Kevin Charara scores a take down.



Mustang Alex Coe works a turn against his Novi opponent.

en of the 14 matches, but earning six pins in the process.

Senior Phil Kamm had a key victory, earning a defensive pin after trailing by one point in the 140-pound match. Another huge win was at 189 pounds, where Borthwick pushed his 7-7 match into overtime before taking his opponent to the mat and earning the win by fall.



Sean Wagner, a Northville senior, works to turn his Novi opponent.

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Sophomore Alyssa Breen begins her beam routine for Northville.

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Mustangs bow to cross-town rivals

The Novi Wildcats proved to be a bit too much for the Northville Mustangs hockey team last week when the two teams squared off at the Novi Ice Arena. When all was said and done, the Mustangs managed one goal in the third period to take a tough 4-1 loss. Ryan Bloom found the back of the net at the 5:42 mark in the final stanza, assisted by Tyler Gardiner and Alex Shuart on the play. Novi put the first goal on the board in the first period, scoring off a deflection by Patrick Wojtylo of a bouncing puck to sneak it by North-

NORTHVILLE ROUNDUP

ville goalie Jake Pawloski for the score. Northville increased their offensive pressure, firing in what they thought was the tying goal, only to have it waived off by the official. The Mustangs found themselves trailing by two on a bad line change that led to a Novi break-away goal by Brad Hofelich, followed by a power-play goal by Mark Baker in the final minute of the second period to make it 3-0. Novi tallied their final goal in the third period off the stick of Bryan Fegert. Earning the win in goal was Novi's Patrick Carney.

Northville gymnastics team takes 12th

The Jeanee Caruss Memorial Invitational, held at Bounce in Hart-

land last Saturday, brings a load of talented teams to compete in a challenging tournament event. Northville's gymnastics team knew the challenges would be difficult, but they didn't shy away and made the trip and turned in a 12th-place showing with a score of 130 points. Winning the event was Farmington United, which had 144.45 points, while Canton took second with 143.44. Brighton/Howell, a combined team, took third with 140.225. Northville was led by Taylor Dempsey, who turned in a strong 8.95 performance on the beams, while Gerianna Dauber posted an 8.475 from the judges on the bars, while Maddie DeGroff had an 8.35 with her floor routine.

— By Sam Eggleston

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE
NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS

ADVERTISEMENT FOR PROPOSALS

PROJECT: SANITARY LIFT STATION IMPROVEMENTS

BIDS OPENING DATE: February 14, 2013, 10:00 AM, local time

OWNER: Charter Township of Northville, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan 48168

LOCATION/NAME: Northville Township, Michigan

BRIEF DESCRIPTION: Bids are solicited on a lump sum basis for all work specified. The project will consist of the replacement of two existing sanitary lift stations with new stations and appurtenances as shown on the plans. Construction is to include, but not be limited to, the following:

1. Demolition of existing pumps, piping, generators, electrical equipment, and related items as shown in the plans at two (2) existing pump stations.

2. Furnishing and installing two (2) new concrete and masonry lift station buildings, complete with pumps, electrical and controls equipment, and all other equipment and appurtenances as indicated in the plans and specifications.

3. Furnishing and installing new natural gas emergency generators within both station buildings.

4. Furnishing, installing and commissioning a new SCADA system for the Township Water and Sewer facilities, as indicated in the plans and specifications.

5. Site work and landscaping as indicated in the plans.

LOCATION OF BID OPENING: Charter Township of Northville, Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan 48168

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

QUESTIONS: Any questions regarding the project shall be brought to the attention of Mr. Aaron Uranga at Stantec Consulting Michigan Inc., in writing by email at aaron.uranga@stantec.com or by fax at (734) 761-1200. Questions by telephone call are prohibited. Questions will not be accepted or answered if received less than seven (7) calendar days before the bids are due.

PROPOSAL SUBMITTAL: All bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope and shall contain, as a minimum, all of the following: Bidder's Qualification and Experience Statement (QES-1-4), Proposal (P1-2), Designation of Major Subcontractors and Suppliers (MS-1), Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension and other Responsibility Matters (DS-1), Legal Status of Bidder (LS-1), Bid Certification (BC-1).

BID SECURITY: Each Proposal shall be accompanied by a cashier's check, certified check, money order or bid bond, payable to the OWNER, in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the amount of the Proposal, as a Bid Security. The Bid Security of the Bidders under consideration will be returned after approval of the Contract by the OWNER. All others will be returned after the Proposal opening.

CONTRACT SECURITY: The successful Bidder will be required to furnish a satisfactory Performance Bond and Labor and Material Bond, each in the amount of One Hundred Percent (100%) of the Contract.

PROPOSAL WITHDRAWAL: Withdrawal of any Proposal is prohibited for a period of 90 days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

OWNER'S RIGHTS: The OWNER reserves the right to accept any Proposal, to reject any or all Proposals, and to waive any irregularities in any Proposal, in the interest of the OWNER.

NON-DISCRIMINATION: Bidders shall not discriminate against any employees or firm due to origin, race, age or physical conditions. CONTRACTOR shall be an equal opportunity employer.

HOW TO OBTAIN: Contract Documents may be obtained at the office of the ENGINEER, Stantec Consulting Michigan Inc., 3754 Ranchero Drive, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48108-2771. Document request shall indicate whether request is by: Prospective Bidder, Prospective Subcontractor, Prospective Supplier, or other.

Documents may be examined at the following locations: Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan 48168

AVAILABLE AFTER: 2:00 PM, January 23, 2013

DOCUMENT FEES: Non-refundable Fee – \$20 for Electronic Copies (CD) OR \$150 for Hard Copies.

CONTACT NAME: Aaron Uranga, PE

CONTACT PHONE: (734) 761-1010

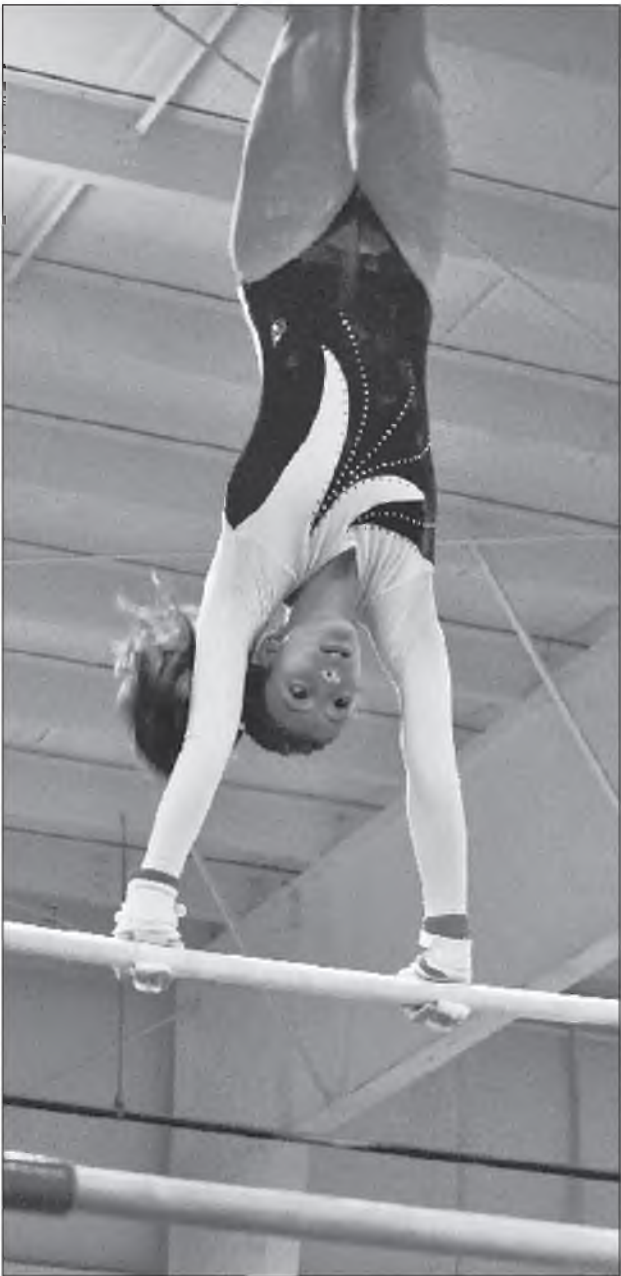
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COMMENTS: MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING: on February 6, 2013 at 10:00 AM, local time at the Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan 48168 followed by a tour of the existing facilities. The Pre-Bid Meeting is mandatory for all contractors planning to bid on the project.

Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk
Charter Township of Northville

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Northville sophomore Lauren Rodriguez performs a giant on the bars.

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Northville senior Erin Warwood scores an 8.4 on floor exercise.

LACROSSE

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came out fast trying to dictate the pace and winning the ground ball battle. At halftime, FCA was up 2-1. In the second half, it would be more of the same. As FCA worked to control the ball, Total would apply the pressure resulting in several penalties and goals. On the offensive side, Total had trouble finding their groove, and FCA won 8-3. In the other semifinal, Mesa Fresh defeated Northern Lacrosse (which consisted of Canadian players including several national team members) in overtime. Therefore, it would be Total vs. Northern for the bronze medal. And what an exciting bronze medal game it would be. Total

struggled throughout the first half, missing several key opportunities. At the end of the first half, the score was 5-2, Northern. The second half was all offense as both teams let their shooters loose on the cages. With 22 seconds left in the game, Total scored the go ahead goal to make the score 9-8. Then, as the final seconds ticked off, a ground ball scramble in the mid-field lead to a fast break and a game tying goal for Northern. The bronze medal would be decided in overtime. Northern's strategy of holding the ball and testing Total's defense would backfire as one of their handlers was stripped in the open field. This lead to a pass upfield to a breaking midfielder who threw a perfect pass to Collin Cummings who put in the winning goal.



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
CC's Nick Giese takes on a Temperance Bedford High opponent on Jan. 12 as the Shamrock's hosted five other teams in a meet.

Huge success for CC

Wrestling team rolls as Bade announces college commitment

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

It was a week of huge successes and even more reason beyond victories for celebration for the Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks wrestling team.

Not only did the Shamrocks take wins over Lowell, Brother Rice and Orchard Lake St. Mary's while taking fifth at the Hudson Super 16, the team also found out standout wrestler Ken Bade has committed to compete for Pennsylvania University.

Bade is a two-time state champion and is expected to compete for the title again this season. He is expected to grapple at 125-133 pounds for the Quakers as a member of the Ivy League school's wrestling team.

"Ken has an opportunity to attend one of the greatest academic institutions in the world and wrestle (and) I couldn't be more happy for him

ON TAP

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks wrestling team will be back on the mat when they visit Cincinnati Moeller Monday at 5 p.m. before hosting Oxford Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

and his family," said coach Mitch Hancock. "He is a symbol for all future Shamrock wrestlers in what can be accomplished as a student-athlete here at CC."

According to Inter-mat.com, Bade is ranked 98th overall for senior wrestlers in the country and 13th in the 126-pound weight class.

Bade didn't let his decision stop him from turning in some strong performances, and neither did the rest of the Shamrocks team as they took a win over the Lowell Red Arrows last Sunday, 42-18.

Catholic Central won nine of the 14 matches and earning pins were Bade, Logan Marcicki, Nick Giese and Bob Coe.

Shamrocks take another tough loss

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

It has been a bit of a slide for the Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks basketball team as of late, but the team is doing everything they can to find a way to escape it.

Unfortunately, victory would not be the case for the team when they took on and lost to University of Detroit Jesuit last Friday, 74-52.

"We were two down halfway through the third quarter and then we had a couple of bad possessions where we gave up two quick threes," said coach Bill Dyer. "We didn't manage our possessions very well and after that the game got away from us quickly. U of D is really good and they shot the ball extremely well."

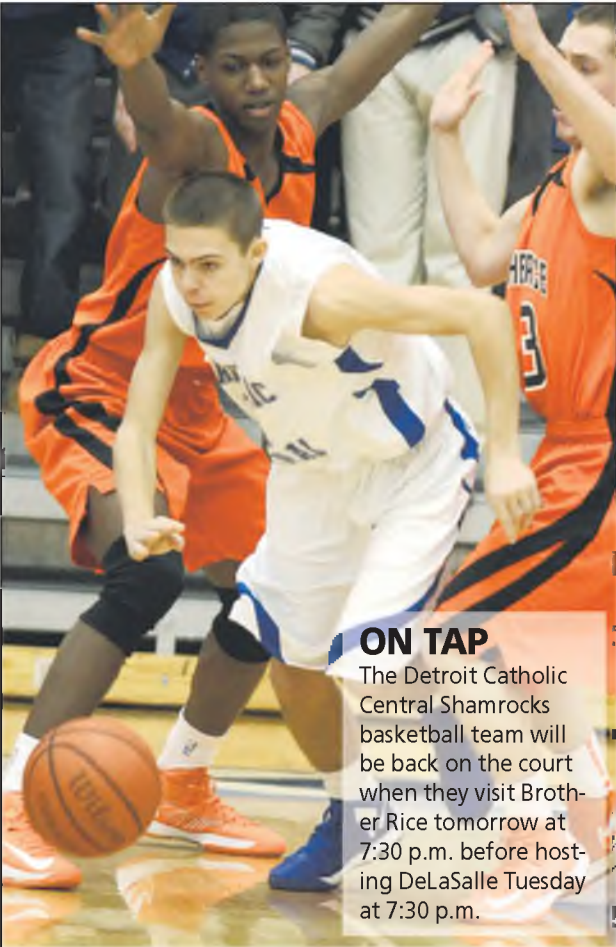
The key sharpshooter for University of Detroit was junior A.J. Horde, who poured in 25 points to least all scorers. Freshman Cassius Winston added 16 in the win.

The Shamrocks, who

were led by Nick Malzone with 13 and Austin Beyer with 11, fell behind 10-9 in the first quarter and trailed by just two at the end of the second, 30-28. The second half, however, got away from them as the U of D squad scored 24 to their 16 in the third and then went on a 20-8 run in the final stanza.

"We're going to need to do a better job rebounding the ball late and we need to improve on the little things you need to do to win games like this," said Dyer. "One thing is for sure, our effort level was closer to where it needs to be for us to compete in this league and the state tournament. If our energy continues to be higher, I'm confident we'll turn the corner and then when we get some healthy bodies back we'll get even better."

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



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
CC Shamrock Champ Kozlowski breaks through a Brother Rice double team during the teams' Jan. 8 game in Novi.

ON TAP

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks basketball team will be back on the court when they visit Brother Rice tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. before hosting DeLaSalle Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

Shamrocks suffer two losses

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

You can't win them all, but it sure would have been nice if Culver academy would have let the Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks hockey team win at least one last week.

The squad, coached by Todd Johnson, suffered a 6-2 loss last Friday and a 7-4 loss last Saturday against the host team.

In the first game, the Shamrocks fell behind 4-2 in the second period after a scoreless first. Brock Frazer, Yannick Vedel and John Zimmerman all scored for Culver Academy with Vedel tallying two goals in the period.

The Shamrocks fought back in the third, however, scoring on a

ON TAP

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks will be back in action when they take on Brother Rice at 7:30 p.m. on the road before hosting Livonia Churchill at 2:30 p.m. Saturday. The team will then visit Trenton at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday.

powerplay off the stick of Brady Jones, assisted by Michael Babcock and Charlie Green, at the seven minute mark. Green added a tally of his own 2:45 later, scoring on a powerplay with an assist by Babcock to make it a 4-2 game.

Culver bounced back, however, scoring a shorthanded goal at 12:51 in the final stanza off the stick of

Tucker DeYoung before Vedel added another tally to end the game less than 30 seconds later.

The Shamrocks were whistled for five penalties in the game while Culver was called for six penalties.

Ryan Mulka took the loss for the Shamrocks while Eric Vierkant earned the win.

The second night found the Shamrocks keeping the game much closer through the first two periods, as they tied the game, 1-1 at 16:17 in the first period off a shot by Luke Turner, assisted by Michael Babcock and Green, and made it a 5-3 game by the end of the second off scores by Babcock and Brady Jones with assists going to Babcock, Tuner, Andrew Kinney and Nick Daigneau.

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John Labadie and Kiristen Vansingel, both of Northville, were recently named new sales professionals with the Troy-based Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel (CBWM).

"We are very pleased that these exceptional people have chosen Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel," said John North, CBWM COO. "They bring with them unique and diverse business skills that will fit well into our 'next-generation' culture."

Founded in 1950, Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel is a real estate brokerage with 15 offices and more than 400 real estate sales associates in Michigan. For more information, please visit www.cbwm.com.

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.

For more information, including session times and prices, contact Siegel-Divita at (248) 344-0928, or trianglesix@sbcbglobal.net.

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 LimeLight 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. Saturday, and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday.

For more information, visit www.facebook.com/events/101668463339311.

IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A

'Something for everyone'

Downtown boutique offers fashions from all over the world

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

Ashley Mizzi: MoD Fashion is a transitional minimal boutique, for women, offering chic, sophisticated, fashion-forward garments in sizes 4 to 16. Our items are purchased from New York, Europe, and Dubai. More states and vendors will be added later in 2013. MoD Fashion has something from everyone. Dresses, skirts, blouses, cardigans, sweaters, leggings, blazers, and more! However, since we are a minimal boutique, our quantities are very limited; if you see an item, purchase it! It may not be at MoD the next time you stop by.

My MoD Style offers a convenient mobile service for both men and women in the areas of: personal garment shopping, image/personal grooming and styling, and wardrobe consultations. Our clients have included: first time job interviewees, prom/homecoming parties, and those looking for a complete wardrobe change. We offer competitive services for clients ages 14 and up.

Record: How did you get started in this business?

Ashley Mizzi: I began as a freelance wardrobe stylist with My MoD Style after I graduated with my first bachelor's degree.



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Ashley Mizzi recently opened up her MoD fashion shop in Northville Square. The dress at left is by Asos of Great Britain and the necklace by Birmingham designer Spoil Me Pretty.

Once clientele started to build, my publicist and I decided to take my dream and aspirations to the next level, and thus, MoD Fashion was opened. I have always been a lover of all things chic, unique, and fashion-forward, so I decided to study merchandising and textiles to better educate myself in garment grade and selection.

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

Ashley Mizzi: Northville hosts a plethora of activities and events for families year round, including, First Friday and the Victorian Festival. These events and activities bring exposure for the merchants, and thus, continued clients for business owners.

Record: How are things going lately?

Ashley Mizzi: MoD just recently located to the front of Northville Square Mall facing Main Street. We are prepar-

MOD FASHION BOUTIQUE

Address/City: 133 W. Main Street, downtown Northville

Your Name/Title: Ashley Mizzi, owner and buyer

Hometown: Metro Detroit

Business opened when: Spring 2012

Number of employees: Two employees, one intern

Your business specialty: Chic transitional clothing, accessories, and jewelry for women sizes 4 to 16; Mobile personal styling/shopping and makeover services

Hours of operation: Monday-Friday 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.;

Saturday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. *; Sunday noon to 4 p.m.

(*later hours if posted)

Phone/website: (248) 347-2698; www.mymodfashion.com

ing to launch our e-commerce site spring 2013, our Spring Showcase (for those who attended and witnessed the Fall Showcase, expect this showcase to be bigger and better), and incorporate more local designers in the garment and jewelry industry. Coming upon our one year anniversary, both MoD Fashion and My MoD Style, will continue to build as a brand, continue to keep our current and future shoppers abreast with the latest trends, and provide exceptional cus-

tomers service.

Record: Do you have a funny tidbit or story to share with our readers about your experience so far as a small business owner?

Ashley Mizzi: I have a swatch book in my home office with over 420 different grades and styles of fabric; I have the advantage of requesting my vendors to use a certain fabric when producing garments I have purchased for MoD. I have clients from as far as Toronto, Canada who shop at MoD.

Northville UPS Store tops in nation for literacy program

Each year, during the holiday season, The UPS Store and the United States Marine Corps join together in a drive to raise funds to purchase books for The Toys for Tots Literacy Program. Each dollar donated buys a book for an appreciative youngster who might otherwise get little or nothing for Christmas. Donors are invited to put their names on ornament-shaped tags, which are displayed on the walls of the store.

Among the 4,000-plus UPS Store locations nationwide, the UPS Store located in the Cady-



The UPS Store staff includes (from left) Tom Charara, Tammy Bingham, owner Mike Ladwig, manager Barbara Davies, and Matthew Brumwell. Noah Forsythe is not pictured.

Centre Building on South Center Street in downtown Northville, led the pack with collections totaling \$7,802.

"It's just a wonderful program," said owner Mike Ladwig, who thanked all the donors,

staff, and those in the community who lent their support.

The UPS Store, which is managed by Barbara Davies, is open 8:30 a.m.-6:45 p.m. on weekdays. For more information, call (248) 344-1980.



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SOCIAL SECURITY

Many people are wrongly rejected when they apply for Social Security Disability benefits. Money was taken out of their paychecks for Social Security taxes to ensure that they would receive disability benefits if they could no longer work full-time. Sadly, the government denies approximately 60% of those who apply for disability benefits.

Attorneys J.B. Bieske and Jennifer Alfonsi have 42 years combined experience representing only Social Security disability clients. And they personally meet with all clients and appear personally at all court hearings. Many large firms assign inexperienced attorneys to your case. And some of these firms are located thousands of miles away and only fly the attorney in the day of the court hearing. Attorneys Bieske and Alfonsi have vast experience before local Michigan judges.



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

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

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

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

Attorneys Bieske and Alfonsi offer free phone or office consultation. If they represent you, there will be no fee charged until after the case is won. The fee is a percentage of retroactive benefits.

Bieske and Alfonsi represent clients from all over the state of Michigan. Their Livonia office is on Six Mile Road just west of I-275. Their Novi office is located on Haggerty Road just north of 12 Mile Road. Call them at 1-800-331-3530 for a free consultation if you have been denied, or if you are thinking of possibly applying for Social Security benefits.

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Fannie Mae survey: Consumers more upbeat on housing

Some dark clouds remain on the horizon

Consumer confidence in the housing sector grew last month, marked by continued positive attitudes toward home price, rental price, and mortgage rate expectations, according to Fannie Mae's December National Housing Survey results.

The growing belief held by Americans that these housing indicators will climb in 2013 may inspire a boost in home purchase activity during the coming months. However, while consumers seem confident that housing activity is on the rise, their outlook toward the economy and personal finances appears to have resumed a more unsettled trend following a show of optimism in November.

"The highest share of consumers in the survey's two and a half-year history expect home prices to increase in the next 12 months. This view is consistent with Fannie Mae's expectation that home prices will rise going forward on a national basis. Combined with consumers' growing mortgage rate and rental price increase expectations, the positive home price outlook could incentivize those waiting on the sidelines of the housing market to buy a home sooner rather than later and thus support continued housing acceleration," said Doug Duncan, senior vice president and chief economist of Fannie Mae. "Despite continued strengthen-

ing in the housing market, consumers' concerns over the fiscal cliff and debt ceiling have caused considerable volatility in their perceptions of the larger economy. This uncertainty seems to be prompting a growing share of consumers to expect their personal finances to worsen and may contribute to weaker near-term economic growth."

Below are a few of the top survey highlights:

Homeownership and renting

- The average 12-month home price change expectation jumped to 2.6 percent, the highest level since the survey's inception in 2010.
- At 43 percent, the share who believe home prices will go up in the next 12 months reached the highest level recorded, up 6 percentage points over November.
- The percentage who think mortgage rates will go up continued to rise, increasing by 2 percentage points to 43 percent, the highest level since August 2011.
- Twenty-one percent of respondents say it is a good time to sell, a 2 percentage point decrease from last month's record high, but a 10 percentage point increase year over year.
- At 4.4 percent, the average 12-month rental price expectation hit the highest level since the sur-



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

This house on Starkweather in Plymouth had long been a two-family dwelling until Scott and Alison Jones planned to make it a single family home again. A recent Fannie Mae survey revealed some encouraging signs in the housing market.

vey's inception, up 0.4 percent over last month.

- Forty-nine percent of those surveyed say home rental prices will go up in the next 12 months, a slight increase from last month.
- The share of respondents who said they would buy if they were going to move decreased slightly to 66 percent.

The economy, household finances

- At 39 percent, the share of respondents who say the economy is on the right track fell by 5 percentage points from last month's survey high.
- The percentage who expect their personal financial sit-

uation to get worse over the next 12 months continued to rise, reaching 20 percent and the highest level since August 2011.

- Twenty-two percent of respondents say their household income is significantly higher than it was 12 months ago, a slight increase over last month and a 5 percentage point increase over September.
- Thirty-seven percent reported significantly higher household expenses compared to 12 months ago, a 3 percentage point increase over the past month and the highest level since December 2011.

For more information, visit www.fanniemae.com.

Windmill evolving legal area

By Robert Meisner
Guest Columnist

Q: We are thinking about buying a farm and placing windmills on it and I am just curious about what constitutes "wind rights" and are they legally recognizable rights incident to the ownership of real property.

A: These are all interesting questions, including whether landowners can be held liable if wind turbines on their parcels disrupt the energy productivity of wind flowing on downwind property; can landowners legally sever a wind estate from their land and transfer it separately from the surface rights like a mineral estate; and can a wind energy restriction that effectively appropriates private air space for a government entities use



Robert Meisner

trigger a compensable regulatory taking? Simply said, the relative lack of case law upholding wind leases and easements and the unique characteristics of wind as a natural resource creates uncertainty over the nature of wind rights. As wind energy development continues to spread throughout the country, the need for clear answers to the novel questions described in your question and other property law questions surrounding wind energy will only grow. Enacting thoughtful legislation to address these issues is one affordable way for states to encourage energy development in their jurisdictions, but in any event, you should consult with a knowledgeable property lawyer for further assistance which may involve the creation of law in this area.

Q: Knowing that Columbus is the capital and also the home of Ohio State University, we are wondering what the hotel opportunities are in the North part of the Columbus as we are thinking about condominiumizing it, either with respect to new construction or a conversion. What do you think?

A: There is a hotel megaplex just north of I-270 off of U.S. 23 in Columbus which contains most of the major three-star hotels with a number of five-star restaurants. These hotels are obviously very desirable because of their location, but there is an area near the Polaris Shopping Center which has a great deal of raw land which would be suitable for new construction. A hotel condo may not be a bad idea given the nature of the influx of visitors to Columbus regarding both professional sports and the University as well as the fact that it is the State Capitol. Buying a used hotel for conversion is more problematic because of the limited spaces in the units which may not provide for adequate amenities, but each location is fact intensive and you are best advised to consult with a marketing and real estate expert in the Columbus area.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Oct. 22-26, 2012, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON

164 Alexandria Ct	\$379,000
44965 Coachman Ct	\$136,000
256 Constitution St	\$85,000
1125 Dundee Dr	\$133,000
2324 E Roundtable Dr	\$165,000
2245 Fairway Cir	\$143,000
42659 Hanford Rd	\$130,000
6970 Harvard Ln	\$52,000
48951 Ivybridge Way	\$70,000
313 Kings Way	\$138,000
1478 Knightsbridge Rd	\$170,000
3340 Milcroft Ct	\$185,000
2100 Morrison Blvd	\$100,000
47162 N Pointe Dr	\$330,000
3487 Parklawn Dr	\$148,000
47440 Pembroke Dr	\$70,000
46596 Registry Dr	\$219,000
42024 Saratoga Cir	\$132,000
42286 Saratoga Cir	\$136,000
3677 Shepherd Ln	\$175,000
4755 Sherwood Cir	\$220,000
43936 Somerset Sq	\$136,000
41563 Strawberry Ct	\$199,000

46568 Swanmere Dr	\$270,000
7040 Woonsocket St	\$173,000
43889 Yorktown St	\$170,000
GARDEN CITY	
28611 Beechwood St	\$72,000
31743 Chester St	\$113,000
30707 Elmwood St	\$70,000
2033 Gilman St	\$50,000
31412 Hennepin St	\$22,000
32539 James St	\$82,000
5935 Lathers St	\$20,000
32960 Rosslyn Ave	\$49,000
LIVONIA	
34425 Five Mile Rd	\$93,000
14063 Alexander St	\$128,000
18963 Bainbridge Ave	\$169,000
10015 Bassett St	\$115,000
9336 California St	\$130,000
12475 Cardwell St	\$116,000
8921 Crown St	\$143,000
9650 Deering St	\$86,000
17329 Ellen Dr	\$370,000
14474 Fairway St	\$222,000
15561 Fitzgerald St	\$135,000
20238 Floral St	\$50,000
8949 Frederick St	\$114,000
15073 Gary Ln	\$150,000
18354 Gillman St	\$93,000
17428 Golfview St	\$225,000
19353 Hardy St	\$145,000
29149 Hathaway St	\$76,000
32112 Hees St	\$97,000
36242 Hees St	\$119,000

14266 Hubbell St	\$111,000
18613 Lathers St	\$52,000
32660 Lyndon St	\$177,000
38815 Lyndon St	\$155,000
27429 Meadowbrook St	\$147,000
33621 Michele St	\$110,000
8965 Parent St	\$118,000
14424 Park St	\$98,000
19592 Pollyanna Ct	\$192,000
33745 Pondview Cir	\$42,000
33727 Richland St	\$150,000
29705 Robert Dr	\$105,000
38047 Ross St	\$165,000
9841 Seltzer St	\$80,000
8865 W Deborah Ct	\$130,000
30631 Wentworth St	\$168,000
18346 Westchester Dr	\$380,000
19367 Whitby Dr	\$206,000
15080 Yale St	\$143,000
NORTHVILLE	
341 First St	\$110,000
16748 Brooklane Blvd	\$488,000
39614 Greenbrier Ct	\$260,000
19733 Hayes Ct	\$73,000
19700 Meadowbrook Rd	\$185,000
42282 Norwood Ct	\$75,000
42076 Queen Anne Ct	\$83,000
17248 Victor Dr	\$325,000
39469 Village Run Dr	\$245,000
39476 Village Run Dr	\$255,000
16559 Winchester Ct	\$344,000
15898 Winchester Dr	\$311,000
20479 Woodcreek Blvd	\$353,000

PLYMOUTH	
766 Coolidge St	\$160,000
48950 Fox Dr S	\$485,000
42157 Old Pond Cir	\$110,000
1742 Old Salem	\$200,000
1492 Penniman Ave	\$303,000
361 Pinewood Cir	\$65,000
41679 Riveroaks Dr	\$172,000
861 William St	\$225,000
REDFORD	
25579 Deborah	\$69,000
25841 Dover	\$42,000
9968 Garfield	\$50,000
12851 Garfield	\$48,000
19170 Indian	\$20,000
8944 Lenore	\$75,000
25839 W Seven Mile Rd	\$70,000
9705 Wormer	\$45,000
9726 Wormer	\$23,000
WESTLAND	
36529 Avondale St	\$96,000
34000 Barton St	\$30,000
7912 Beatrice	\$106,000
30836 Beechnut St	\$68,000
35072 Bock St	\$74,000
7382 Central St	\$22,000
32537 Joy Rd	\$85,000
36140 Oregon Ave	\$20,000
7701 Randy Dr	\$111,000
8514 Sanford Dr	\$81,000
33145 Shawnee St	\$72,000
193 Stephanie Dr	\$150,000

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Oct. 8-12, 2012, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS

21676 Corsaut Ln	\$266,000
32600 Norwood Dr	\$345,000
31445 Sunset Dr	\$205,000
22235 Village Pines Dr	\$343,000
16207 Wetherby St	\$278,000
BIRMINGHAM	
1693 Banbury St	\$141,000
150 Bird Ave # 18	\$57,000
1300 Buckingham Ave	\$577,000
967 Donmar Ct	\$220,000
1271 Lyonhurst St	\$695,000
1031 Madison St	\$273,000
2736 Pembroke Rd	\$225,000
1021 Stanley Blvd	\$375,000
2757 Windemere Rd	\$170,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	
1922 Eagle Pointe	\$152,000
1270 Greenglen Ct	\$180,000
4855 Quanton Rd	\$390,000
1549 S Hill Blvd	\$120,000
923 S Shady Hollow Cir	\$388,000
2273 Somerset Rd	\$169,000

801 W Long Lake Rd # F2	\$73,000
820 Willoway Estates Dr	\$321,000
42160 Woodward Ave Unit 46	\$65,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	
3498 Bloomfield Club Dr	\$437,000
3825 Carriage Ln	\$364,000
2838 Heathfield Rd	\$180,000
58 Manor Rd	\$365,000
4171 Meadowlane Dr	\$169,000
4004 Parkwood Ct	\$160,000
566 Reynard Ct	\$455,000
4800 Stoneleigh Rd	\$900,000
719 Upper Scotsborough Way	\$265,000
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP	
5630 Blackmoor St	\$110,000
2160 Canal St	\$133,000
1795 Cedar Bend Dr	\$405,000
8410 Golf Lane Dr	\$245,000
3181 Lacosta Ct	\$200,000
309 Muskoka	\$100,000
5815 Pickbourne St	\$76,000
4563 Racewood Dr	\$286,000
4488 Ravinewood Dr	\$200,000
6000 Teeple Creek Ln	\$255,000
FARMINGTON	
23895 Drake Rd	\$264,000
22870 Frederick Ave	\$124,000
33821 Glenview Dr	\$119,000
31550 Lamar Dr	\$118,000
FARMINGTON HILLS	

34527 Bunker Hill Dr	\$209,000
28298 Burton Ln	\$209,000
25248 Carrollton Dr	\$235,000
31100 Claymore Rd	\$285,000
28275 Farmington Rd	\$110,000
29855 Fox Club Dr	\$252,000
29390 Glen Oaks Blvd W	\$85,000
32810 Hearstone Rd	\$215,000
36875 Howard Rd	\$447,000
35745 Johnstown Rd	\$185,000
29427 Lake Park Dr	\$220,000
35765 Lone Pine Ln	\$175,000
30658 Maplewood Cir	\$147,000
28899 Millbrook Rd	\$525,000
34490 Rhonswood St	\$53,000
30487 Salisbury St	\$85,000
30684 Sudbury Ct	\$248,000
LATHRUP VILLAGE	
18541 Dolores Ave	\$140,000
MILFORD	
337 Mill Pond Ln	\$224,000
1068 Riverstone Cir	\$241,000
NOVI	
45242 Bartlett Dr	\$84,000
45174 Courtview Trl	\$281,000
45196 Courtview Trl	\$328,000
1505 East Lake Rd	\$285,000
26222 Fieldstone Dr	\$269,000
44567 Gwinnett Loop	\$161,000
24305 Homestead Ct	\$275,000
28024 Hopkins Dr	\$159,000
102 Lashbrook St	\$250,000

42041 Loganberry Rdg S	\$175,000
23593 Valley Starr	\$139,000
39708 Village Wood Cir	\$44,000
39786 Village Wood Cir	\$59,000
45100 W 10 Mile Rd	\$178,000
22054 York Mills Cir	\$451,000
SOUTH LYON	
24667 Brompton Way	\$358,000
228 Brookwood Dr Unit 7	\$67,000
25045 Carriage Ln	\$40,000
52073 Copperwood Dr N	\$320,000
53772 Edgewood Dr	\$235,000
863 Glen Meadows Dr	\$30,000
54885 Grenlefe Cir W	\$65,000
23806 Maple Ct	\$313,000
23740 Prescott Ln W	\$479,000
61704 Rambling Way	\$149,000
53771 Springwood Dr	\$214,000
1074 Stable Ln	\$190,000
SOUTHFIELD	
5 Bedford Towne St	\$40,000
21039 Harvard Rd	\$139,000
18441 Magnolia Ave	\$85,000
16999 Morrison St	\$152,000
16325 Pennsylvania St	\$120,000
28902 Red Leaf Ln	\$75,000
18301 W 13 Mile Rd Unit A7	\$61,000
WHITE LAKE	
8797 Arlington St	\$76,000
1100 Castlewood St	\$20,000
9044 Millward Ave	\$129,000
9120 Sandison Dr	\$120,000

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Short sales

If you owe more than what your house is worth, you may be interested in a free informational seminar on short sale procedures and what it takes to get started. Many sellers are misinformed or not sure about how the procedures work. Organizers will also discuss the internal workings of

short sales and the different steps involved. Bonnie David, broker/owner of Quantum Real Estate is the presenter. It will be 6-7 p.m. Thursdays at 129 N. Lafayette, downtown South Lyon. Additional parking across the street in back. Please call the office at (248) 782-7130 or e-mail june.quantum@gmail.com for your res-

ervation or information.

Free foreclosure tours

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I want you back: Getting rehired by a former employer

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People leave jobs for a variety of reasons: They find better opportunities, they're offered higher salaries or they get fired or laid off, to name a few. But what if a job seeker wants to go back to a former employer? While it may seem out of reach, there are benefits to considering a previous place of work, such as already understanding the company culture and how the business functions.

If you're not sure where to look next in your job search, a look back at a past company may be the answer. Here's how to get rehired by a former employer you miss:

Consider why and how you left before asking if you want to return

If you're considering a former employer for a job, will your old boss be interested in hearing from you? "The answer is, it depends on who you are — [your] skills, capabilities, etc. — And the manner in which you left," says Mitchell D. Weiss, adjunct professor of finance at the University of Hartford and author of "Life Happens: A Practical Guide to Personal Finance from College to Career."

"I've owned and run commercial-finance companies, and I've served as an executive officer at several banks," Weiss says. "I've also hired back former employees. Not only were the folks

we rehired competent and productive employees while they were on board the first time, but they also conducted themselves honorably and responsibly on the way out — they transitioned their responsibilities, cleaned up outstanding issues and made themselves available for follow-up questions. In contrast, those who attempted to leverage the offer they had in hand for a counteroffer that beat it were invited to leave — the sooner, the better."

Proceed with professionalism and keep an open mind

If you're convinced you should rejoin your old team, where should you start? "You will need to reconnect with former co-workers and bosses to let them know that you are interested in coming back," says Cheryl E. Palmer, career coach and owner of Call to Career. "It's a good idea to start by putting out feelers to see if there are any positions that open that you would be qualified for. You can also take a former co-worker out to lunch to re-establish the relationship."

Palmer also suggests setting up a networking meeting with a former boss to see how open the company would be to your return. "In addition, you can join any alumni groups that the company has on LinkedIn to reconnect with people in the previous organization."



Offer proof they'll be better off with you on the team

Whether or not you think a company will want to take you back, it will likely come down to what makes good business sense. "Regarding how to return to your old company and why they would be willing to take you back, it is actually a very simple proposition, and it doesn't matter how ugly the separation may have been," says Roy Cohen, career coach and author of "The Wall Street Professional's Survival Guide."

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