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State
appointment

Last week, Gov. Rick Snyder announced the appointment of Northville’s Anthony D’Ascenzo to the State Plumbing Board.

Created in 2002, the seven-member board oversees the licensure of plumbers and makes orders, rules and regulations to ensure the integrity of Michigan’s plumbing industry.

D’Ascenzo is president of Guardian Plumbing and Heating Inc., where he has worked for more than 35 years. He is former president of the Michigan Plumbing and Mechanical Contractors Association and is a current member of the Mechanical Contractors Association of Detroit Board of Directors. D’Ascenzo is a licensed master plumber, journeyman plumber and boiler installer. He will represent licensed master plumbers securing permits, and fills the vacancy created by the resignation of Duane Branch.

D’Ascenzo will serve the remainder of a three-year term that expires June 30, 2013, and his appointment is subject to the advice and consent of the Senate.

Dance

The Northville High School Varsity Dance Company is presenting “Unbreakable”, the group’s sixth annual performance, at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 10, in the high school auditorium. The show will feature various dance routines including hip hop, jazz, lyrical, modern, ballet, and tap — all choreographed by local and student choreographers.

Tickets for the show are \$8 and will be available at the NHS Auditorium Box Office beginning at 2:15 p.m. on the day of the show.



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Snow kiss

Melissa Meadows moves in to kiss her daughter Tessa, 6, during a sledding trip to Amerman Elementary’s hill on Feb. 4. Meadows had just brushed a bunch of snow off her daughter’s face after a minor wipe-out. With the recent snow, many local children have taken advantage of the sledding hills around town.

‘Night for Northville’
TurfClub hosting big fundraiser for
second round of stadium upgrades

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

A second “Night for Northville” will be held Feb. 23 by the TurfClub and Athletic Boosters in an effort to move forward on the needed renovations at Tom Holzer Ford Field.

There’s more work to be done at the athletic stadium, Northville Public Schools Athletic Director Bryan Masi said.

Due to previous fundraising efforts by the groups, a new turf field was installed last year, making a huge difference, Masi said. However, the

entry ways and various facilities, which haven’t been renovated in three decades, still need work.

“There are some rough areas at our entry ways into the stadium,” he said. “Some things haven’t been updated in 30 years, so we are hoping to find the needed funding to get this done.”

Phase II work would also include renovating the restrooms, concessions, facilities, locker rooms, fencing and walkways. Masi said this work might not be as glamorous as the turf field, but it’s still important.

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Agents raid home to round
up suspected illegal aliens

By Kurt Kuban
Staff Writer

Border agents with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement raided a Northville Township home

last week and arrested four men suspected of being in the country illegally.

The raid took place Wednesday morning in the 1700 block of Cameron Drive in the Maple Hill sub-

division.

According to Khaalid Walls, spokesman for ICE, which is the principal investigation arm for U.S. Home-

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Residents
disagree
over city
land sale
to Poole’s

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

Some Northville residents are disagreeing over the future of the city-owned property at the corner of Hutton and Main streets located downtown.

Should it be sold to Poole’s Tavern so the popular eatery and bar can renovate its outdoor seating area, or should it stay an open space to be used as a place to sit and relax for all passers-by?

That’s the question a handful of Northville city residents answered at a recent City Council committee meeting dealing with the issue held Jan. 28.

The owners of Poole’s have approached the city about purchasing the property, and they have presented three possible plans for the corner. One plan includes the entire city-owned property being sold to them and the other, a portion of it. A third plan is one that imagines a further expansion with a second sto-

WHAT DO
YOU THINK?

Do you think the City of Northville should sell city-owned property to Poole’s Tavern, so the business can expand and offer more outdoor seating? Email your opinions to Editor Kurt Kuban at kkuban@hometownlife.com or post a comment on our website at www.hometownlife.com.

ry, which ownership said would not happen, if at all, for another 10 years.

The potential sale has its detractors, however: “I’m opposed to all three of the plans. It’s a park. Its being used as a park and it is a park,” said resident Sarunas Mingela. “And for whatever reason, to convert it and turn it over to a private entity, I think is wrong.”

Mingela said he thinks

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Northville resident Sarunas Mingela is concerned about the effort by Poole’s Tavern to purchase open space, seen here, at the corner of Dunlap and Main, for additional outdoor seating. He’d like to see it remain open for public use.



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City officials hope upgrading pump house will eventually lower water rates

Council also issues one-hour parking rule for W. Main Street

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

In an effort to better control its city-wide water usage and decrease the rates back to where they were for residents, the City of Northville is upgrading its water system pump house.

The City Council unanimously approved on Jan. 22 a recommendation by Public Works Director Jim Gallogly to award a \$15,775 work contract to Peerless Midwest for the replacement of a control valve in the city's water pump house, which is at the water tower located on W. Baseline Road.

This decision comes in reaction to the city approving last month a five-year extension to its water supply contract with the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD). Gallogly said the contract unit water charge from DWSD was set at a higher rate from past years because the City of Northville exceeded its contracted capacity during peak hours in 2012.

The City of Northville owns and maintains its own water and sewer systems. However, the water is purchased from Detroit as is the case in many Metro Detroit communities.

Gallogly said the DWSD contract can be reopened again

this fall for the express purpose of adjusting this rate back down, if the Northville can demonstrate to DWSD that during the summer months of 2013 it had better control of its water demands during these peak periods.

"To do that the city is exploring changes in its control work with our water supply and changing out of a valve, a critical valve," Gallogly said.

The old valve, originally put in the 1960s, controls when the water tower was filled was malfunctioning and caused it to draw large amounts of water during peak hours. A new and smaller valve will be put in to prevent this from happening

during this coming year.

In 2012, the residential water charge in Northville was \$5.23 per unit (1,000 gallons). This year it's creeping toward \$6 per unit.

In December, Gallogly said the City of Northville's current hourly rate was 1.75 million gallons daily, but due to the revised contract agreement this increased to 2.15 million gallons daily.

New parking order

In other council decisions, a new traffic order has been enacted along Main Street. On recommendation from Police Chief Gary Goss, the council moved to establish a one hour parking limit for the 14 parking spaces located adjacent to the north side of 120 W. Main Street. This came after a

request from James Long, owner of 120 W. Main.

In his recommendation, Goss said Long and Downtown Development Authority Director Lori Ward have communicated with affected businesses and have stated that there is a consensus among them that this regulation would improve the convenient parking availability for customers by creating more turn over.

Goss added any motorists displaced by the new restriction may find parking among the three hour parking spaces in Municipal Lot 2 (otherwise known as the Church lot) or among the all day parking located along the periphery of that same lot.

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Making his shot

Greg Cornalissen reaches for a shot while playing pickleball at the Northville Community Center on Jan. 30. The fast-paced indoor game had all three courts busy that day, with waiting periods. Pickleball is offered at the center from 1-4 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday and from 9:30 a.m. to noon Wednesday and Friday.

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More renovations are planned at Tom Holzer Ford Field, shown here with the new press box. The TurfClub and Athletic Boosters are hosting a fundraiser Feb. 23 at Northville Square to help pay for the work.

NIGHT

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“Phase II is really for the community. These are areas they see and walk through, so many know of the issues,” he said. “We are hoping to get the things that we need to make it a complete athletic stadium.”

Fund raising for Phase II has been going on since last fall and the goal is to reach \$250,000. Masi said district needs all the help it can get in reaching the goal.

Billed as a great time for a great cause, the “Night for Northville” will include a silent auction and all monies raised

will go toward this phase of work. Entertainment will be provided by the Shawn Riley Band and there will also be appetizers and cocktails.

Tickets are \$100 each (\$70 of which is tax-deductible) and the event is from 8 p.m. to midnight inside Northville Square, which is located on Main Street in downtown Northville. Both Brick’s and Northville Sports Den will also be donating a portion of their proceeds from this special night to the TurfClub.

If you are interested in purchasing tickets or if you would like to make a monetary donation to the TurfClub for Phase II, visit its new website at [\[tangs.org\]\(http://tangs.org\).](http://www.gonorthvillemus-</p></div><div data-bbox=)

All donors who make a donation of more than \$500 will be permanently recognized on the Holzer Stadium recognition wall, which will be erected as part of Phase II.

If you would prefer to make a donation to the silent auction (gift certificates for anything from restaurants to hair salons, tickets to sporting events or even a donation of services), please email Donna MacDonald at donna10@comcast.net.

And finally, if you have any questions, contact Masi at masibr@northville.k12.mi.us or (248) 344-8414.

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the space is an asset for the city and compliments the town square area just down the street. He said he may put together a petition to fight any sale of the corner.

For resident Amy Walsh the idea of Poole’s improving its outdoor seating is appealing because she and her family love to sit outside there, so they can enjoy downtown.

She believes Poole’s is a gem for the city as well and makes it a destination point for many.

“I think Poole’s really draws people to the city,” she said.

The committee — made up of Mayor Chris Johnson, Councilman Ryan McKindles and Downtown Development Authority board members Carolann Ayers and Shawn Riley

— at a previous meeting decided it wanted to review the estimated costs of the plans to get a better idea of the work that would be done.

The area of property being considered is 5,243 square feet, which is under an acre. Just over 60 feet of it is on Main Street and another 43 feet is on Hut-ton. Johnson said it’s classified as an open space and not a park.

If it was a park then a community-wide vote would be necessary to approve its potential sale.

According to City Manager Patrick Sullivan, the sale’s price for the entire corner is more than \$100,000 while half of it is just under \$50,000. Poole’s currently leases the property from the city, so for it to do any permanent renovation work they would need to own some or all of it.

Poole’s co-owner John

Casey said so-called Plan A, which considers the entirety of the property would include an outdoor sitting area improved with an overhead atrium-style covering, and could cost more than \$350,000. Plan B, which considers just 26 feet out from the building would still have a covering, and cost more than \$150,000.

The committee said it wants to look further into the cost numbers given to them. Johnson said a concern of his is that if the land is sold then what happens if none or just some of the work is completed. Will the city have any control over that possibility?

The matter will be sent to the city council and DDA for further review. The next Poole’s committee meeting will come in March.

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land Security, the agency learned there were several undocumented foreigners living at the residence. Some reports indicated the men were working under the table for a local restaurant, though Walls would not comment because the case has been sealed by a federal judge.

However, Walls did say one of the men has been released since the arrest. The three other men — two Mexican nationals and an Indonesian national — are still in custody pending

removal hearings, which he said should take place in the next couple of weeks.

“One of the individuals was let go based on the fact he had legal status,” Walls said.

According to Walls, no information is being released at this point about the individuals arrested or who owns the home because of the judge’s order to seal the case until the hearing, which will take place at the Executive Office for Immigration Review in Detroit.

ICE received a warrant to search the home through the U.S. Attorney’s Office.

In addition to ICE agents, local police officers from

Northville Township offered assistance. Public Safety Director John Werth said ICE approached the department before making the raid.

“They had a search warrant, and we assisted them make entry into the home,” Werth said. “We often work with local, state and federal agencies in such situations.”

However, Werth said this was an “immigration problem” and not something the township would be investigating locally.

We will provide more updates as information becomes available.

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Donors give big to aid educational programs

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Staff Writer

"It's what she would have wanted," said Scott Lowery of the \$50,000 donation he and his wife, Sheree, gave to the Northville Education Foundation on behalf of longtime Northville resident Ruth Shattuck.

This is the third donation given by the Ruth Heyman Shattuck Foundation, which previously donated \$140,000 to the NEF for its mission to support educational excellence in Northville. The funds will go toward helping such school district programs as the International Baccalaureate.

"We are honored to be able to give this because she would have done it herself," Lowery said at the NEF's donor reception held on Jan. 30 at the Garage restaurant in downtown Northville.

"She would be pleased by the NEF's mission," he added.

Lowery said Shattuck wanted her foundation to support local causes, particularly with schools and music programs. He said she taught piano lessons for a long time and enjoyed helping children learn.

This was a big highlight to an evening to celebrate everyone who has given to the NEF cause.

Established in 2000, the NEF is a nonprofit organization committed to providing support for programs that enhance educational excellence and strengthen learning experiences for students in Northville Public Schools. It raises, professionally manages and, in partnership with Northville Public Schools, distributes donated funds to supplement and enrich educational programming.

According to NEF manager Jennifer Pearson, all money donated to the foundation stays in Northville and benefits the children of NPS from preschool through high

school, including the district's special education center programs.

"We have a lot of great supporters," said NEF president Eric Barritt at the reception.

He said donor help exceeded expectations for NEF's Thanks-For-Giving campaign with \$98,000 raised. The goal was \$75,000.

The help from the Shattuck Foundation and many others has gone a long way with NPS. Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher thanked the Northville community on behalf of the district and said the district's successes are greatly helped because of their gratitude.

The reception included a musical performance by the Treble Makers, the female a capella group from Northville High School. They sang several songs and dedicated the song "Side by Side" to the NEF's supporters.

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Leading the charge

Silver Springs Elementary School teachers Marianne Barry (left) and Beth Kuriluk enter a pep assembly on Jan. 30 with lots of ... pep. The school held a rally that day to kick off their Feb. 8 Boosterthon Fun-Run. The school's PTO president, Tonya Murphy, and the school's dance club are organizing the combination fundraiser and healthy exercise project in an effort to purchase new iPads for Silver Springs students to use in the classroom.

Student artwork, writings honoring MLK on display at library

Artwork and essays created by Northville Public Schools' students honoring the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., are currently on display at the Northville District Library through the end of February. The display is located on the library's lower level in the open area adjacent to the main stairway.

In classrooms across Northville's 10 school buildings, students and teachers took the opportunity on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (Jan. 21) to reflect on King's messages of peace and equality through teacher-led activities that included book talks; reading and listening to selected Dr. King speeches; writing reflections; art projects; singing songs, playing music, and sharing poetry; making food and having birthday parties for Dr. King; creating skits and videos about Dr. King's life and the Civil Rights Movement; performing random

acts of kindness at school and at home; and classroom discussions about how Dr. King's work changed our country. All of the lessons and student activities were designed to align with curriculum standards at each grade level.

"Every day in our community and in our schools we do our best to follow in Dr. King's footsteps and live by the principles he taught," said William Brown, director of special services for Northville Public Schools and chairperson of the district's Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Planning Committee. "We hope this display of student writings and artwork will serve as a reminder to us all of how Dr. King's legacy of peace, unity and service to others still has so much meaning today."

Brown thanked the library for helping share the "inspiring student work" with the community.

Students show off creativity



Ridge Wood Elementary had record participation in the recent PTA Reflections Art Program, which this year had the theme of "The Magic of a Moment." Beyond visual arts, photography and literature, organizers were also very excited to receive, for the first time, multiple entries in every single category including film production, dance and music composition. Ridge Wood had a total of 20 entries move on to state level competition: Blase Alexander Casillas and Grace Heathcote for film; Emily Makowski, Valerie Yang and Alisa Zhavoronkova for dance; Elizabeth Hruska, Colter Makowski, Lily Oles, and Dev Shah for literature; Rishi Narendra Kumar, Adrianna Rios, Moaid Shaik, and Phillip Zhavoronkov for music composition; Aditya Amdoskar, Lauren Sprow, and Morgan Vereb for photography; and Abhim Mall, Cameron Overholser, Erin Venegas, and Phillip Zhavoronkov for visual arts. "The talent and creativity displayed by the students were truly amazing and their efforts inspiring," said Monica Casillas, chairperson of Ridge Wood Reflections.

NORTHVILLE SCHOOL BRIEFS

Choir show

Northville High School Choirs will present "Country Cabaret 2013" — a nightclub style of entertainment featuring individual acts at 7 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 23 in the NHS cafeteria. Refreshments will be served.

Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. For more information including how to purchase tickets, call Carol at (248) 345-5536 or e-mail questions to Carol.grimmer@gmail.com.

'Presidential' scholar

Northville High School senior Joshua Lucksom has been named one of more than 3,000 candidates in the 2013 U.S. Presidential Scholars Program. The candidates were selected from nearly 3.4 million students expected to graduate from U.S. high schools in the year 2013. Inclusion in the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program, now in its 49th year, is one of the highest honors bestowed

upon graduating high school seniors. Scholars are selected on the basis of superior academic and artistic achievements, leadership qualities, strong character and involvement in community and school activities.

The Commission on Presidential Scholars, a group of up to 32 citizens appointed by the President, will make final selection of the scholars. They will select one boy and one young girl from each state, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and U.S. students living abroad; 15 students at-large; and up to 20 students from the creative and performing arts. The U.S. Department of Education will announce the Scholars in May.

Crafters sought

The Novi Athletic Boosters Holiday Kickoff Art & Craft Show will be held at Novi High School on Sat-

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Sheree and Scott Lowery presented the Northville Education Foundation a \$50,000 donation at the donor reception held by the NEF on Jan. 30 while NEF president Eric Barritt and manager Jennifer Pearson look on.



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urday, Oct. 19. This is a juried Show. More than 250 booths are available. Booths are \$60. There will be ample space for all exhibitors. For more information, visit www.noviathleticboosters.com/craft-show. The application deadline is March 1.

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

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

- 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.

Last week proved to be a difficult one for district school buses

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

On Thursday, there were two more incidents involving Northville school buses. These follow another accident earlier last week due to wintry condition.

One bus headed for Ridge Wood Elementary was rear-ended by a truck that fled the scene, and another for Silver Springs Elementary had a medical emergency.

Ridge Wood Principal Alicia Parsons sent out a Listserv e-mail to parents and the community in order to make everyone “aware of a minor incident that occurred during the morning transport to Ridge Wood.”

According to Parsons, no students or adults were injured, when the bus (Route 37) was rear-ended by a blue pick-up truck as the bus was preparing to turn left onto Six Mile Road from Beck.

Following the collision, Parsons said the bus driver completed the turn and immediately pulled over to the side of Six Mile Road. However, the driver of the pick-up continued straight on Beck Road, failing to stop at the scene.

The police were contacted and

arrived very quickly. Once the details were established, the police instructed the driver to proceed to Ridge Wood to drop the students off at school. All students arrived safely by 9 a.m. and went directly to class. The police did not issue any citations to the bus driver, and have put out a bulletin to locate the vehicle that hit the bus.

The truck would probably have some front-end damage.

“It’s serious anytime kids experience an accident and see the police come to the scene, so we wanted to get the word out to give parents a heads up,” Parsons said.

Parsons said the bus driver “acted in the best interest of our students” and the students also should be commended for the way they handled a difficult situation.

The other incident also happened in the morning. While en-route to Silver Springs bus D had a medical emergency involving a student.

School official said an ambulance was called and parents were notified. Silver Springs staff and the student’s parents arrived on the scene. School officials wouldn’t specify the medical issue, or whether the student was a boy or girl.

“It was a health issue that was significant enough for the bus driver to call the ambulance,” said Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher.

According to district officials, the student, who left with parents, is doing well. And all students on bus D arrived to school safely and were welcomed into their classroom.

On Jan. 29, there was a bus incident involving Bus N resulting from icy road conditions. The bus, transporting 18 students to Winchester Elementary, slid off Franklin Road and was stopped by a tree. No injuries were reported.

School officials said an experienced driver was operating the bus at the time.

Police arrived at the scene and had students disembark the bus. They were then walked to the Meads Mill Middle School parking lot, and loaded another school district bus to complete the route to Winchester. Students arrived at school at approximately 9 a.m.

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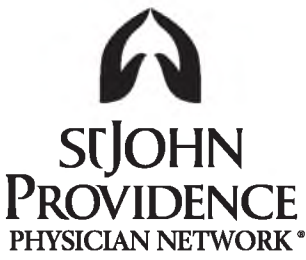
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NORTHVILLE POLICE BRIEFS

Warrant arrest

Northville Township Police were dispatched to the area of Six Mile and Haggerty in the early morning hours of Jan. 25 on a report of a disabled vehicle on the roadway.

Upon arrival around 3:47 a.m., the officer found a man sleeping in the back seat of the car, which as not running. There were also no keys in the ignition. The car was missing a tire on the front passenger's side.

The officer woke the man — a 22-year-old Westland man — and asked what was going on. When the man awoke, he said he had been with a friend but he didn't know where he went. He told the officer the two had been at Trump's, but then had vehicle trouble and had to pull over. He said he had no idea where he was.

After the officer contacted a tow truck and called the man's father to come and pick him up, the officer noticed another man come out of a nearby Mobile gas station. The officer confronted the man, and essentially accused him of waiting to see what happened to his buddy before coming out. The man denied that, saying he had been inside charging his phone. The officer had to ask for the man's identification three times before he produced it. The 58-year-old Westland man, it turns out,

had an arrest warrant out of Livonia for operating a vehicle under the influence of drugs or alcohol. The officer called the Livonia Police Department, which dispatched an officer to come pick the man up at the location where he was turned over.

Mustang nearly stolen

A 47-year-old Northville Township man called police on Jan. 22 to report someone had entered his garage earlier that morning and attempted to steal his 1998 Ford Mustang GT.

According to the police report, the man said his car alarm woke him about 6 a.m. When he went down to check his vehicle, he noticed his garage door was ajar, and it appeared someone had used a "Slim Jim" type tool on the car door. There was nothing missing from the car, and owner felt the car alarm had scared off the would be thief.

The officer found one visible set of footprints in the snow on the north side of the driveway heading towards a road.

The victim said he didn't see any suspects when he entered the garage. However, he said his car may have been targeted because it is customized. There are no suspects at this time.

Local couple happy to be OK after tree branches crash into bedroom

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

Either it was another tree limb that slowed it down or the design of the roof — and probably both — but either way Northville residents Dennis and Mary Holt feel very lucky to have not been gravely injured by a tree branch that came crashing through their bedroom roof and ceiling just above their sleeping heads.

The incident happened on Jan. 20 at their home in the Northville Estates neighborhood. Northville City firefighters and emergency personnel were busy all that night with a variety of situations, mostly due to the super windy conditions.

According to Fire Chief James Allen, from 10 p.m. to 4:30 that morning the department was kept busy with medical responses, downed wires and a few hazardous or potentially hazardous calls. But it was the call just before 3 a.m. from the Holt home that made this treacherous night stand out.

"It was a very windy night and we expected downed wires and branches, but nothing like this," Allen said.

Dennis Holt said he and his wife were fast asleep when they were awakened by what he thought was a clap of thunder. The next thing he knew a tree branch 3-feet in diameter that snapped off a tree due to wind crashed through their



Dennis and Mary Holt were fast asleep on Jan. 20 when this tree branch came crashing into their bedroom before stopping just two feet above their heads.

ceiling coming within two feet of their faces.

"We were shocked," Holt said. "But it could have been a lot worse."

The Holts came away with some bruises, but nothing serious.

The fire department responded quickly after they got the dispatch and once at the scene went into action. Allen said the first priority was checking the Holts and making sure they were OK. The next thing was to check the home for any gas or water line breaks. The total call time was two hours and within hours the branch was taken down and the hole in the roof was temporarily patched.

"Our team did a really good job with this call," Allen said. "We're fortunate the situation wasn't more serious."

Holt said the emergency personnel could have not been any better. He said they were quick and thorough.

As far as their bedroom, well they are sleeping in the living room for now until it can be fixed properly. Holt believes the roof's design and another tree slowing down the branch probably saved their lives.

"We feel very fortunate," he said.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
BLOCK GRANT FUNDS

On Thursday, February 21, 2013 at 7:30 p.m., a Public Hearing will be held at the Township Civic Center located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan 48168 to present the 2013-2014 Budget for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds. The 2013-2014 CDBG allocation for Northville Township will be approximately \$87,000.00. The primary objective of the CDBG program is to fund eligible activities and projects that benefit low and moderate-income persons; aid in the prevention or elimination of blight and slums; aid in ADA compliance; and/or address an urgent community development need.

All interested citizens are invited to attend and provide views and proposals concerning the 2013-2014 Budget for CDBG funds. For additional information on the program or the proposed 2013-2014 allocations, please contact Delores Bowden at 248-662-0500.

SUE A. HILLEBRAND,
CLERK

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE
NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS
OFFICE CLOSING

The Charter Township of Northville Administrative Offices will be closed on Monday, February 18, 2013 in observance of Presidents' Day.

As a reminder, the last day to pay WINTER taxes, without penalty, is Thursday, February 14, 2013 by 4:30 p.m. TAX PAYMENT POSTMARKS ARE NOT ACCEPTED.

The offices will reopen at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 19, 2013.

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Ramsey-Lay

Janna Elizabeth Ramsey, formerly of Novi, and David William Lay, formerly of Northville, are engaged to be married. The bride to be is the daughter of Laura and Phil Ramsey of Novi. She is a graduate of Novi High School, and got her nursing degree at Mercy College of Northwest Ohio in Toledo. She is currently employed as an RN (labor and delivery) in Wilkesboro, N.C. The groom to be is the son of Julie Lay and Bill Lay of White Lake. He is a graduate of Northville High School, and recently received a degree for paramedics while working at Sherwin Williams. An April 20, 2013 wedding is planned in Huntersville, N.C.



Maxwell-Richards

Mark and Julie Maxwell of Port Huron announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer, to Jeff Richards, son of Bill and Carol Richards of Northville. Jennifer is a graduate of Michigan State University, with a degree in political science. She attends U of D Mercy Law School. Jeff is a graduate of Michigan State University with a degree in history. He is a social studies teacher at Canton High School. The couple will be married in summer 2014 at St. John's Chapel at the Inn at St. Johns in Plymouth.





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New Hope Center gets grant

The Greater Detroit Office of New York Life located in Southfield awarded New Hope Center for Grief Support a \$10,000 grant to offer professional and administrative support for their eight week bereavement workshops. The grant will help with training facilitators and coordinating the program. New Hope Center has been working with New York Life's managing partner, Thomas Bello, and agent Steve Rowley over the past year to help bring grief support services to more cities in southeastern Michigan and expand awareness about the resources New Hope can offer anyone struggling with the loss of a loved one through death. New York Life's Grants for Good Community Impact Grant program awards grants of up to \$25,000 to local nonprofit organizations which address the needs of the community and are supported by New York Life agents and employees. Pictured are (from left) Thomas Bello, Karen Laing, New Hope Center for Grief Support's new executive director, Cathy Clough, who is the founder of New Hope Center for Grief Support, and Steve Rowley. For more information about the New Hope Center for Grief Support, which is located at 315 Griswold in Northville, visit www.newhopecenter.net.

Blood drives

Due to the fact that the flu season and wintry weather are causing reductions of blood donations, the American Red Cross will be holding a number of upcoming blood drives at local schools. They are as follows:

- Feb. 11 at Winchester Elementary School, 16141 Winchester, Northville — from 2:30-8:15 p.m.
 - Feb. 12 at Orchard Hills Elementary School, 41900 Quince Drive, Novi — from 2:30-8:15 p.m.
 - Feb. 23 at Northville Christian Assembly Church, 41355 Six Mile Road, Northville Township — from 8 a.m.-1:45 p.m.
 - Feb. 26 at Hillside Middle School, 775 N. Center Street, Northville — from 2-7:45 p.m.
- Interested donors can contact Diane Risko of the American Red Cross at (313) 549-7052 or Diane.Risko@redcross.org to set up an appointment.

Genealogical meeting

The Northville Genealogical Society will present "Researching Catholic Records" on Sunday, Feb. 10 at the Northville District Library. Learn about the different types of sacramental records and what information each kind of record contains for genealogy research. Also included is information on how to begin a search for sacramental records; where to find records from parishes no longer in the Archdiocese of Detroit; how to locate records of priests and nuns; and how to locate records of sacraments conferred in the US military. The presenter, Heidi Christein, is the archivist for the Archdiocese of Detroit. The presenta-

tion will begin at 3 p.m. A roundtable discussion will be held on using city directories in your family research, at 1:15 p.m., followed by a brief membership meeting and refreshments. The event is open to the public and free of charge. For more information, contact Tillie Van Sickle at (734) 595-7806.

Garden club meeting

The Northville & Novi Garden Club will meet 7 p.m., Monday, Feb. 11 at the Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady in Northville. There will be three "mini" presentations: "Making Lip Balm" by Beverly Raub; "Flower Arranging" by Sandy Tomlinson; and "Garden Photography" by David Raub. The evening will begin with a social at 6:30 p.m. For more information, contact Beverly Raub at (248) 449-4579.

Emergency food available


The next distribution of emergency food by Plymouth Community United Way is scheduled Thursday, Feb. 21. The Emergency Food Assistance Program provides low-income Plymouth and Northville residents with canned and non-perishable items. All recipients must be pre-registered. This is a supplemental food program that may be used in addition to other assistance programs. Bridge Card holders automatically qualify, but need to pre-register. Recipients not currently on governmental assistance (food stamps, ADC and general) must provide documentation including proof of income and residency before receiving food on distribution days. Distributions contin-

ue the third Thursday of each month from 9:30-11 a.m. at St. Kenneth Catholic Church in Plymouth. For information and to register, call Samantha Bray at (734) 453-6879, ext. 6, or send e-mail to unitedway@pcuw.org.

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 morning 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.

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Lead characters Val, Nina, Andy, and Matt are all trying to navigate the minefields of single life. Val is idealistic, looking for "Mr. Right"; Nina is simply looking for "Mr. Right Now." Andy is struggling with selling his business; Matt is a quick-witted disc jockey. Ignoring Matt's warning, Andy places a personal ad to find true love. Val answers his ad and agrees to meet him. Nina and Matt are coaxed into joining Val and Andy on their blind date in order to offer moral support. The foursome rendezvous at a pub. As fate would have it, Matt and Nina immediately click, leaving Val and Andy alone to make a connection. So begins the dating game — a game that



Wayne David Parker and Sandra Birch rehearse a scene from "Looking," the current production of Tipping Point Theatre in Northville.

includes past loves, pretense, insecurity, and lots of laughter.

Looking runs through March 3. 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.

The theater is located at 361 E. Cady St. in

Northville. 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.

Director is Kate Peckham. Others behind the

scenes are: Tracy L. Spada, resident stage manager; Bartley H. Bauer, set designer; Joel Klain, lighting designer; Christie Nicole, sound designer; Amber Cook, costume designer; and Amanda Ewing, properties designer. The play stars Sandra Birch, Dave Davies, Anne Miranda and Wayne David Parker.

The play contains adult content.



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Unraveling the secrets of crocheting

Jacob Taylor gets some instruction on crocheting from Mary Geldhof during the Jan. 12 "Unravel" — a teens knit and crochet gathering at the Northville District Library. The free, drop-in event will continue on Feb. 9 and March 9, from noon to 2 p.m. For more information, visit <http://northvillelibrary.org> or call (248) 349-3020.

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Free File Fillable Forms, the electronic documents, perform basic math calculations and are for people who are comfortable preparing their own paper tax returns.

Step 3: Prepare and e-file your return. E-file your return for free. No matter what option you choose, IRS and brand-name software providers use the most current technology to ensure tax information is encrypted, so it's safe and secure when it's transmitted.

Free File is also available online 24/7, giving you the freedom to choose when and how you do your taxes.

Checklist of materials

Keep this list as a checklist of the items you will need to do your taxes. The

IRS recommends keeping all tax-related documents for three years, in case of an audit. Tracking income-related documents can help you take full advantage of deductions available to you.

- A copy of last year's tax return
- Valid Social Security numbers for yourself, spouse and children
- All income statements, i.e. W-2 forms, from all employers
- Interest/dividend statements, i.e. 1099 forms
- Form 1099-G showing any state refunds
- Unemployment compensation amount
- Social Security benefits
- Expense receipts for deductions
- Day care provider's identifying number

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- The maximum credit for 2012 tax returns is \$5,891 for workers with three or more qualifying children.
- Eligibility for the EITC is determined based on a number of factors, including earnings, filing status and eligible children. Workers without qualifying children may be eligible for a smaller credit amount.

Learn more at www.irs.gov/eitc and use the EITC Assistant, or ask your tax professional. If you are eligible for EITC, you also are eligible for free tax help at VITA sites nationwide or to use Free File at www.irs.gov/freefile.

Did you know?

- Most refunds are issued in less than 21 days.
- Combining e-file with direct deposit is still the fastest way to get your



refund.

- Use "Where's My Refund?" to get personalized refund information based on the processing of your tax return.
- You can also use the IRS app, IRS2Go, to check the status of your refund.
- Can't meet April 15 deadline? Use Free File for a free extension; then use Free File to do your taxes by October 15.

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance

There are thousands of Volunteer Income Tax

Assistance sites nationwide that offer free help to those earning around \$51,000 or less. To locate the nearest VITA site, search for "VITA" on www.irs.gov.

Tax Counseling for the Elderly, which is supported by AARP, offers free tax help to people who are age 60 and older. Locate the nearest AARP Tax-Aide site at AARP.org or call (888) 227-7669. Some VITA/TCE sites even offer Free File. You can do it yourself on their computers.

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Power breakfast with the author



Northville senior executive business owners met with Anne Doyle, an Auburn Hills councilwoman, Forbes columnist, and founder of AnneDoyleStrategies.com last week to discuss her book, *Powering Up: How America's Women Achievers Become Leaders* and to enjoy fellowship and networking. Councilwoman Doyle's book is now in its third edition, and she has just been invited by the State Department to speak in Trinidad on March 8, International Women's Day, at the new Trinidad Women's Leadership Institute. Pictured in the photo (from left) are Doyle, Jessica Hatchigan, Ceil Michalik, Karen Kittrell, and Sherry Welsh. Hatchigan is the founder of PersonalHistorianPlace.com, a business that specializes in recording family histories in book format; Michalik is the owner of Michalik Consulting LLC; Kittrell is co-owner of Independent Business Advisors, a business and franchise brokerage; and Welsh is the founder of BlueSkyTransformations.com, a leadership coaching practice that focuses on empowering women leaders to thrive in both their professional and personal lives. Hatchigan, Michalik, Kittrell and Welsh are Northville and Northville-area residents.

Local woman gets important appointment with Oakwood

Cheryl Phillips-Thill, a Northville resident, is being appointed to the Oakwood Healthcare System Board of Trustees. The vice president of the Masco Corp. Foundation, Thill was a former member of the Oakwood Healthcare Foundation Board since 2003. She also led donor stewardship efforts for the Oakwood



Rosowski

Healthcare Foundation. In addition, Mike Ross, a current member of the Oak-

wood Healthcare Foundation Board, was appointed Chairperson of the Foundation Board and a member of the Oakwood Healthcare, Inc. Board of Trustees. As chair of the foundation board, he succeeds Northville resident Robert Rosowski, who recently stepped down after a 16-year run. Rosowski provided the vision for development of the foundation during his tenure and set the stage for the future, assisting in the merging of several Oak-



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wood Foundation Boards into one. He led numerous campaigns, securing more than \$100 million in funds over the years. Rosowski will remain a member of the Oakwood Healthcare Foundation Board as well

as the Oakwood Healthcare, Inc. Board of Trustees.

Ross has been an Oakwood Healthcare Foundation Board member since 2003. He and his wife, Lynn, reside in Birmingham.

Welcome to town



Northville Mayor Chris Johnson (left) showed up to help celebrate Abbasi Dermatology's grand opening on Jan. 22. He visited with owners Nadia Abbasi and Dr. Sami Abbasi, and helped cut the ribbon for the new business, located at 133 W. Main, Suite 251, in Northville Square. About 50 people showed up for the grand opening, which featured giveaways, the ribbon cutting, and free consultations. Abbasi Dermatology offers a different approach to skin care that not only incorporates medical analysis and treatment, but also preventative and cosmetic care procedures. For more information, call (248) 773-5305 or visit them on Facebook.

NORTHVILLE BUSINESS BRIEFS

New agent

Jim Rice, a real estate sales professional in Northville, has joined the Keller Williams Realty Northville Market Center in Novi.

Rice has more than 25 years of sales and marketing experience, including success in the medical device and advertising arena.



Rice

"We are truly lucky to have Jim Rice join us here at Keller Williams," says Team Leader Natalie Reed. "We know that Jim will be a great fit and that it is our customers who will truly benefit from Jim joining us."

"I chose Keller Williams Realty because of its reputation for integrity and its agent-centric business model," said Rice. "I want to continue to grow my real estate business, and Keller Williams Realty provides the training and technology that will help me reach my goals."

The Keller Williams Market Center is located at 39500 Orchard Hill Place, in Novi.

Rice can be reached at (734) 612-3682 or jrice@kw.com.

Chairman of PAL

Northville resident Scott Seabolt, a partner at Foley and Lardner, is the chairman of the board for Think Detroit PAL. Seabolt's most recent activities with the organization (www.thinkdetroitpal.org/index.asp) include promotion of the MVP Awards dinner, their biggest fundraising event of the year,

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which takes place Thursday, Feb. 7 at 5:30 p.m. at the Detroit Athletic Club. He and the supporters of Think Detroit PAL will recognize three award recipients and try to reach the fundraising goal of \$90K.

Think Detroit PAL is a non-profit organization positively impacting the lives of nearly 10,000 children each year through athletic, and leadership development programs.

Think Detroit PAL empowers the community by training volunteer coaches and by creating safe places for kids to play. Each year, Think Detroit PAL teaches more than 1,400 caring community members how to be encouraging and effective mentors. Think Detroit PAL has also renovated numerous parks and recreation centers across the city including Maheras-Gentry Park and St. Hedwig Park, transforming them into some of the city's premier athletic facilities.

Headquartered in Detroit, Foley and Lardner encourages associates to dedicate at least 20 hours of community involvement across Detroit throughout the year.

CHAMBER CHAT

Chamber breakfast

The Northville Chamber of Commerce will hold its next Breakfast event from 7:30-9 a.m., Wednesday, March 6 at Genitti's Hole in the Wall, 108 E. Main Street, Northville.

The guest speaker will be Tom Walsh, business columnist for the Detroit Free Press. He has been with the Free Press since 1982, and has been a city desk reporter, bureau chief, business editor and projects editor before assuming his current role in December 2001. He



Walsh

was a member of the board of governors of the Society of American Business Editors and Writers from 1995-98, and a Jefferson fellow in Pacific Rim Studies at the East-West Center in 1990.

Walsh plans to discuss where he sees the international, national and local economies are headed over the next year. Tom's position with the media provides him with an excellent perspective of the economy, its trends and 2013 forecast.

Cost for the event, which includes a buffet breakfast, is \$15 for Chamber members, and \$18 for non-members.

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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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Gun charges against ex-House Speaker dropped

People can't be charged with a crime simply for possessing a firearm



DeRoche

incident involving former state House Speaker Craig DeRoche.

while intoxicated inside their home, the Michigan Court of Appeals has ruled in a case arising from an

Novi police charged DeRoche with possessing a firearm while intoxicated in 2010 after they were called to his home following a dispute with a neighbor.

A district court dismissed the charge, based on DeRoche's Second Amendment rights. The prosecutor appealed to the circuit court, which upheld the dismissal on the basis of an unlawful search.

In a unanimous ruling released Wednesday,

day, a three-judge panel of the Michigan Court of Appeals upheld the dismissal, citing the Second Amendment.

"While Second Amendment rights are not unlimited, this conduct is protected," the panel said.

"Aside from the statute at issue, defendant was not engaging in an unlawful behavior, nor were there any facts to suggest that defendant possessed the handgun for any unlawful purposes."

The panel said preventing people who are intoxicated from committing crimes with handguns is important, but the infringement on DeRoche's Second Amendment rights in this case "was not substantially related to that objective."

DeRoche, a Republican who was House speaker in 2005 and 2006, battled alcoholism and was convicted of a drunken driving-related charge in 2010. He says he has been sober since 2010 and

now works for the prison reform group Justice Fellowship.

The neighbor told police DeRoche was inside DeRoche's home with a gun. When police went inside, his mother-in-law said DeRoche no longer had the gun and showed them where she had hidden it, inside a garbage can.

The panel consisted of Judges Kathleen Jansen, David Sawyer and Karen Fort Hood.

— Gannett News Service

Bentivolio talks small business at local roundtable

By Brad Kadrlich
Staff Writer

Kerry Bentivolio is taking his act on the road. Bentivolio, the freshman 11th District U.S. representative from Milford, brought what he called his "listeners tour" to the Plymouth District Library last week, where he talked with a couple of dozen visitors about debt, the business climate and a variety of other issues at his first Small Business Roundtable.

In the first weeks of his term, Bentivolio has been given a seat on the House Small Business Committee, charged with "protecting and assisting small businesses" and dealing with issues related to small business financial aid, regulatory flexibility and paperwork reduction.

Bentivolio is beginning to embark on a quest to find out on which issues his constituents would like him to focus.

"This is one of the things we want to do, to get these roundtables started," Bentivolio told those gathered for the first one. "I don't want to do the talking. I want to hear from you where you think my focus should be."

He spent nearly 90 minutes talking about business regulation, the national debt, the fiscal cliff and other issues. Attendees peppered him with questions about paperwork and taxes, small business loans and other issues.

And, while answering those questions, Bentivolio held court on several issues:

- **Obamacare.** The freshman congressman said he's developing an amendment to the U.S. Constitution that would prohibit the government from taxing Americans who do not participate in commerce. He

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ANDERSON, JANE LEE

Age 79, of Northville, passed away peacefully February 2, 2013. Beloved wife of the late Jewel Anderson. Cherished mother of Michael Anderson, Patricia (Mark) Belanger, Timothy (Laura) Anderson, and Leigh (James) Stearns. Loving sister of Douglas (Irene) Schoonover, and Paul (Rita) Schoonover. Adored grandmother of Brandon, Meghan, Joel, Jeremy, Elizabeth, Kaitlyn, and Emily; and great grandmother of Allie. She taught for the Northville Public Schools for many years. A funeral service was held Wednesday, February 6, 2013 at First United Methodist Church of Northville. Ms. Anderson was laid to rest at Rural Hill Cemetery. The family would appreciate memorial contributions to Salvation Army or Northville Civic Concern.

Online condolences at: www.casterlinefuneralhome.com



BETTS, MARION

85 of Rotonda West, Florida, formerly of Milford, MI. Passed away on Friday, February 1, 2013 at home, with family by her side. Born on December 13, 1927 in Detroit, MI to Leroy and Bessie (Evans) Patterson. Marion was preceded in death by her daughter, Marcia Bowman in 2009. Survivors include her loving husband of sixty eight years: H. Glen Betts Jr. of Rotonda West, FL.; Two daughters, Patricia (Skip) Hintz of Rotonda West, FL., and Janice (Geoff) Schrock of Belleville, MI and one Son: H. Glen (Linda) Betts III of Milford, MI. Also surviving are Grand Children: Robert Minton, Jill Pierce and Bethany (Jeremy) Marco, all of Sioux City, IA. Kristin (Chris) Boland of Luck, WI and Bryon Glen (Karie) Betts of Redford, MI. Marion also leaves behind eight beautiful Great Grand Children, Amber, Jessica, Calvin, Ann, Mike, Avery, Dyson and Elowyn. Mrs. Betts originated Main Street Art, in downtown Milford, which she owned and operated for many years before retiring to their Florida home. Marion was an active member of the Huron Valley Chamber of Commerce and Past President of the Rotary, along with membership in the local book club, Garden Club and other Community organizations. Her love for Milford was even greater than her love of Golf, which she participated until months before her passing. Mrs. Betts was a supporter of Milford's youth, volunteering as a Cub Scout Den Mother, and a Brownie and Girl Scout leader during her children's younger years. After "retirement" to Florida, Marion continued to be active in her community through membership in the American Legion Auxiliary, VFW Auxiliary, B.P.O. Elks, Women of the Moose, Englewood Orchid Society, Rotonda Book Club, Rotonda West Woman's Association and the Red Hat Society. A Memorial for her many Florida friends and family will be held on February 17, 2013 at 1:00 at the American Legion Post 113 in Rotonda West. A Memorial service will be held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home in Milford, for her Michigan friends and family on Saturday, February 23, 2013. Gathering for visitation will begin at 12:00 and the service will commence at 1:00 P.M. Memorial contributions may be made in Marion's memory to the American Legion Auxiliary or Tidewell Hospice.

BORLAND, JAMES

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BATTEL, ALICE

Feb. 11, 1928 ~ Feb. 2, 2013
Age 84; Beloved wife of the late John Mitchell for 57 years. Loving mother of Maureen (Kenneth) Hampton, Michael (Sandi), David, Patricia (Norman) Hogikyan, Catherine (A.J.) Birkbeck, and Elaine (Kevin) Kamradt. Proud grandmother of Jennifer, Cynthia, Jessica, Vincent, Casey, Emily, Julia, Lauren, Allison, Sarah, Nathan, and Evelyn. Great-grandmother of Alana, Jaxon, Addison, Lillian and Alessandra Sister of Catherine Bartoni and the late Andrew and Albert Connolly. Also survived by many nieces, nephews and friends. Funeral liturgy was held Wednesday, February 6, at 10:30 at St. James Church, Novi. Donations: St James Church or the IHM Sisters, 610 W Elm Ave., Monroe, MI 48162. On line condolences obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

WHITTAKER, IRENE
Age 97, passed away Feb. 2, 2013. Visitation Feb. 6, 3-8 p.m. Funeral Feb. 7, 10:30 a.m. at Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon. www.phillipsfuneral.com

DEJOHN, NICK

Died on January 28, 2013. For information visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

FEARON, WILLIAM

Dec. 5, 1931 - January 18, 2013
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HUSS, ROBERT L.

Age 77, passed away January 30, 2013. He was born on Sept. 13, 1935, in Louisville, KY, to the late Earl and Irene (Love) Huss. He was an Army veteran and an honorary member of the Elevator Constructors Local 36. He was devoted to his wife, children and grandchildren. Robert is survived by his wife of 54 years, Patricia; his children: Randall (Michele) Huss, Brad (Jodi) Huss, Leanne (Terry) Keller; 5 grandchildren: Nicholas, Alexandra, Addison, Ty, and Brooke. Visitation was held on Feb. 3, Sunday, from 3:00 - 8:00 p.m. A funeral service was held on Feb. 4, Monday, at 11:00 a.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Memorial contributions may be made to PKD Foundation, 9221 Ward Pkwy, Ste 400, Kansas City, MO 64114. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com

KAZA, DOLORES

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KEEHL, WARREN LOUIS

Age 88, died peacefully in Monroe, Michigan on January 29, 2013. Beloved husband of Marguerite Lois (Lenossi), for 57 years who preceded him in death on July 10, 2007. Cherished Father of Charlene M. (Gerald) Simko, Robert J. (Margaret), and the late Warren Jr. (Debra) and Roger W. Survived by brother Ralph Keehl (Shirley). Loving Grandfather of Jennifer, Ann. (A.J.) Bickmann III, Joseph Simko, Virginia (Jeremy) Konz, Colleen, Bridgette, & Sean. Great-grandfather of Anthony, Tristan, & Brody. Preceded in death by Granddaughter, (Isabel) and Great-Grandson (Vincent), sister (Dorothy) and brother (Gordon). Warren served in Army during WWII in the 1568th Engineer Depot Company in the European Theater Operations. He was honorably discharged April 13, 1949. Warren retired from Roadway Express, Inc., in 1986 after 39 years of service. Private funeral service was held on January 31, 2013. Interment Parkview Cemetery., Livonia, MI.



LINCOLN, WILMA JEAN

Aged 75 of Grand Rapids passed away February 1, 2013 in Grand Rapids. She was born June 3, 1937 in Ashland Twp. the daughter of Russell and Ada (Devenport) DeBois. Wilma married Joseph Lincoln October 22, 1960, he preceded her in death in 2004. She was an LPN working for Butterworth Hospital and was a member of the MLPNA. Wilma is survived by her children Thomas Lincoln of Indiana, Peter Lincoln of Colorado and Deborah Lincoln of Grand Rapids. One grandson Hunter Lincoln of Grand Rapids. One sister Marvel DeBois of Grand Rapids. Two sisters in law Anne Lincoln of Lyons and Edith Lincoln of Lyons. Several nieces and nephews also survive. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Joseph and brother Russell. Funeral Mass will be held Tuesday, February 5, 2013, 11:00 A.M. at St. Alphonsus Catholic Church in Grand Rapids. Father Pat Griel celebrant. Visitation will be at the church from 10:00 a.m. until time of service. Online condolences may be made at www.lakefuneralhomes.com

MAJKA, JUNE

Passed away February 4, 2013, beloved wife of the late Ted, loving mother of Dave (Linda), James (Tina). Cherished Grandmother of Amy and Pat, Andy, Jeff and Becky, Greg and Steven. Dear sister of Richard (Lois) the late Jerry and many nieces and nephews. Visitation Thursday, February 7th, Harry J. Will Funeral Home, Six Mile Rd., Livonia. Funeral Mass 11am. February 8th at Saint Joseph Parish, South Lyon.

MAYER, BETS

Age 64, passed away January 31, 2013. She was born on April 2, 1948, in Belize, to the late Eric and Gladys (Rhamdas) Price. She was an active member of the Fellowship E.P.C. Bets was greatly loved and appreciated. Her passion in life was being a teacher and helping others. Bets possessed great love for her students. Since age fifteen she earned a living teaching the little ones in her home town in the country of Belize, and later she taught the bigger ones in the U.S. She loved them all, and she was especially enthusiastic about her college students. She relished the excitement of discussing great literature and great poetry with them. But as much as she loved her students and her subject, her deepest and most abiding loyalty and love was for her Lord Jesus Christ. Truly for my Bets, ...to live is Christ, and to die is gain." (Phil:1-21). Bets is survived by her loving husband of 35 years, Jon; her daughter Nicole (Chris) Aseltine; siblings: Daisy (Tecola) Hagos, Norma (Ken) Drepal, Michael Price and many nieces, nephews and loving friends. She was preceded in death by her two brothers and two sisters. Visitation will be held on Feb. 7, Thursday, from 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. with a funeral service at 11:00 a.m. and a luncheon to follow at Fellowship Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 22200 Pontiac Trail, South Lyon. Memorial contributions may be made to Fellowship Evangelical Presbyterian Church. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com



MORRIS, MELVIN "JEFF"

Age 49, passed away January 29, 2013. He was born on July 2, 1963, in Superior Township, to the late Ervin and Carol (Smith) Morris. He was the owner and operator of Michigan Lawn Service, that he started in 1993. He was a life-long member of the Church of Christ. Jeff loved to fish, ride his motorcycle, and enjoyed spending time at his cabin in Mio. He was a very generous, selfless, giving man, who always did what he could for anyone. Jeff is survived by his children: Katie Morris, Richard Bowman; brother Wade (Terri) Morris, 2 grandchildren: Robert and Lexi; his aunts & uncles: Charles and Lois Smith, Junior and Marilyn Jones; his best friend, Michelle; his beloved Akita "Storm"; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and loving friends. Visitation was held on February 1, Friday, from 1:00 - 9:00 p.m. at Phillips Funeral Home. A memorial service was held on Feb. 2, Saturday, at Brighton Church of Christ. Memorial contributions may be made to the Morris family, c/o Phillips Funeral Home, 122 West Lake Street, South Lyon, MI 48178. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com



MELTON, PAUL DUPUIS

Age 87, passed away February 2, 2013, in Ann Arbor, Michigan. He was born on Dec. 30, 1925, in Detroit, to the late Henry and Sadie (Dupuis) Melton. Paul will be deeply missed by his wife, Gloria, his children: Peter, Sara, Andrew, Marisa, Mary Elizabeth; his grandchildren: Hilary, Benjamin, Hans, Aubrey, Carrie, Eve, Jami, Andrew, Angela, Kenya, Toni, Paul, and Fay. His great-grandchildren: Thea, Tyler, Brian, Nevach, Sebastian, Meleah and Jaasiel (Jamal) will be very curious as they hear the many and varied stories they that will be told about Grandpa Paul and his adventures. Paul was preceded in his homecoming to the Father by his brothers: Henry and Jimmy and his sisters: Sally Ann and Mary Elizabeth. His brother Joseph is the last of the six siblings still on earth and he will miss Paul, who was his hero, his mentor and surprisingly his student. He will be missed by countless friends whose lives he touched in many ways. It is impossible to summarize Paul's life because it was an endless adventure. He studied piano for four years as a youngster and music was an important part of the rest of his life. He served in the Army Air Force during World War II and this convinced him that all war is wrong, so he became a Christian pacifist. He married Gloria Haddad after discharge and fathered five wonderful children. Paul did many different kinds of work: sales, teaching dance, buying, selling, renting and training horses, landscaping, travel, tours, pilgrimages to the Holy Land, publishing a book, producing plays in New York and Europe. Paul built his own home on Pontiac Trail near South Lyon, where he raised his family and lived with his wife most of his life. He was a man of faith. He took seriously the challenge of Jesus to welcome the stranger, so he and Gloria shared their home and love with countless people. He was active in the Word of God Community and in his parish, Christ the King. Visitation will be held on Feb. 8, Friday, from 3:00 - 9:00 p.m. at Phillips Funeral Home, 122 West Lake Street, South Lyon. A funeral mass will be celebrated on Feb. 9, Saturday, at 11:30 a.m. with final visitation from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. at Christ the King Catholic Church, 400 Ave Maria Dr. Ann Arbor, MI 48105. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hope Clinic, P.O. Box 980311, Ypsilanti, MI 48198-0311 or Arbor Hospice, Arbor Hospice Foundation, 2366 Oak Valley Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48103-8944. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com

POTERACKI, CHARLES

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SKRLEC, NELLIE

Age 81, passed away Feb. 2, 2013. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Online guestbook phillipsfuneral.com

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FRI/SAT LS 11:25

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TALK

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said the amendment would keep the government from the tax included in Obamacare for those who don't get health insurance.

"This would basically defeat (U.S. Supreme Court) Justice (John) Roberts's decision," said Bentivolio, who said the amendment is still being vetted and would be rolled out "soon."

- The fiscal cliff. Bentivolio said he supported the vote to extend the deadline three months, but that he wants to see definite cuts when the 90-day extension is up.
- The debt ceiling. "I don't want to raise the debt ceiling without serious cuts," Bentivol-

io said. "They're not coming up with cuts."

- Government's role in business. "Government interference is a problem," he said. "You've got to get the government to let you do your thing."
- He also said he's working to introduce legislation formerly introduced by Rep. Ron Paul. The Protect Small Business Jobs Act would, according to Bentivolio, give small businesses found in violation of a federal regulation a six-month grace period to comply before being sanctioned.

While Bentivolio said he'd hoped for a larger crowd, most of the people in attendance seemed to like what they heard.

"I thought it was useful," said Mark Wira, a business owner

from Plymouth. "He's hoping to improve the Small Business Administration, hoping to make the government a little more transparent. He's working to bring some stability to government to give people more confidence about investing in the future."

Bentivolio's office is planning more roundtables throughout the district, though spokesman Matt Chisholm said Tuesday no schedule had been solidified. Anyone interested in hosting or participating in future roundtables can contact Melanie Collinsworth in Bentivolio's district office, either via email at melanie.collinsworth@mail.house.gov or calling (248) 859-2982.



U.S. Rep. Kerry Bentivolio, recently named to the House Small Business Committee, hosted the first of what he hopes is a series of "small business roundtables" Monday night. The first one was at the Plymouth District Library.

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Milford

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Website:milfordbaptist.org

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1116 S. Hickory Ridge Rd., Milford, MI 48380
248-887-1218
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Milford United Methodist Church
1200 Atlantic St., Milford, MI 48381
Sunday Worship at: 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
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Groups for Children, Youth and Adults
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New Hudson

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56730 Grand River Avenue • New Hudson MI 48165
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Worship-10:30 a.m.
www.newhudsonumc.org

AT010017

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

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(248) 349-1144
777 West 8 Mile Road • (8 Mile and Taft Road)
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Memorial Day - Labor Day 8:30 and 10:00 a.m.
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www.1umcnorthville.org

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WEEKEND LITURGIES Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, 7:30, 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.
Church 349-2621, School 349-3610
Religious Education 349-2559
Rev. Denis Theroux, Pastor

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Our Savior Apostolic Lutheran Church
54899 8 Mile Rd. at Currie Rd.
Northville, MI. 48167
Pastor Andy Whitten
Phone 248-374-2268
Sunday School (ages 5-12) at 10 AM
Adult Sunday Bible Study at 10 AM
Sunday Service at 11 AM
Bible Study, Wednesdays at 7:00 PM

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Novi

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

AT010022

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Rev. Arthur Ritter, Senior Minister

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OAK POINTE CHURCH
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Saturday Worship 5:15 pm.,
Sunday 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.
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Sunday: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.
Fr. Bob LaCroix, Pastor
Fr. Michael Zuelch, Associate
Parish Office: 349-8847 • www.holyfamilynovi.org

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HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL
40700 W. Ten Mile Rd. • 248-427-1175
Sunday Worship 7:45 am & 10 am
Healing Service Wednesday 11:45 am
Rev. Ann Webber, Rector
holycrossnovi@gmail.com

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Adult Bible Study: 9 a.m

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Fellowship Evangelical Presbyterian Church
22200 Pontiac Trail, South Lyon (South of 9 Mile Road)
Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 11:00 a.m.
Refuel Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.
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Rev. David Brown, Pastor
248-437-2222 • www.fellowshippepc.org

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The Church of Christ
21860 Pontiac Trail • South Lyon, MI 48178
248-437-3585 • www.southlyoncoc.org
9:30 a.m. Sunday School,
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304 N. Lafayette Street
South Lyon MI 48178
Sunday Worship 9:10 AM
Education Hour 10:30 AM
Rev. Bart Muller, Pastor
248-486-4404
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AT010035

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SOUTH LYON
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Phone: 248-437-2983
Sunday School 9:45 a.m. • Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.
Senior Pastor: Rob Fredrick / Assoc. Pastor: Randy Weale
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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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Highland

HIGHLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
680 W. Livingston Rd. • Highland, MI 48357
248.887.1311 • www.myhumc.com
Sunday Worship 8:00, 9:15 & 11:00 a.m.
Kids Church 8:45 & 10:30 a.m.
Youth Night - Wed. 6:45 - 8:00 p.m.
Grief Share: Mon. at 6:30 p.m.

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OUR VIEWS

A new age

Goal remains the same as Record hits the social media landscape

By the late 1860s, in the aftermath of the Civil War, Northville was really starting to take off as a center of population, agriculture and business. It was for that very reason that in 1869 an enigmatic man named Sam Little started the *Northville Record* to inform local residents of the happenings in their hometown.

Much has changed about Northville since those days. Horses have been replaced by cars, subdivisions have been built upon the former farm fields and metropolitan Detroit has come to our doorstep. With the exception of a few old buildings and landmarks, today's residents wouldn't recognize much about Sam Little's Northville.

Similarly, much has changed with the *Record* and the newspaper business in general. We have evolved since the days Little used to set the type himself in the old opera house building on the corner of Center and Dunlap. Over the years, we have gone through numerous ownership changes and physical transformations, but our goal has always been the same — to provide the people of this community a common voice and a way to stay connected to what's happening in and around town. It is why today we stand as the oldest weekly newspaper in Wayne County.

And, like Northville itself, we have faced our share of challenges over the years. Perhaps the biggest was the advent of the Internet, which has changed the media landscape forever. The *Record* knows that the web and the evolving social media landscape are not a threat, but instead offer an expanded means to reach our readers.

Last week, the *Record* launched its own Facebook page. This will allow us to not only reach a new generation of readers but, along with our website (www.hometownlife.com), will keep our readers informed of community news on a daily basis. Our parent company, O&E Media, already has a Facebook presence, but we wanted to make it more localized because we realize our readers want to know what's going on in Northville.

So if you are a Facebook user, we encourage you to visit the page (www.facebook.com/home.php#!/pages/Northville-Record/446137475456760) and like us. Facebook is a great way for our readers to add their voice to current issues and sound off on topics of interest.

In addition, editor Kurt Kuban, reporter Lonnie Huhman and photographer John Heider are all on Twitter, a social networking service where users send out short messages, or "tweets." We realize not all readers are up to date on some forms of social media, but we realize many others do use it. It's a great way to stay in touch in "real time." If you are one of those Twitter users, please take a moment to follow our staff members and help us stay even more connected to what's going on in town.

Of course, none of this means we are giving up on our print product, however. Quite the contrary, in fact. We know most of our readers enjoy reading their newspaper over a cup of coffee, perhaps in a favorite lounge chair. There is something comforting in knowing every Thursday the local paper will be delivered to your home or to a local vendor. The *Record* will continue to be there for you — filled with local news, feature stories about your neighbors, sports scores, announcements and other happenings around town.

Indeed, it is a new age in the media world and we adapt to serve many more audiences. But we continue to be committed to the same values and mission that has been at our core since 1869, and what has made us Wayne County's oldest weekly newspaper — reporting the news that matters to our readers and the Northville community. Our purpose is at the top of every Opinion Page: "Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the hometowns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers."

COMMUNITY VOICE

What local road or section of one do you think should be fixed in the coming year?

This was asked at Hiller's Market in downtown Northville



"I live near Fish Hatchery Park and there is one section of Seven Mile Road that has some holes so bad I've filled them in myself many times over the years."

Marv Sobodash
Northville



"I think Eight Mile between Taft and Center needs some work."

Kelley-Anne Peck
Northville



"Around Eight Mile and Novi roads. There has always been problems there."

Julie Scott
Northville



"The Eight Mile and Center intersection is bad, but I think it's supposed to be fixed this year."

Sue Boelter
Northville

LETTERS

Greatly appreciated

I attended a 50th birthday celebration for my daughter on Jan. 26 at the Northville Community Center. Having my arms full with purse, flowers, keys, etc., I unknowingly dropped my camera. I didn't realize this until later. I initially thought maybe I had left it on the table and family would retrieve it. That was not the case, unfortunately.

On Sunday, I attempted calling the center, it was closed. I live up north at Houghton Lake and decided to call the Northville Police Department to find out how to reach someone. I did have to leave a message. Fortunately, Sgt. Krueger was on duty and he quickly checked at the center and found it had been turned in. He called me to say so. By that time we were in the parking lot of the center and he told me I could get it at his department. Being only a couple minutes away, my phone rang again and the message was again from Sgt. Krueger saying he didn't want me to be crushed, but upon opening the case, he found it had been run over where it had been found in the parking lot.

The saving grace is that I had several picture cards in an attached little case that had very precious, memorable photos of family. So, although the camera is of no value, nothing can replace the photos on the cards. I would like to thank the person, who took the time to turn it in. I appreciate you taking the time and can't thank you enough. Not everyone would have bothered. By your kindness and also the dedication of Sgt. Krueger, I can enjoy the memories we made through the picture cards.

Marilyn Jarvi
Houghton Lake, Mich.

Leave millages alone

If it looks like a snake, wiggles like a snake and hisses like a snake — it's a snake. That's like the communities that are keeping the Detroit Zoo and DIA taxes for their downtowns.

Wes and Sally Henrikson
Northville Township

Historic session

Michigan's 96th legislative session was one of the most historic in history. Thank you for electing me to be a part of it.

During this session, the Michigan House, working with Gov. Snyder and the State Senate, kept our promise to deliver jobs, get Michigan's financial house in order, and put our state on a path to a sustainable recovery.

At a time when Washington D.C. is looking at a \$16 trillion debt, raising taxes, and negligently refusing to pass a budget, Michigan's credit rating

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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is going up, we've gone from a \$1.5 billion deficit to a \$300 million surplus, paid down more than \$20 billion in debt, and made Michigan more attractive to job providers.

Washington's big government model does not create jobs; the private sector does. Government must provide a climate of opportunity and innovation — and get out of the way. Struggling families who need jobs, and our kids who want to stay in Michigan, deserve nothing less.

By virtually any measure, Michigan has turned the corner: Thousands of new jobs being created, the unemployment rate going down, home sales improving, and our state's population going up for the first time since 2004.

We have more work to do, too. I will continue to work with local leaders on the 5 Mile Road redevelopment, help Canton improve I-275, and fight to get more of our tax dollars away from Wayne County and back to our local roads and parks.

I'm re-introducing legislation to put the customer communities in charge of the Detroit Water & Sewer Department.

We need to get DWSD out of court, out of the shadows, and away from the political appointees who run it. I also voted against the Regional Transit Authority, a new layer of government that will impose a 'car tax' on us, while creating gridlock with monster buses that won't serve our communities.

I've also been accused in Lansing of being overly protective of our public schools. Guilty. I have consistently voted against K-12 budgets that took money away from our schools, while supporting legacy cost reforms providing more than \$7 million to Plymouth-Canton and

Northville. I'm also fighting to protect our schools from over-reaching government control, while making sure our schools only admit students who live in our school districts.

My door is always open. Since 2010, I've held over 400 coffees, library hours, one-on-one and group meetings, and visited thousands of homes. This year, I will hold "citizen innovation" sessions focused on local education, economic development, transportation, and senior issues; I hope you can join in the discussion.

Kurt Heise
state representative
20th District

Look at whole picture

A recent letter writer pointed out that a letter I wrote stopped the national debt analysis at President Bush. To most people who have closely followed the events of the past four years, the deficit increase to \$16 trillion over the past four years was entirely predictable and hardly surprising, given the events and history of the previous 30 years. President Obama walked in the door with a \$1.3 trillion dollar structural annual deficit. Based on the tax breaks for the wealthy and bloated military spending under President Reagan, tax breaks for the wealthy on steroids, and military spending on steroids under George Bush, and the fact that Republican obstructionism prevented any changes in the tax or revenue stream, the deficit numbers had no where to go but to continue to rise. Under Reagan the national debt tripled, under Bush it doubled. When Bush became president he took over an economy from Bill Clinton that created 22 million jobs, and Bush was handed a half trillion annual budget surplus.

President Obama's job as he walked into the White House was to stop the loss of 700,000-plus jobs per month, pay interest on the 10 trillion dollar debt Reagan and Bush left all of us, provide unemployment benefits to millions more people, reduce the deficit with less people working and paying taxes, and find a way to prevent the collapse of the financial system and avoid the second Republican Great Depression. There were also two wars (one Bush and Cheney chose to get us into), and a prescription drug program under Bush that weren't paid for.

As usual, Republicans love to point out the portion of an argument that advances their point of view, while ignoring the issues, history and facts that weaken or negate their whole argument.

Steve Lawrence
Northville

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OTHER OPINIONS

DIA reaccreditation affirms commitment to excellence

By Graham W.J. Beal
Guest Columnist

As stakeholders in the Detroit Institute of Arts and in the well-being of our cultural community, I want to share some excellent news with the residents of Wayne County. After a two-year review and thorough evaluation of every aspect of DIA operations, the museum has again earned reaccreditation from the American Alliance of Museums, the foremost professional organization for museums in the United States.

Accreditation is a high-profile, peer-based validation of the DIA's operations, accomplishments and impact, and affirms that we are fulfilling our obligation to the public trust. It certifies that the museum meets the highest professional standards of operation and public service, and brings national recognition of our commitment to excellence. The reaccreditation process is a long and arduous one. We compiled a comprehensive self-study report, analyzing every operation from care of the art collection to accounting and investment policies to exhibition programs and evaluation methods. The report was reviewed by an independent, autonomous Accreditation Commission consisting of museum professionals. An Accreditation Visiting Committee then spent two days on site interviewing staff and board members.

Accreditation is a testament to the hard work and dedication of DIA staff and volunteers. Their efforts made the



Graham Beal

Visiting Committee's decision to grant reaccreditation easy — in their words, a “no-brainer.” Here are some of the glowing accolades from the committee's report:

- The DIA is one of the nation's great museums, and a global resource for cultural and visual-arts education, with first-rate, compelling programming that is varied and focused.
- The DIA is extremely well-run, and policies and procedures are carefully considered.
- The DIA has a cogent plan with clear direction based on sound museological practice and philosophy.
- Volunteers, supporters, patrons and audiences have a palpable pride in the museum.
- The DIA has the most elaborate demographic study of its diverse audiences that the Visiting Committee members have seen.
- Teaching is a paramount concern.
- The DIA's public areas are well-maintained, clean, inviting and helpful in assuring a good visitor experience.

The 14,774 visitors on school field trips and 50,759 other Wayne County residents who have enjoyed free admission since last year's millage vote can attest to the report's findings that the DIA has met its goal of “making its collection accessible to all who wish to visit and learn,” with displays “geared to various learning styles as well as to multiple ages.”

You can read the entire report at <http://www.dia.org/support/newsletter.aspx>. We hope you will experience the museum for yourself very soon.

Graham W.J. Beal is director of the Detroit Institute of Arts.

LIBRARY LINES

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

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Industry honor recognizes Northville man and his Farmington Hills firm

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

David McKnight of Northville Township was honored when his Emerald City Designs was lauded by *Special Events Magazine* for Best Floral Design.

The Special Event Group was awarded Best Floral Design 2012 Jan. 18 in Chicago. Each year, *Special Events Magazine* distinguishes the finest work in special events worldwide. Entrants range from the U.S. and Canada to Denmark and Russia. This year, *Special Events Magazine* received 340 entries in total. To receive the award, entries go through three rounds of judging by members of the magazine Advisory Board, composed of leaders and professionals in the event industry.

"We're very excited. I thought it was great for us to receive this as we're entering our 20th year of business," owner McKnight said.

Emerald City Designs, at 24590 N. Industrial

Drive, Farmington Hills, was up for two nominations, Best Table Design and Best Floral Design.

"We created a table," said McKnight, 41, a former Plymouth resident. "We dressed a table and covered it from left to right, top to bottom, all over with floral."

The event planner and his colleagues are flattered by the industry recognition. This year marks their 20th year of business, and the firm has upwards of 50-60 employees seasonally.

McKnight opted against college and began his company at age 21 while supporting himself by cleaning houses and waiting tables. Throughout the early days of the company, Toni Genitti of Genitti's-Hole-in-the-Wall in Northville was a great support system for McKnight and guided him through his first few years as an entrepreneur.

"That's really when I started Emerald City Designs," said McKnight, a former EDS staffer. "I

owe a big thanks to Toni Genitti for all her support. She was a mentor."

He had a cooler for flowers in the Genitti's Marketplace then, worked there and handled other duties. "I would meet with potential clients in the restaurant," he recalled. "Toni just gave me a lot of words of encouragement."

An emphasis is made by McKnight to know each client and to be personally involved with all events.

Emerald City Designs provides custom floral, wedding planning, event coordinating, décor rental and stationery services for social and corporate events. Its website is www.emeraldcitydesigns.com.

For their winning entry, they incorporated Plexiglas with floating candles and roses, also submerged and visible under the table.

Emerald City Designs will host a Style Showcase 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9, at the Farmington Hills studio. The business phone at (248) 474-7077, and res-

ervations are needed for the event.

He said business is wonderful.

"We're blessed. There are brides and grooms wanting to host nice events, as well as parents wanting to support those events," he said.

He cited several keys to their success.

"I would say the trust of our clients, the valuable relationships we've created with our preferred vendors and venues." He also said "the support of our amazing staff" is vital.

The business staff and owner like to give back to Wayne/Oakland County organizations, including Northville athletic groups.

He has words of wisdom for up and coming business owners.

"Keep focus," McKnight said. "Don't give up. Follow your intuition. Following intuition most times leads to great success. It shows you have passion and care."

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Mustang Nick Hayes swims the 200 yard IM during a Jan. 31 home meet.

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Mustangs fall to powerful Stevenson

Tankers just can't keep up with KLAA's top team

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

All season long, Northville swimming and diving coach Rich Bennetts has been saying that his team needed to bring their game up to another level if they hoped to compete with the KLAA's top teams, such as Northville's long-time rival Livonia Stevenson.

Last week, the Livonia Stevenson Spartans let the Mustangs know that they still have a bit further to go before they match-up with the best. Northville fell to the Spartans, 105-81.

"They are clearly the best team in our league and they proved it tonight," said Bennetts. "We were at home and we had several opportunities to try and make this a meet and they swatted us away every time."

ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs boys swimming and diving team will be back in the pool when they swim in the MISCA meet this weekend and participate in the Central Division championship meet next week.

Bennetts said his team had identified the key match-ups that the Mustangs had to win in order to be competitive in the meet. Unfortunately, those wins did not come.

"The butterfly, diving and the 500 free were three events we could not afford to lose tonight and we lost all three," he said. "Very disappointed in the result, but the better team won."

The Spartans took first place finishes in 10 of the 12 events of the night with Northville capturing



Mustangs raise on high and celebrate their team mascot Walter the camel at the start of their Jan. 31 meet against Livonia Stevenson.

ing the top spot in the 200 freestyle relay with a team of Andrew Westphal, Sam Boyea, Scott Wang and Austin Hunt in a time of 1:33.13. They also won the 50 freestyle with Westphal taking the first with a time of 22.66 seconds — just 0.04 seconds ahead of Livonia Stevenson's Jackson

O'Dowd.

Northville has a lot of work to do as they prep for the KLAA meet, said Bennetts.

"We will see what we can do here in the next three weeks to try and give them a challenge at the league meet, but from what I saw tonight, we will be fighting for



Mustang Andrew Westphal shares a high-five with Livonia Stevenson's Jackson O'Dowd — whom he bested in the 50 meter freestyle in a Jan. 31 meet.

second with Novi," he said. "Our guys just haven't found a way to compete this season at the level that is necessary to be good. We are content with being average right now, and that clearly is not the goal of the program. So we have to coach them better and hope that tonight's loss will serve as motivation for the next three weeks and maybe we can show up at the conference meet and swim better."

Northville's top finishes in the other events were: 200 medley relay:

Team of Nick Hayes, Chris Geng, Frank Zhang and James Xue, second place, 1:47.74; 200 free: Hunt, second, 1:50.7; 200 individual medley: Xue, second, 2:04.67; diving: Anton Travis, second, 174.1 points; 100 butterfly: Wang, second, 56.6 seconds; 100 freestyle: Westphal, second, 48.86; 500 freestyle: Hunt, second, 5:02.98; 100 backstroke: Hayes, third, 59.76; 100 breaststroke: Geng, third, 1:04.71; and 400 free relay: team of Westphal, Boyea, Xue and Hunt, second, 3:21.81.

Girls cagers split week

Squad ends home win streak

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

Some losses are just tougher to take than others, just ask the Northville Mustangs girls basketball team.

The squad, coached by Todd Gudith, took a 51-29 loss to the Novi Wildcats last Friday.

ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs girls basketball team will be back in action when they host South Lyon East tomorrow at 7 p.m. before playing in the conference tournament next week.

back to February of last season.

The Mustangs held the advantage throughout the first quarter, ending the stanza with a

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Mustang Emily Maresh blocks the shot of Wildcat Kerri McMahan during the teams' Feb. 1 meeting.

Mustangs' cheerleading takes second in KLAA finals

Squad finishes just shy of Plymouth's first-place standing

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

It's always a tough pill to swallow when a team falls just short of a first-place finish in a big tournament, but you won't hear the Northville Mustangs competitive cheerleading team complaining about second place in the KLAA Finals last Saturday.

"The team has been making great strides over the last two weeks," said Northville coach Mindy Gentz. "We have been seeing consistent improvement every time we take the floor."

Gentz said the team headed into the KLAA finals with four days of "productive practices and it showed in our performance on Saturday."

Northville finished the day with 10 wins and one loss on the day for second, just

ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs competitive cheerleading team will be back in action when they hit the road for the Delta Plex Invitational this weekend before competing next week in the MHSAA district tournament.

four points shy of the KLAA champion Plymouth Wildcats.

"With two weeks left before the MHSAA Tournament starts, we are encouraged by the effort and the dedication the girls continue to display on a daily basis," said Gentz. "We have had our share of struggles this season, but the team has worked tirelessly to overcome every obstacle encountered. They come back stronger each week."

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Gymnastics team has solid showing

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

The Northville Mustangs gymnastics team found themselves in the company of some serious competition last week when they traveled to Canton for the annual invitational tournament hosted there.

The squad, coached by Erin McWatt, posted solid scores throughout the Canton Invitational, including a season-high team total on the bars.

The Mustangs ended the day with a team total of 129.75 in the tournament while Grand Ledger, the defending state champions, earned the tourna-

ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs gymnastics team will compete again March 2 when they compete in the MHSAA regional tournament.

ment championship with a 147.675.

The Mustangs were led by Taylor Dempsey on the bars as she earned an impressive 8.65 from the judges. Gerianna Dauber also had a strong day, collecting an 8.575 with her performance on the vault, while Lauren Rodriguez led the Mustangs with an 8.475 with her floor routine.



Chris Warwood

Northville gymnast Gerianna Dauber begins her beam routine at the Canton Invitational.

CAGERS

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9-6 advantage. Unfortunately, the remainder of the game was a lesson in playing tighter defense against a team that can score from almost anywhere in the offensive zone.

"I thought we played well in the first quarter, but we got hammered on the boards and left them with too many chances," said Gudith. "Even though they didn't make much in the first quarter it was just a matter of time before they started to when you give them that many opportunities."

Gudith said that the loss doesn't mean anything other than the Wildcats have secured the Central Division title. The next time they meet, he said, the score could be quite different.

"I still think we can play with them," Gudith said. "They are not 20 points better than us. We will play them again in three weeks in the district semi-finals and I know our girls will be ready. They've responded before. We're in a similar position as last year: We lost to Canton twice during the season but beat them in the district championship."

The Wildcats outscored the Mustangs, 17-2, in the second quarter and went on to dominate the third quarter, 18-8, on their way to victory. The two teams shot evenly in the final quarter, 10-10.

Leading Novi was Taylor Pavlika, who scored 18 points, including 11 in the second quarter. Northville was led by senior Kendra Brenner, who put in 13 points in the losing effort. Senior Britany Berehulka added seven while juniors Gabby Mencotti and Heather Randall added four

each. Sophomore Emily Maresh added a single point.

Northville is now 10-4 overall and fell to 5-3 in the Central Division.

Northville 42, Stevenson 28

The Mustangs' performance against the Livonia Stevenson Spartans as part of the annual Coaches vs. Cancer game was a bit more inspired as they took the lead in the first quarter and didn't look back.

The Spartans came out with a strong press hoping to throw the Mustangs off their game, but instead could only watch as the Northville squad put up a 14-10 performance in the first quarter and extended their lead to 21-9 by the end of the half.

The second half was much of the same, with the Northville cagers outscoring their foes, 21-16, throughout the final two stanzas.

Leading the way was Berehulka, who poured in 14 points, including an 8-for-8 performance from the free-throw line.

Randall returned from an ankle injury that had her sidelined for the past three weeks and put in nine points while Mencotti added eight points, junior Megan Buckingham had four points, Maresh added three and senior Diane Myers and Brenner, also a senior, put in two points.

The Coaches vs. Cancer game is part of a national program with the American Cancer Society and the National Basketball Coaches Association. The game is played with a pink ball and the coaches wear pink shoes. Additionally, prior to the game, the players sold Wall of Hope cards with proceeds benefiting the American Cancer Society.

Northville takes two losses, big win

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

It was a bit of an up-and-down week for the Northville Mustangs hockey team as they suffered two losses and then collected a big.

The squad, coached by Clint Robert, fell to Stevenson in a Central Division shutout, 4-0, before suffering a 5-2 loss to Grand Haven two days later. The team then made a stop at East Kentwood and picked up a crushing 10-2 victory.

Against East Kentwood, the Mustangs began the game having some trouble finding their rhythm, falling behind 1-0 in the first period of play. And then they shook off daze and put on an offensive clinic and put the Falcons on their heels as Northville scored five goals on just 11 shots in the second period.

Kyle Abraham started the night off for the Mustangs, tying the game at

ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs boys hockey team will be back on the ice when they play in the KLAAC cross-over game next week. Details were not available as of press time.

1-1, before Ryan Bloom scored two and Alec Morgan and Andrew Rosati added one each for a convincing 5-2 lead heading into the final period.

In the third, Northville kept the momentum in their favor as they put up five more goals with Gardiner tallying two and Morgan completing a hat trick with two of his own. Nick Melucci added the final tally for the Mustangs to close all scoring.

Gardiner added four assists on the night to earn a six-point game for his statistics, while Buddy DeBrabander and Bloom had three assists each.

Stevenson 4, Northville 0

The Mustangs found themselves on the wrong end of a shutout in the Central Division when they took on the Livonia Stevenson Spartans Jan. 30.

The Northville defense found difficulty in keeping the Spartans from peppering the goal with shots as they fired the puck on goal 17 times in the first period alone and 41 times throughout the game. Northville shot just 24 pucks on goal.

Despite that pressure, the Spartans were only able to take a 1-0 lead into a scoreless second period.

It was the third period in which the Spartans tore the game open, scoring on their fifth power play of the game to make it a 2-0 contest before adding another tally on a short-handed goal just a few minutes later. The final score of the game came on a late power play.

Grand Haven 5, Northville 2

A road trip to face Grand Haven didn't end well for the Mustangs, who fell behind 2-1 in the first period and couldn't gain the advantage through the remainder of the contest.

Grand Haven added another goal in the second period for a 3-1 advantage over Northville before adding two more goals in the final stanza — including an empty-net score — while Northville mustered a final tally of their own.

Northville jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the game on a pass from Jack Meacham that Danny O'Malley fired past the Buccaneers' goalie with just 1:39 off the clock.

Northville's other goal came off the stick of Tim Eis, who was assisted by Gardiner and Joe Chase.

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Cagers earn two victories

Boys squad defeats Novi, Livonia Stevenson

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

Chalk up two big victories for the Northville Mustangs boys basketball team — two wins they needed to get their season back on track.

The team, coached by Todd Sander, has had its share of detractors this season, but they didn't let the critics get in their head last week as they toppled the Novi Wildcats and the Livonia Stevenson last week to pull their record to 7-7 overall and 4-4 in the Central Division.

Against Novi last Friday, the Mustangs earned a 52-45 victory.

"There were a few keys for us tonight," said Sander. "We did some of the dirty work, got most of the 50/50 balls, took a charge had a lot of guys diving on the floor. It was fun to watch."

"Guys stepped up, and we had a lot of different contributors. This was really a team victory, and I am so happy our players were rewarded for the work they have been putting in practice."

Northville didn't trail after scoring the first two buckets of the night and went out to an 11-8 lead in the first quarter and extended that to 23-17 by the half.

The Wildcats did make a final run in the final quarter, outscoring Northville, 19-14, but by then it was too late and they weren't able to overcome the deficit as the Salem Rocks had done against Northville the week prior.

"We showed better poise down the stretch when they made their final run at us," said Sander. "That was a very encouraging sign showing that we could closeout a big game."

The Northville stands helped keep the Mustangs' players at full speed all night, with the energy in the gym simply crackling with student support. The biggest roar came in the second half when Meacham brought down a thunderous dunk that brought everyone in the stands to their feet.

"That was a real momentum changer," said Sander.

Meacham put in 14 points in the win while Henzi added 11. Four others scored six each.

Northville 59, Livonia Stevenson 53

The Northville Mustangs found themselves in a much closer than they would have imagined when they jumped out to a 20-7 advantage over their Central Division foes last week.

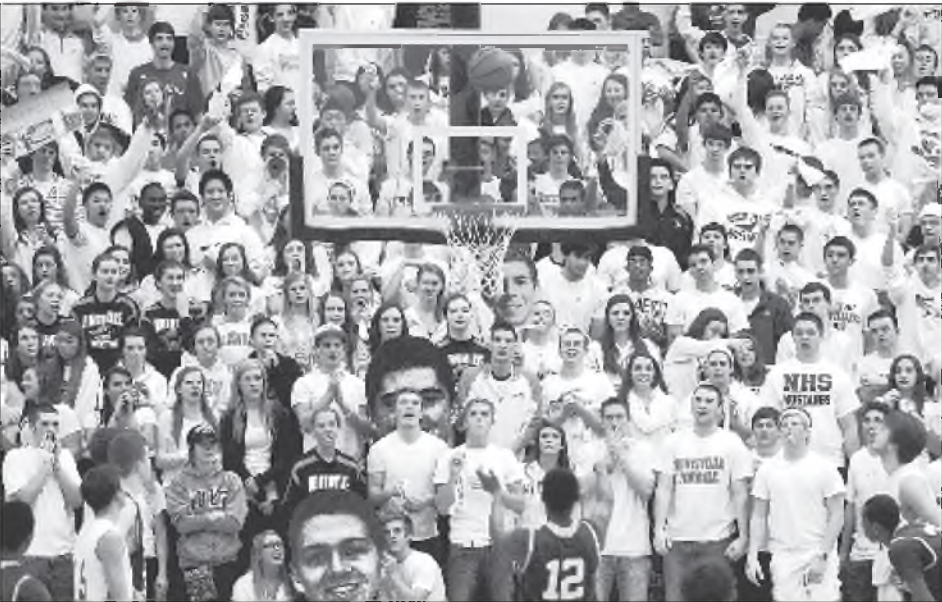
Stevenson pulled their defense together and ratcheted up their pressure, closing the game all the way to one point before the sure shooting of Andrew Stevens from the free-throw line at the end of the first half gave the team a four-point cushion heading into the locker room, 26-22.

Northville managed to



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Mustang Andrew Meacham, right, denies a shot by Wildcat Charles McKinney during the teams' Feb. 1 game.



Northville fans create a "white-out" and a bit of a commotion in front of Novi Wildcat and free-throw shooter Charles McKinney on Feb. 1.

get into foul trouble in the first half, too, with Stewart Henzi getting whistled for three and Andrew Meacham and Malik Bazzi for two each.

"We had a few people playing out of their normal positions, which caused us to turn the ball over more than we would like," noted Sander.

The third quarter found Stevenson falling behind as the Mustangs outscored them, 19-15, and then held on for the win despite being outscored in the final quarter, 16-14.

"We came out inspired to start the half, connect-

ing on four triples in the third quarter," said Sander of Meacham's two long-range shots and one each from Bazzi and Hewlett.

Northville stretched the lead to 14 points twice, but Stevenson never quit.

"They turned us over a few times late, but never got any closer than eight points until they scored a very lace deuce when the game was decided," said Sander.

Meacham had a career-high 31 points and 11 rebounds for a solid double-double performance, even connecting on five

three pointers for the second game in a row.

Andrew Stevens was an offensive spark, scoring 10 points off the bench while Henzi was his usual solid self, scoring seven points and pulling down six boards in the winning effort.

"Meacham was terrific again and really took over the game in the second half," said Sander.

"Any road win is a good one in our tough division. I liked our energy in a potentially trap game sandwiched between the Salem heartbreaker and Novi rematch."



From left, Rick Burkhardt of West Bloomfield, Craig Champagne of Brighton, Paul Steel of Novi, and Chris Whall of Clarkston competed in the Cadillac Golf Classic National Finals held Jan. 18-20 in Pebble Beach, Calif. The foursome placed in the top three in their local National Kidney Foundation of Michigan Cadillac Golf Classic tournament last season at Northville's Meadowbrook Country Club and qualified for the National Finals along with more than 50 other amateur golf teams from across the country.

Local golfers fourth in national tourney at Pebble Beach

A foursome of local golfers had the rare opportunity to compete for a national title on some of the nation's premiere golf courses over the weekend of Jan. 18-20.

The foursome — composed of Rick Burkhardt (West Bloomfield), Craig Champagne (Brighton), Paul Steel (Novi), and Chris Whall (Clarkston) — teed off in the National Kidney Foundation Cadillac Golf Classic National Finals held at Pebble Beach. The team shot rounds of 62-63-63 for a three-day total of 188 to finish in a tie for fourth place.

The foursome qualified for the Pebble Beach National Finals by finishing in the top three at the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan's (NKFM) Cadillac Golf Classic last summer at Meadowbrook Country Club in Northville.

They faced off against 50 other amateur golf teams from across the country. Teams played the fabled fairways and signature holes of the Monterey Peninsula: Pebble Beach Golf Links, Del Monte Golf Course and The Links at Spanish Bay in the four-person, 54-hole scramble format event.

Funds raised through the local tournament support the NKFM's patient services and prevention programs offered to the more than 900,000 Michigan adults living with kidney disease. The event is bolstered by its title sponsor, Cadillac.

The 2013 Cadillac Golf Classic at Meadowbrook Country Club will take place on Aug. 26.

For more information about the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan's Cadillac Golf Classics, please visit nkfm.org.

WINTER SCHEDULES

Novi

- ICE HOCKEY**
2/9 TBD @ TBA (Public School Showcase @ Arctic Coliseum)
2/12 7 p.m. @ Farmington (@ Farmington Hills Ice Arena)
- BOYS BASKETBALL**
All games 7 p.m. unless noted
2/8 Livonia Stevenson
- GIRLS BASKETBALL**
All games 7 p.m. unless noted
2/8 @ Livonia Stevenson
2/12 KLAA Crossover
2/14 @ KLAA Crossover
- BOYS SWIMMING**
All meets 6 p.m. unless noted
2/15-16 6 p.m./12 p.m. @ KLAA Central Division Meet (@ South Lyon East)
- BOYS & GIRLS BOWLING**
2/10 1 p.m. @ Valentine Tournament (@ Novi Bowl)
2/12 Plymouth Salem (@ Novi Bowl)
2/15 TBA @ KLAA Crossover/Tournament (@ TBD)
- COMPETITIVE CHEER**
2/15 6:30 p.m. @ Districts (@ Hartland)
- BOYS & GIRLS SKIING**
All dual races 4 p.m. @ Alpine Valley unless noted
2/7 8:45 a.m. KLAA Division Meet
2/11 8:45 a.m. KLAA Conference Meet
2/14 Regionals
- FIGURE SKATING**
2/13 4 p.m. @ Farmington Invitational (@ Farmington Hills Ice Arena)

Catholic Central

- SWIMMING**
2/7 Brother Rice 7 p.m.
2/8-9 MISCA TBA
2/14 @Cranbrook 5:30 p.m.
- BOWLING**
2/10 Novi Tournament 1 p.m.
2/11 University of Detroit 3:30 p.m.
- BASKETBALL**
All games 7:30 p.m. unless noted
2/8 Orchard Lake St. Mary's
2/12 Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard 7 p.m.

WRESTLING

- 2/9 Individual District
2/13 Team Regional
- HOCKEY**
All games 7 p.m. unless noted
2/7-2/8 MIHL Showcase
- SKIING**
Events at 6 p.m. at Mt. Brighton unless noted
2/7 League Championship 9 a.m.
2/11 CHSL Championship @ Alpine Valley 5:30 p.m.
2/14 MHSAA Regional 9 a.m.

Northville

- BOYS HOCKEY**
All games 7 p.m. unless noted
2/13 KLAA Crossover
- BOYS BOWLING**
All events 3:30 p.m. unless noted
2/12 Wayne Memorial
2/15 @KLAA Association Meet TBA
- GIRLS BOWLING**
All events 3:30 p.m. unless noted
2/12 Wayne Memorial
2/15 @KLAA Association Meet TBA
- BOYS BASKETBALL**
All games at 7 p.m. unless noted
2/8 @South Lyon East
2/15 @Conference Tournament
- GIRLS BASKETBALL**
All games 7 p.m. unless noted
2/8 South Lyon East
2/12 Conference Tournament
2/14 @Conference Tournament
- BOYS SWIMMING**
All meets 6:30 p.m. unless noted
2/7 @South Lyon East
2/8-2/9 @MISCA Meet TBA
2/15-2/16 @Division Meet TBA
- GYMNASTICS**
All meet 6:30 p.m. unless noted
2/7 @Salem
- CHEERLEADING**
All events at 6 p.m. unless noted
2/9 @Delta Plex Invitational TBA
- WRESTLING**
Meets 5:30 p.m. unless noted
2/7, 2/9 @MHSAA Districts TBA

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.

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.

Recreational softball

Now in it's second year, the Kensington Valley Senior Softball League is recruiting players age 55 and up from Northville, Novi, Brighton, Howell and the surrounding areas to form new teams. Season will begin May 28; games will be played at 10 a.m. Tuesdays.

Interested players/teams, please contact one of the following for additional info: Charlie Gabbeart, Northville Recreation, (248) 449-9947; Tori Heglin, Novi Recreation, (248) 347-0422; Chris Galatis, Howell Recreation, (517) 404-3323.

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Housing affordability favors Midwest, including the Detroit region

With 11 months of data reported, 2012 will clearly go down as a record year for favorable housing affordability conditions, and a great year for buyers who could get a mortgage, according to the National Association of Realtors.

NAR's national Housing Affordability Index stood at 198.2 in November, based on the relationship between median home price, median family income and average mortgage interest rate. The higher the index, the greater the household purchasing power; record-keeping began in 1970.

An index of 100 is defined as the point where a median-income household has exactly enough income to qualify for the purchase of a median-priced existing single-family home, assuming a 20 percent down payment and 25 percent of gross income devoted to mortgage principal and interest payments. For first-time buyers making small down payments, the affordability levels are relatively lower.

For all of 2012, NAR projects the housing affordability index to be a record high 194, up from 186 in 2011, which was the previous record. November's reading was 2.5 index points below October, but up 1.5 index points from a year earlier.

Lawrence Yun, NAR chief economist, said home buyers are able to stay well within their means. "Although 2012 was highest on record, the excessively tight underwriting precluded many would-be homebuyers from locking-in generational low interest rates," he said. "Rising home prices



and a gradual uptrend in mortgage interest rates will offset improvements in family income, but 2013 likely will be the third best on record in terms of household buying power. A window of opportunity remains open for buyers who can qualify for a mortgage."

Tony Schippa, Coldwell Banker Preferred of Plymouth Realtor and past president of the Greater Metropolitan Association of Realtors, said, "I think because the market is turning around, people are employed. I think people are realizing now is the time to go out and buy a house.

"Right now, we have a shortage of inventory," Plymouth resident Schippa said. He cited a condo in Northville at \$130,000 that sold recently within 48 hours.

"Even in the \$300, \$400s, you're getting multiple offers. I think you're going to continue to see that grow."

Schippa thinks interest rates on home loans may rise. "As we know, things don't stay low

forever, unfortunately. Now is definitely a good time to get in the market and get yourself a home."

It's also been Schippa's experience that the Midwest is traditionally more affordable than the East and West Coasts. "The Midwest is kind of a more stable market. I think you have more transients on the coasts.

"We were the first ones to go down with the manufacturing jobs going away," a few years ago. The Upper Peninsula, even during recent down times, "they have a more stable economy with so many jobs relying on the auto industry. They still kept pretty steady numbers."

The shortage of housing inventory has impacted both sellers and buyers, Schippa said. "Offering 80 cents on the dollar isn't working anymore." Some buyers now fear appraisal issues, and are willing to pay.

"We will continue to move forward," he said of Michigan's economy. Realtors and their Political Action Committee are contributing to the business cli-

mate in Michigan, Schippa added.

NAR projects the housing affordability index to average 160 during 2013, which means on a national basis that a median-income family would have 160 percent of the income needed to purchase a median-priced existing single-family home. Conditions vary widely, with the highest buying power in the Midwest. Even in the West, where the regional index is lower, they typical family is well positioned in most markets.

NAR President Gary Thomas, broker-owner of Evergreen Realty in Villa Park, Calif., said the minor erosion in affordability conditions moving forward could be mitigated by bank and regulatory policies. "Clearer rules from the government regarding future lawsuits and buybacks of Fannie and Freddie loans could encourage banks to use their massive cash holdings to originate more loans," he said.

"A more sensible lending environment that makes it easier for other financially qualified buyers to get a mortgage would allow many more households to enter the market, boosting home sales as much as 10 to 15 percent," Thomas said.

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

Staff writer Julie Brown contributed to this report.

Downtown Minneapolis on the grow

By Robert Meisner
Guest Columnist

Q: I am in the commercial real estate business with respect to large skyscrapers. I

am wondering if you have any information about Minneapolis in terms of its investment potential.

A: I am advised that a major California



Robert Meisner

real estate company has invested over \$200 million dollars in buying a 50-story tower in downtown Minneapolis. Basically, most of the buildings in the downtown area are occupied in the high 90 percentile being a secondary market. Minneapolis, based upon my recent analysis and visit, is thriving in the downtown area, particularly, because of the Target Center. It may well be a growing commercial center because of the rapid transit.

Q: I am finding it difficult to find a good Realtor who is willing to give me the time I need to look at various homes in the community in which I strive to live. Do you have any recommendations on how we can find a good Realtor?

A: Like finding a good lawyer, the best way to find a good Realtor is by word of mouth from someone who has had an opportunity to work with that Realtor. Of course, not everyone gets along with someone else the same way, and that is not an absolute guarantee. Obviously, the major firms have websites that provide the credentials for their real estate agents. You are best advised to have a real estate broker, who is affiliated with a company that has a good record of accomplishment and does not have any complaints filed against it with the state regulatory body. In any event, once you find a prospective Realtor, you should ask for references from that Realtor in order to check out their experience and ability to give you the service to which you are entitled.

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

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

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

CANTON

6979 Becky Dr	\$182,000
43732 Belleauwood Ct	\$165,000
6607 Burnham Dr	\$160,000
7797 Chichester Rd	\$205,000
7638 Corbin Dr	\$176,000
44974 Danbury Rd	\$258,000
8190 Elmhurst St	\$205,000
408 Elmington Ct	\$431,000
2134 Fairway Cir	\$158,000
44947 Forest Trail Dr	\$195,000
43737 Fredericksburg St	\$121,000
42339 Glencove Ct	\$200,000
6905 Harvard Ln	\$81,000
1149 Heatherlea Ct	\$30,000
1935 Hendrie	\$297,000
7393 Hillsboro Dr	\$160,000
6648 Kennesaw Rd	\$410,000
46453 Killarney Ct	\$180,000
50336 Lansdowne Rd	\$77,000
142 Madison Ct	\$421,000
41500 Metaline Dr	\$177,000
227 Nassau Ct	\$160,000
49061 Northampton Ct	\$445,000
1712 Nowland Ct	\$196,000
4067 Palace Ave	\$176,000
1606 Peninsula Ct	\$174,000
4642 Pond Run	\$202,000
3100 S Lilley Rd	\$140,000
42161 Saratoga Cir	\$145,000
44237 Southampton Dr	\$140,000
2918 Stanton St	\$235,000

43509 W Arbor Way Dr	\$60,000
48650 Wildrose Dr	\$355,000
GARDEN CITY	
29133 Alvin St	\$100,000
27559 Cambridge St	\$15,000
30433 Dawson St	\$160,000
6431 Golfview St	\$100,000
5834 Helen St	\$40,000
7031 Helen St	\$55,000
7139 Middlebelt Rd	\$274,000
28515 Pardo St	\$260,000
33645 Rosslyn Ave	\$73,000
30513 Sheridan St	\$39,000
32527 Sheridan St	\$41,000
LIVONIA	
32456 Barkley St	\$126,000
11405 Cranston St	\$145,000
36200 Fairway Dr	\$350,000
36380 Fairway Dr	\$30,000
18234 Farmington Rd	\$56,000
18939 Flamingo Blvd	\$83,000
14087 Golfview St	\$145,000
11025 Ingram St	\$139,000
18646 Irving St	\$136,000
18973 Irving St	\$125,000
37937 Jamison St	\$92,000
11408 Melrose St	\$155,000
19631 Melvin St	\$109,000
37524 N Laurel Park Dr	\$110,000
37553 Newburgh Park Cir	\$198,000
37654 Northfield Ave	\$220,000
35416 Northgate Dr	\$230,000
34334 Orangelawn St	\$144,000
35952 Parkdale St	\$108,000
20054 Parkville St	\$49,000
29526 Pickford St	\$110,000
29615 Ravine Dr	\$172,000
20265 Rensellor St	\$13,000
39320 Ross St	\$135,000
35112 Scone St	\$125,000
37255 Seabrook Dr	\$330,000
18486 Southampton St	\$238,000

14243 Sunset St	\$111,000
15346 Sunset St	\$132,000
18059 University Park Dr	\$60,000
9049 W Deborah Ct	\$129,000
32488 Washington St	\$130,000
19972 Weyher St	\$84,000
9918 Woodring St	\$65,000
NORTHVILLE	
18871 Bayberry Way	\$498,000
48252 Binghampton Ct	\$550,000
44406 Broadmoor Blvd	\$453,000
44420 Broadmoor Blvd	\$463,000
44426 Broadmoor Blvd	\$466,000
16148 Crystal Downs E	\$514,000
46543 Crystal Downs W	\$493,000
19373 Crystal Lake Dr	\$85,000
39571 Dun Rovin Dr	\$250,000
39773 Eagle Trace Cir	\$240,000
735 Grandview St	\$465,000
16093 Homestead Cir	\$340,000
16295 Horseshoe Dr	\$427,000
16828 Horseshoe Dr	\$427,000
19548 Mann Ct	\$30,000
48277 Manorwood Dr	\$477,000
16406 Mulberry Way	\$277,000
41882 Pon Meadow Dr	\$296,000
15361 Prestwick Cir N	\$477,000
43587 Prestwick Cir S	\$474,000
516 Rouge St	\$185,000
327 Saint Lawrence Blvd	\$225,000
20300 Spring Ln	\$800,000
41899 Waterfall Rd	\$287,000
16147 Westminster Dr	\$273,000
PLYMOUTH	
11524 Aspen Dr	\$142,000
11344 Bellwood Dr	\$315,000
693 Burroughs St	\$285,000
44763 Charnwood Dr	\$299,000
48080 Colony Farms Cir	\$132,000
14805 Farmbrook Dr	\$193,000
41059 Greenbrook Ln	\$153,000
13343 Hidden Creek Dr	\$254,000

40164 Newport Dr	\$68,000
40852 Newport Dr	\$60,000
9285 Northern Ave	\$135,000
9275 Tavistock Dr	\$103,000
REDFORD	
16583 Beech Daly Rd	\$37,000
18636 Brady	\$10,000
14242 Breakfast Dr	\$147,000
12073 Columbia	\$55,000
11356 Crosley	\$89,000
25251 E Deborah	\$70,000
17334 Garfield	\$18,000
20407 Garfield	\$26,000
20039 Indian	\$70,000
19996 Inkster Rd	\$15,000
14211 Mason Dr	\$145,000
16025 Negaunee	\$36,000
13949 Royal Grand	\$47,000
15134 Salem Ct	\$46,000
24547 Westgate Dr	\$40,000
WESTLAND	
33007 Akron St	\$5,000
30492 Birchwood St	\$60,000
34127 Birchwood St	\$41,000
8273 Bristol St	\$35,000
34870 Fairchild St	\$48,000
31025 Fernwood St	\$30,000
32240 Harvard Ct	\$41,000
35689 Hunter Ave	\$42,000
8230 Liberty Blvd	\$22,000
7806 Manor Cir	\$23,000
30149 Matthew St	\$45,000
33023 Merritt Ct	\$90,000
5826 N Globe St	\$60,000
32561 Palmer Rd	\$7,000
825 Patricia Place Dr	\$156,000
1626 S Dowling St	\$93,000
38588 Scott Dr	\$45,000
786 Summerfield Dr	\$65,000
33513 Unicorn Ct	\$67,000

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the weeks of Sept. 24-28, 2012, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BIRMINGHAM

731 Chapin Ave	\$300,000
1495 Dorchester Rd	\$411,000
2497 Fairway Dr	\$1,300,000
575 Greenwood St	\$320,000
1221 Latham St	\$440,000
595 N Old Woodward Ave	\$172,000
1130 Wakefield St	\$297,000
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Career resolutions the good and the bad

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At the start of each year, New Year's resolutions are made. Some are kept, while many more are forgotten. Yet making resolutions can be beneficial if they are realistic, they allow for some flexibility and a plan is put in place to achieve them.

The same thinking applies to making career resolutions. While it's good to set goals, not all career resolutions are created equal. Some will help you get what you want, while others will leave you frustrated, complacent or not where you thought you'd be in your career.

"My personal view is that any resolutions, particularly those dealing with your career, must have a good balance between flexibility and specificity," says Lauren Still, founder of strategic career-management company Carerevolution Group. "A good resolution will allow someone to measure whether they're making progress on it ... A bad resolution is entirely dependent on actions of others, is too broad to be actionable or is unclear as to whether the individual achieved it."

Here are some good career resolutions to make this year, and some bad ones to avoid:

Good: Get feedback on an ongoing basis

Patrick Sweeney, president of human capital management firm Caliper, says that a smart career resolution is to continuously work with your manager on development goals. He suggests doing periodic check-ins throughout the year to get constructive feedback and ensure that you're on the same page

with how you're performing. "By taking the reins and showing this initiative with your manager, it shows that you care about your position, your company and helping your manager achieve her goals too," Sweeney says. "Companies look for and want to keep people who are committed to long-term growth, and this helps to cement your place."

Bad: Get feedback during performance reviews

Most people don't enjoy getting feedback on their weaknesses, even if it's constructive. So you may tell yourself it's better to wait to get feedback from your manager until performance-review time. That way, you can hear it all at once, and you don't have to worry about it any other time of the year. But doing so may set you back in your career. Without knowing what's working and what's not on an ongoing basis, you'll essentially be running in place. Also, if you're not asking for feedback regularly, your manager might believe you're not that invested in advancing your career.

Good: Maintain a better work/life balance

Did 2012 leave you feeling burned out and stressed? Try doing some things to better your personal life, and a better work life will follow. If your long hours at work have made going to the gym tough, try waking up an hour early to go to a fitness class or taking a power walk during your lunch break. While you don't need to push yourself to set specific fitness goals, just getting your

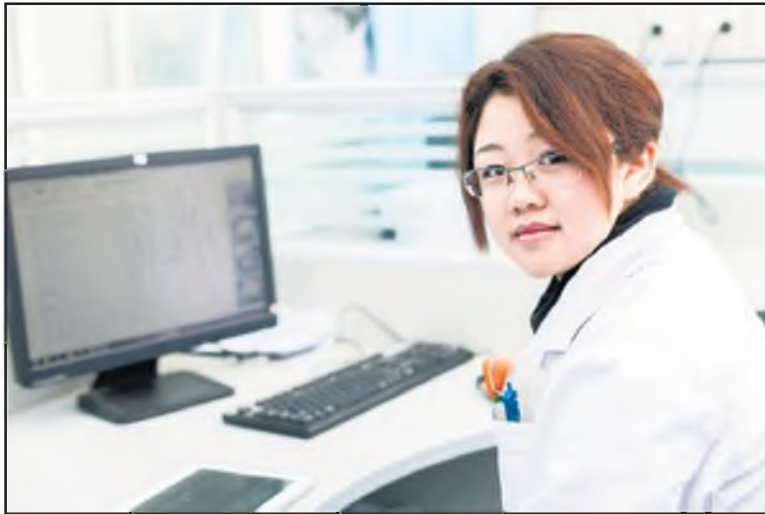
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Bad: Get more recognition, no matter what it takes

You may vow in the new year to show your boss that you're committed and that you have what it takes to get to the next level. While that's a positive goal, be careful about how you achieve it. If you work late nights and weekends without having a real reason to do so, or you take on more work than you can manage and don't ask for help, you may set yourself back instead of moving forward. There's a difference between working hard and overworking — the work you're doing should be meaningful if you really want to impress your boss.

Good: Repair damaged relationships

"If you left a job on bad terms or you have been out of touch with key people from your old company, you need to catch up with them," says Roy Cohen, career coach and author of, *The Wall Street Professional's Survival Guide*. Cohen advises, "At the very least, you want to determine what they will say if called for a reference. That should never be a surprise or a last-minute activity. Time is a great neutralizer of frayed edges and unresolved issues. They may also



have interesting ideas regarding opportunities and volunteer to serve as references."

Bad: Be ruthless

No one is denying that it's a competitive world out there, but working your way up the ladder by pushing others down isn't the way to win. Taking credit for others' ideas, ratting out a co-worker without talking to him first, holding important client meetings without inviting others who may benefit — you may think these actions will lead to success. But chances are you'll get caught, or you'll lose credibility in the eyes of your boss. Honesty, integrity and teamwork are what will make you stand out for the right reasons.

Good: Take on more responsibility

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Car Report

Advertising Feature



By Dale Buss

Lincoln’s brand revival bid slammed into top gear for Super Bowl Sunday with TV advertising that highlights the new MKZ sedan and the fresh positioning Ford is trying to give a marque that has been sleeping for decades. Under Jimmy Fallon’s Twitter-fed and crowdsourced creative influence, Lincoln’s effort generated perhaps more curiosity about what any auto brand was doing in the Big Game.

In a last twist, the automaker decided to break its presence in Super Bowl XLVII on February 3 into two 30-second spots instead of its originally planned single, minute long commercial.

“The last [few days] have seen the creative process unfold, and what we witnessed was that we’re having a hard time containing the content even in a rich 60-second spot,” Andrew Frick, Lincoln group marketing manager, said in late January. So, one of the spots focused more intently on the wonders of the re-designed MKZ sedan, while the other 30 seconds gave sway to Fallon’s imaginings.

It’s little wonder that Lincoln decided to go a bifurcated direction, even so late in the pre-game. Under Lincoln’s #SteertheScript promotion launched last fall, it was the job of TV host and comic Fallon to curate the best contributions from 6,117 tweets to create an ad for the third quarter of the game that highlighted contributors’ most intriguing road trips.

In the creative mix — as chronicled in the dribs and drabs of YouTube videos that Lincoln posted all along — were 20

alpacas, 10 turtles, several bikers and a hokey-looking spaceship in a desert setting. Indulging Fallon’s vision in such a way would seem to leave relatively little room to extol MKZ, which is only the first of the four new vehicles Lincoln has promised over the next few years.

Frick said that breaking its ad buy into two chunks became the most obvious way for Ford to succeed in promoting both the new vehicle and its “new” brand.

“You want to show your vehicle; the car is always the star, in some ways,” he said. “But you also want to strike the balance of not becoming too rational, and showing the more emotional side of the vehicle and how it relates to people individually and how the vehicle becomes a mechanism for their real-life experiences.

“We’re trying to connect the vehicle and the experiences in everyday life and how important the vehicle is to them.”

In any event, for a brand that has suffered from glaring corporate neglect over the last several years, the attempted turnabout is an ambitious as well as jarring one. Ford has tried to set the marketing stage over the last few months



Lincoln MKZ is the car star of the brand’s Super Bowl efforts.

by renaming the brand “Lincoln Motor Company,” by relying on touches of heritage (even including President Lincoln) in new advertising, and by talking up hopes that the new Lincoln will land the sort of young, “progressive luxury” customer who wasn’t on the agenda of the Lincoln of Town Car days.

Lincoln truly planned to throw the long ball in the Super Bowl. Its intended receiver is an upscale Gen X-er who previously wouldn’t have considered the brand or its relatively staid cars and instead would be pondering an Audi, BMW or maybe Infiniti or Buick for his or her next purchase. Thus the emphasis in the Big Game commercial on “experiences.”

“The progressive luxury customer we’re targeting is very much about personal experiences and understanding the story behind the story,”

Frick explained. “And we found there was a good amount of overlap between them and Fallon in terms of their following, based on the way he communicates and the brand around him.

“And we’ll surprise a lot of people in terms of how progressive we’ve become.”

Lincoln also is aiming to re-set its brand with a larger audience than those who might be in the market right now for an MKZ. “Any time you advertise on the Super Bowl, it’s going to extend to a far greater audience, and these spots will give everyone an idea of where the brand is going,” Frick said.

To help create a broader and ongoing conversation about Lincoln, social media is key. That’s clear from how the brand chose crowdsourcing from the start and in the lead-up to the game.

“We already received over 100 million impressions for the brand through social media before the ads even ran,” Frick noted. “We’re getting the message out.”

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