

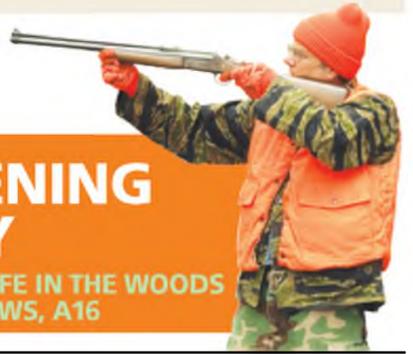
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Charles performance

Sheila Raye Charles, daughter of the legendary singer Ray Charles, will perform a free concert at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 14 at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile Road (just west of Haggerty Road) in Northville.

The event is free and open to the public. For more information, visit www.wardchurch.org.



Charles

Asher's 'dedicated' owner succumbs to lung cancer

Death leaves gas station's future in doubt

By Kurt Kuban
Staff Writer

Asher's Citgo gas station has been a fixture at Seven Mile and Rogers in Northville for more than six decades. The family-run station, known for its full-service fill-ups, persevered through several recessions and the rise of competing self-service mega stations.

But the station may not survive the passing of owner Rick

Asher, who died Thursday after a brief battle with lung cancer.

Customers of the small service station have been greeted by a "temporarily closed" sign this week after Asher, 59, was hospitalized for the last time a week ago Thursday.

According to his wife of 20 years, Asher's death is a tremendous blow, not only to the family, but to the station's future. As longtime customers know, Rick Asher was almost a permanent fixture at the station, working long hours.

"He dedicated his whole life to that gas station," Janine Ash-

er said. "Even after he got sick, to the point that he couldn't even eat anymore, he would get up at 5 or 5:30 in the morning to be there - right up to Tuesday of last week. The weekend before he died, while he was in the hospital, his big worry was how he was going to keep that station open."

It is that kind of dedication that attracted so many loyal customers over the years, including Sue Bowl, who said her parents first started going to Asher's back in 1965, when



Rick Asher is being remembered for his loyalty to his customers. His father Bill opened the gas station 62 years ago. Rick, 59, started working there when he was a boy and then purchased the station from his father.

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Mildred Madigan (left) sits with her daughter Pat Van Bonn in her Northville Allen Terrace home. Madigan will celebrate her 101st birthday Friday. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

NOT YOUR TYPICAL 'OLD-TIMER'

101st birthday no big deal for retired teacher

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

While for most people turning 101 years old might be a big deal, for Mildred Madigan, it's nothing to fuss about.

"She's a remarkable woman," said Madigan's daughter, Pat Van Bonn. "Everyone is always pleased to see her. She's just a gracious and delightful person to be around."

Madigan, a resident of Allen Terrace, turns 101 years old Nov. 15. There will be a party in her honor for reaching such a big milestone. Still driving herself to church each Sunday and around town on errands, Madigan said she owes her long life and good health to genetics and help from the "good Lord."

"I never thought I would be 101," she said. "I feel good and don't even think about my age, really." Swimming each week for 36 years at Schoolcraft College didn't hurt her longevity, either.

Life began for Madigan on a farm in South

Dakota, but her family later moved to the town of Garretson after the family was struck by the 1918 Spanish influenza pandemic. After high school, she went to college to become a teacher and taught in a one-room country school out on the Great Plains.



Northville's Mildred Madigan holds her high school graduation photo, taken in 1930, in Garretson, S.D. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

She arrived in Northville in 1937 to continue her teaching career. The Northville Cooperative Preschool was started by Madigan in 1950 and she worked as a teacher up until her retirement in 1977.

"I loved being with the kids," she said of teaching. Her husband William, who passed away in 1980, was also a teacher. She said they both fell in love with the Northville community when they first arrived in Michigan. They had five children, 14 grandchildren and now 34 great-grandchildren.

"It was a quaint, small village then and in some ways it still is, but it has seen a lot of changes over time," she said of her adopted hometown. "Back then, I never thought I would end up being the old-timer in town."

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Northville school board member to challenge Heise

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

Northville Public Schools Board of Education Trustee Scott Craig is throwing his hat in the ring against Rep. Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth, and will run against the incumbent for his 20th District seat in 2014.

And Craig cites education funding - or lack thereof - as one of the main issues that drew him into the contest.

"We need to create a world class education system and build an economy that works for all Michiganders. This legislature is too interested in promoting their narrow agenda, and not interested in creating a better future for all who make Michigan their home," he said.

Craig, who is also president of the Northville Democratic Club, has filed to run for the seat. The 20th District includes Northville, Plymouth and a portion of Canton.

At its Nov. 18 meeting, the NDC Board will recommend that the club make a substantial contribution to Craig's campaign.

Craig has served on the Northville school board since 2011 and is a government/history teacher at Seaholm High School in Birmingham with more than 27 years of teaching experience. He and his wife, University of Michigan Professor Annette Masson, have lived in Northville for 10 years.

First elected in 2010, Heise was re-elected in 2012 for a second two-year term.

The election will be a challenge for Craig considering the 20th is a solidly leaning Republican district.

According to Inside Michigan Politics editor/publisher Bill Ballenger, the 20th is probably 55 percent Republican voters. He said that's not a huge margin, but it will be a difficult hill to climb for a Democrat.

"Anybody has a chance, but as it stands now, Heise will be favored because it's hard to

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Rick's father William (Bill) was still in charge of the station he opened 62 years ago. When Bowl started driving her own car, she naturally went to Asher's, a trend she has continued to this day.

"My mom still goes to Asher's and has been very reliant on Rick over the years. He would come to her house to check on her, to work on her car and to winterize her car for her. He was

very loyal to his customers," Bowl said. "Asher's has always been a wonderful family-oriented business. I'm just heart-sick about his passing. Especially because he went so fast.

"There just isn't any place like Asher's anymore," she added. "They would come out, fill up your car, wash your windows and your windshield. They knew you by name. For my family and many others in Northville, Asher's was just the place you went. Losing them would leave such a huge hole."

Asher, a 1972 graduate of Northville High School, was diagnosed with lung cancer in mid-September. According to his wife, he was admitted into the hospital the same day their daughter went to another hospital to give birth to the couple's grandson (Mason), something Rick was looking forward to very much.

"He wanted to set up a small work bench for Mason next to his at the station, so he could learn the trade just the way Rick did under his father when he was a boy. I'm just so sad that he won't be able to see Mason grow up," Janine Asher said.

For now, the station is closed. Janine Asher said she will gather with family members to figure out a game plan to move forward. She has had some communication with people who would like to buy or perhaps manage the station. But those details will be worked out later.

It was the gas station that brought Janine and

Rick together, in fact. Two decades ago, she took her S-10 pickup truck to Asher's when the radiator sprang a leak. She was struck by his work ethic and honesty.

"I'm so proud of him," she said. "When the economy hit, we got hit pretty hard, too. When a lot of other businesses went under, he managed to keep the station open. I don't know how he did it. It wasn't just a business, it was his life.

"If somebody needed help, Rick would help in any way he could. If somebody was on the side of the road with a flat tire, he would stop," she added. "This is a person who was one of a kind. He can't be replaced."

Janine Asher said her husband's body was cremated and there are no plans for a funeral. She said the family will get together and her hope is that they will have some kind of memorial gathering for him in the near future. Those details are



Rick Asher, owner of Asher's Citgo, located at Seven Mile and Rogers, died Thursday after a being diagnosed with lung cancer. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

to come.

He is survived by two sons, Mathew and Christopher, two step daughters, two grandchildren,

two brothers and his mother Marge.

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beat an incumbent who hasn't made any big mistakes," Ballenger said. "However, Heise can't take it for granted."

Ballenger does not know much about Craig, but said he sounds like a credible candidate considering he has served on the school board and is a NDC member.

Craig said he believes that the Michigan economy is not working for

many in the 20th District due to poor decisions made in Lansing.

"Our unemployment rate of nine percent places us at number 46 in the country. Our per capita income puts us at number 35. Currently we are spending more on prisons than on higher education," he said. "This is not a path to prosperity."

He said he's a common sense problem solver and believes that the cure for the Michigan economy is creating a highly educated workforce that can attract

knowledge based industries.

"We need to diversify the economy and promote entrepreneurship," said Craig.

To do this he said he would work with anybody to promote economic growth and jobs.

On the school board Craig said he has pushed for smaller class size, and as a result, there have been more teachers hired in the last year. He has also supported the district's ambitious plan to infuse 21st century technology into the classroom that has re-

sulted in community support for a \$21 million technology bond issue.

Fiscal responsibility is another area he views as a priority. He said during his time he has contributed to greatly improving the Northville Public Schools' financial status. While he has been on the board, the district fund equity has improved from a dangerously low 5 percent, to healthy fund equity of more than 15 percent.

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She said the biggest change she has witnessed in the last century has

been in the world of technology. Remembering the first cars to the beginnings of widespread use of the telephone to televisions and now computers, she has seen many revolutions.

"It has been amazing to see the changes," she said looking back.

She expects there will be more to come, in the world and her life.

Her birthday party celebration, which will

take place at 1 p.m. Friday at the Embassy Suites in Livonia, is open to the public.

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CLOSE ENCOUNTERS

World traveler to share tales, photos of Antarctica

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Steve Jochmans of Northville Township is a retired Northwest Airlines pilot and U.S. Navy pilot. Since his 2006 retirement, Jochmans and wife Jody have been able to travel, including to Antarctica twice.

"My focus is visiting unique and fragile environments," said Jochmans, 62. "Antarctica was at the top of that list."

He visited with a National Geographic trip both in 2009 and 2012 and will share slides and his experiences at a program at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 21, at the Novi Public Library on 10 Mile east of Beck. It's a Friends of the Library Kaleidoscope presentation.

"I'm going to show close encounters with the wildlife," he said, including the three types of penguins in Antarctica. He has video and pictures of orca whales and will show images of humpback whales, too.

Attendees will also see images of ice floes and mountains of Antarctica. Jochmans will show images of old whaling villages and factories where ships would come in the late 1800s and early 1900s.

"They would basically use cables to drag whales onto the shore," and all parts would be processed, he said. "It was an assembly line process."

Travel has increased for the couple in recent years. "I've always been traveling, but the majority of the traveling has occurred in the last seven years," said Jochmans, who has a 32-year-



Steve Jochmans of Northville Township photographs one of the penguin species native to Antarctica during his visit.

post-op twice a week. "We like going down to downtown Northville," he said, for Friday night summer concerts and parades. "It's a very unique downtown area. We enjoy it."

Trips for 2014 include Belize and its barrier reef for kayaking and snorkeling, as well as a longer trip to Australia.

"We are very blessed, we count our blessings," he said. "Especially with my wife's breast cancer, we've appreciated it even more."

He's working on other group presentations, including Nepal and the Galapagos Islands.

For information on the Nov. 21 presentation, call the Novi library at 248-349-0720. Reservations are encouraged.

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old son, a high school physics teacher who lives in Baltimore.

Jody battled breast cancer after a 2011 Stage II diagnosis, going through chemotherapy and radiation.

"She's very proud of it," he said. "Everything's fine. It's like a new chapter in her life. She's a real role model. She just tackled breast cancer head-on."

In lieu of a speaker fee, the Novi library will make a donation to the American Breast Cancer Society for the couple. Jochmans has done other presentations and doesn't take a fee, but does ask for the donation where possible.

"I do it simply out of my love of traveling," he said of his presentations.

"A lot of my pictures are very personal" and people will often want to travel, asking, "How do I get there? What do I do? This is a trip anybody could do."

He found National Geographic trip informa-



Wildlife photography will come to life during Steve Jochmans' presentation at the Novi Public Library.

tion online. "It's not like a cruise, but it's not rustic either," he said, comparing it to the cable channel of the same name. "I just enjoy what they do and how they do it."

Other trips were to the Arctic, three safaris, New Zealand twice, the Swiss Alps, the Galapagos Islands and Alaska three times. He's just back from Nepal, where he hiked Mount Everest. When both spouses

worked, it was hard to synchronize vacations, but in retirement that's easier.

Jody was a General Motors manager for 30 years at Willow Run. When home, they enjoy swimming, biking and running. Both volunteer at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia, Jody in the image recovery area that helps with wigs and other appearance help for patients, Steve in pre-op/

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Middle schools make smooth switch

After attendance shake-up students, teachers adjusting

Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

The Northville middle schools are now three months into a new school year that looks a bit different at both buildings than it did last year.

With the adjustments made by the Attendance Boundary Study to shift some students from Meads Mill to Hillside, both middle schools are taking some time to see where they are at and where they can get better.

Transition

Principals Dr. Susan Meyer at Meads Mill and Jim Cracraft at Hillside say the transition has gone well.

"Overall this year has been a very smooth start," Cracraft said. "Routing kids during transition times has been something we (assistant principal Brad O'Neill and Cracraft) anticipated and addressed. I believe the transition plan and the work with Dr. Meyer and myself as well as communications with parents and kids on the front end last spring has been a contributing factor to the transition going so well."

Last spring, after thoughtful consideration and community input the Northville Board of Education decided to balance out the middle schools by sending approximately 215 students from Meads Mill (from the Ridge Wood Elementary School feeder) to Hillside.

Meads Mill had 966 students last year in a smaller building than



Class-changing time at Northville's Hillside Middle School has gotten a bit busier as more students crowd its hallways this year. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Hillside, which used to be the high school and has a capacity capability of 1,000 students compared to Meads Mill with 882.

Hillside now has nearly 1,000 students while Meads has just over 800.

Saying goodbye to some students was difficult, but it was necessary for Meyer and her staff as the hallways were getting pretty crowded in the past several years.

"The transition for our students was planned and we worked cooperatively. We do miss our students, families and staff. I think it was more difficult on us to say good-bye than some people realize," Meyer said. "We knew the kids would do well and that they would adjust to Hillside, but it was hard."

Changes

She said the changes at Meads became obvious immediately in the main hall with locker assignments.

"The hall is lined with lockers. For the last few years, students were assigned in the hall. Now we are able to use the full hall for movement with no students in those

lockers," Meyer said. "The seventh graders all have lockers in the seventh grade wing, for the very first time."

She added student arrival has become much quicker, but dismissal still takes time. However, they can get the kids out to the buses in a reasonable amount of time.

At Hillside, Cracraft said the "hallways are bit more crowded, but nothing we can't handle."

He said drop off and pick up have been and always are a challenge at the start of the year, but it is going very well.

"Obviously it takes more time to clear the building at the end of the day and that is something we noticed right away. Parents have to learn process as do other folks who pick up the kids like siblings and grandparents. By now all stake holders should know the pickup and drop off procedures, and we deal with the occasional problem from time to time."

A lot of positives

Hillside has embraced the new additions with open arms, Cracraft said. Spirit week went

the best it ever has, he said and student discipline is way down compared to other years.

"Our teachers and Mr. O'Neill have been very visible and involved during transition times and the atmosphere we have tried to create has been one that is very welcoming to all students," he said.

At Meads Mill, Meyer said the lower student count as helped in a variety of ways.

The cafeteria can accommodate the number of kids with much less crowding, recess is more controlled and dismissal from the gym is much easier now that they have enough room to have the kids sit in rows for dismissal.

Both schools have approached this year like they did others by looking to the students first to see what can be done to make things better. The student councils at both schools continually give their input and suggestions. From conversations with students and parents to student surveys, both schools will continue to look to make improvements.

"I know some of our transfer students miss their friends and teachers at Meads, that is normal, but we are being understanding and encouraging," Cracraft said.

He added that many of the students will soon get to reconnect with old friends in a new hallway.

"For our 8th graders in a few more months, many will rejoin their friends at Northville High School next fall," he said.

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Now that's scary



A disembodied Sierra Anderson portrays a member of a criminal insane asylum on Nov. 1 during Northville High School Drama Club's haunted house. The production, which took place on stage at the school, featured drama kids in various scary scenarios – and raised funds for future drama productions at the school. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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Wayne State and University of Toledo to offer programs at Schoolcraft

Schoolcraft College held a press conference Thursday to announce its new bachelor's and master's degree partnership program with Wayne State University and the University of Toledo that will begin in the fall of 2014.

Degrees in business, nursing, engineering, criminal justice and more will soon be available at Schoolcraft's main campus on Haggerty north of Seven Mile in Livonia.

Schoolcraft had been preparing for a partnership for some time, though it wasn't known whom the partners would be.

In May, the Schoolcraft Board of Trustees

approved issuing \$18 million in bonds for improvements, including renovating the former American Community Mutual Insurance building at the corner of Seven Mile and Haggerty roads, which it had purchased for the purpose of housing classes offered through a partnering university.

Other improvements covered by the bond include overhauling the college's mainframe computer, adding a parking lot and building a road around the back of campus so motorists can get from Six Mile to Seven Mile without going onto Haggerty.

While many community colleges offer univer-

sity completion programs, the new "Schoolcraft to U" partnership is more than what others have offered, officials said.

Both universities will offer classes on Schoolcraft's main campus in Livonia and online. The University of Toledo also will waive out-of-state tuition fees for students interested in its program offerings. The agreement also provides for seamless transitions from Schoolcraft College to one of the partner universities and collaborative student support programs.

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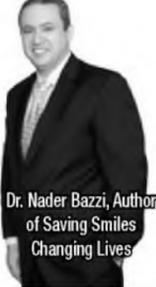

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This event is free and open to all veterans and those who care for and support them.

School board selects Kalass to fill in for year

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Staff Writer

A new voice has been added to the Northville Public Schools Board of Education. At its Tuesday meeting, the school board selected Ann Kalass to fill a one-year vacancy to be created when Joe Hige steps down at the end of the year.

As a mother of a high school child, CEO of a non-profit organization and proponent of a balanced approach, Kalass gives the school board its second female voice. She will join Cynthia Jankowski as the only other woman in a group that has five men.

The school board made its selection after a straw vote was taken of the six other members with Kalass garnering four votes to runner-up Michael (Mickey) Barrett's two. Amongst many factors, the board weighed Barrett's wide experience and immediate availability against Kalass's position as a parent with two children in the district as well as her knowledge of working on previous governing boards.

"I actually came into tonight undecided on the candidates and it's been fairly difficult because there is a lot of merit to both of them," said board member Adam Phelps during the straw vote discussion.

This difficulty in decision was echoed by each board member. Board Vice President Jim Mazurek said his decision became even more difficult after the final question and answer session earlier in the evening while board member Matt Wilk said it was a "win-win" with either candidate.

Phelps's logic ap-

peared as if it carried weight with the majority when he said as a retiree Barrett's potential to be available for any variety of board roles was attractive, but it was Kalass' place as a mother of a high school student that helped him reach a decision. None of the current board members have children at Northville High School.

"It's a voice that maybe we're missing a little bit amongst the board, and that carries a lot of weight for me personally," Phelps said. "I think we're fairly well covered at the elementary schools and middle schools, we don't have any students at the high school right now and that's just something I think I would value very highly."

And for board member Scott Craig it was her view as a woman that turned what was a difficult vote.

"I think we need more female voices on the board," he said as part of his reasoning.

Kalass's first meeting will be in January. It will be a quick start with a lot of learning for a temporary position, but her answer to a question from NHS sophomore McKenna Merlanti about what's the most important issue is perhaps the most telling to how she will approach the job.

"The most important issue is to maintain Northville Public Schools as an exemplary public education system, to ensure that we keep the children at the wonderful levels of student and academic achievement across all of our schools," Kalass said.

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Saluting our veterans



A small gathering watched as Northville VFW Post 4012 Commander Steve Frazer (right) leads a Veteran's Day ceremony outside the VFW Hall on South Main Street. The brief ceremony, honoring all those who served in the armed forces during combat over the years, took place at 11 a.m., and featured guests like Northville Mayor Chris Johnson. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

A POW's tale of survival

Author to tell of dad's World War II experiences



Lawrence Witt, a World War II Army Air Corps member, in his uniform.

Lawrence Witt lived his entire life within miles of his Detroit birthplace. He was a family man, a faithful Ford employee and an avid gardener. Yet, for many decades, no one knew his story. Family and friends did not know that he served with the Army Air Corps during World War II. They did not know that his plane was shot down over Germany and half his crew killed. They did not know that he was once a prisoner of war. These topics were off-limits. They were

never discussed. But Witt's eldest daughter, Laura Edge, was curious and began digging into her father's past. She interviewed her dad's surviving crew mates, his fellow prisoners of war and his forced



This is the crew Lawrence Witt served with during World War II.

march companions. She sent for military records and pored over the letters her father sent home from war. The result of Edge's research is now published in the book *On the Wings of Dawn: American Airmen as Germany's Prisoners*.

This account of survival follows Witt and five of his crew mates through their narrow escape from a fiery, out-of-control B-17 bomber to their poignant return to freedom after 11½ months of captivity in German stalags and as participants on a brutal

forced march. This book reads like an action-packed novel, but is meticulously researched and documented. Ex-prisoner of war Al Gorashko said, "Laura Edge's account of the POW experience at Stalag Luft IV, the Black March and Stalag 357, is accurate in every detail."

Those interested will be able to meet Edge 1-2:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 23, at the Next Chapter Bookstore and Bistro in downtown Northville. She will be available to share her research journey and to sign her book.

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Silver Springs Elementary School student Zachary Holstad (right) looks a little more than surprised as Science Alive's Terri Neill holds a patternless Burmese python over his head during a Nov. 8 visit to the school. Classmate Aidan Kittl (left) is similarly amused at the 35-pound reptile draped over his body. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Greens Market

The annual Northville Greens Market will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 23 and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 24 at Town Square in downtown Northville.

Northville Farmers Market vendors will be on site selling holiday roping, wreaths, centerpieces, decorations and accessories. Get ready for the holiday season by purchasing your home or office décor, while promoting Michigan growers.

For more information, visit www.northville.org.

Woman's Club meeting

The Northville Woman's Club will meet on Friday, Nov. 15, beginning at 1:30 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church on Main Street in downtown Northville. The program will include an introduction to "Watch Me Move", which will be presented by the Detroit Institute of Arts. The complete exhibit, covering more than 100 years of animation history, will be at the DIA through Jan. 5.

Guests are welcome. For more information, contact Lorraine Andary at 248-349-9463.

Children's Christmas Workshop

The Northville Historical Society's 35th Annual Children's Christmas Workshop will take place on Saturday, Dec. 7, in the New School Church at Mill Race Village.

Children in grades 1-6 are invited to participate. The children will make

seven old-fashioned, hand-made gifts for the special people on their Christmas list. The intent of the workshop is to surprise family members with the gifts that the children have worked on and made themselves.

There will be a morning session from 10 a.m. to noon and an afternoon session from 1-3 p.m., accommodating 150 children total. Enrollment is \$20 per child, payable by cash or check made out to the Northville Historical Society.

Contact the Stockhausens at 248-349-2833 for more information.

Illumination for Education

The Mother's Club of Northville will host their annual fundraising ceremony, Illumination for Education (formerly All Aglow), on Friday, Dec. 6. The 6:30 p.m. tree lighting ceremony will be held at Town Square in downtown Northville. One of the highlights will be the Northville High School National Honor Society leading Christmas carols.

Illumination for Education is designed to recognize those you care about by purchasing symbolic tree lights in their honor or memory. Last year, the Mother's Club raised more than \$8,000, which allowed the group to donate more than \$24,000 to Northville Public Schools for academic enrichment and community outreach. Last year's grants included science and classroom equipment, textbooks, digital cameras, Rigby Readers, and geometry hands on

learning systems.

The Mothers' Club of Northville is a non-profit, volunteer organization with 35 members dedicated to educational enrichment for Northville Public School children. Donations can be made online via the Mother's Club of Northville website at www.mothersclubof-northville.org, through the Northville Public School's listserve, or by contacting Lori Schafer at pierceschafer@wow-way.com.

Coffee hour for vets

There will be a Veterans' Coffee Hour Q&A from 8:30-10:30 a.m. Mondays, Nov. 18, 25, Dec. 2, 9 in the McDowell Center Room 205, Veterans Services/Career Services Suite, Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia

Enjoy free coffee and doughnuts and get answers to questions about the benefits, services and resources available to military veterans, including medical benefits, employment benefits, special benefits for disabled veterans, state and local benefits for veterans and educational benefits. This event is free and open to all veterans and those who care for and support them.

For more information, call 734-462-4400 ext. 5346.

Dickens Christmas Tea

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OWNER: Northville Public Schools
Business Office - Third Floor
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DESIGNER: Wright & Hunter, Inc.
818 W. 11 Mile Road
Royal Oak, Michigan 48067
Phone: 248 594-5850
Fax: 248 594-5851
BID DUE DATE: Until **1:00 PM EDT on November 18, 2013** the Owner will receive sealed Bids for the work as set forth in the Bid specifications and proposal forms ("RFB documents") at:
Sealed Bid Enclosed for Multifunction Imaging System, District-Wide
Northville Public Schools
Attn: Michael Zopf
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Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at this time. Bids received after the above date and time will not be accepted. Bids that do not include a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship between the Owner and the bidder as defined in Michigan Public Act No. 232 of 2004 will not be accepted.

RFB documents will be available on or after **November 5, 2013** and can be obtained by registering at the following website: <http://www.vlbp.com/launch/wrighthunter/home.php>.

Bidding details may be obtained electronically at: <http://www.vlbp.com/launch/wrighthunter/home.php>. No bidders' meeting is scheduled.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a certified check, cashier's check, money order or bid bond made payable to Northville Public Schools in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the base bid as a Bid guarantee.

Withdrawal of any bid is prohibited for a period of ninety (90) days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids, either in whole or in part, to reject a bid not accompanied by the required bid guarantee, or by other data required by the RFB documents and Michigan law or to reject a bid which is in any way non compliant with the bid requirements. Submitted bids may be adjusted by unit prices included by the bidder to ensure all bids submitted are compared on the same basis with respect to required materials.

The Owner reserves the right to accept alternates in any order or combination and to determine the low bidder on the basis of the sum of the base bid and the alternates accepted.

Victim's mom: Suspect 'like a brother'

By **Matt Jachman**
Staff Writer

A Plymouth Township woman testified Friday that the man charged with sexually assaulting her 15-year-old daughter was a family friend of about a decade whom she had met through their church.

"He was like a brother to me," Lisa Schwartz said, recalling that Robert L. Messer of Northville Township vacationed with her family and attended her children's band concerts. Even after divorcing his wife, whom Schwartz said had been her best friend, Messer remained close to the family, she said. It wasn't unusual for Messer and her daughter, who shared a love of photography, to go hiking for photo opportunities or see a movie together, Schwartz



Messer

said, and she sometimes accompanied them on their outings.

Now, Messer, 37, is charged with one count of first-degree criminal sexual conduct, four counts of third-degree criminal sexual conduct and one count of accosting a minor for immoral purposes. He was arrested Oct. 29 in Washtenaw County after being found

there with the teenager, two days after they disappeared from his mother's house.

Note left

Schwartz, testifying in Messer's preliminary hearing in 35th District Court, told Wayne County assistant prosecutor Aimee Fowler that Messer and her daughter had left a note at his mother's house, part of it in his handwriting and part of it in the girl's, expressing love for each other.

"They stated that they loved each other and couldn't live without each other," she said. Schwartz said she was alarmed when she learned of the note Oct. 27 and that she had no previous indication there was a romantic attachment between them.

Messer, who is jailed on a \$2 million bond, attended Friday's hear-

ing dressed in a dark T-shirt and blue jeans.

Schwartz said she was relieved to learn Oct. 29 that her daughter was alive and safe, but startled at her appearance when she arrived at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia, where the girl was taken.

"Her face was sunken in and she was pale," Schwartz said, attributing the girl's appearance to dehydration.

The teen was treated for what police described as minor, self-inflicted wounds. Her mother said she is undergoing psychological counseling and is embarrassed by the ordeal.

"She's worried about what other people feel about her, what they think about her," she said.

The age of sexual consent in Michigan is 16.

Past assurances

During cross-examination, defense attorney Jonathan Jones suggested Schwartz could have taken action in 2012, when allegations were made that Messer and her daughter were romantically linked and police got involved. Schwartz said the charges were made by Messer's ex-wife in the midst of a child custody battle and that she spoke with both Messer and her daughter, who both denied an intimate relationship.

"He assured me there was nothing going on," she said of Messer. Her daughter reported seeing Messer as a father figure, she said.

When Jones said a township detective had "let you know this was a pretty serious subject matter," Schwartz

agreed. But Schwartz said the detective didn't follow up and didn't, to her knowledge, speak with her daughter, leading her to believe "nothing was founded." The girl's outings with Messer were limited to one a week, she said.

Schwartz was the only person to testify Friday and Judge Mike Gerou delayed the remainder of the hearing until Tuesday, Nov. 19. Fowler indicated the victim would testify and made a motion that the public and the media be barred from the courtroom during that testimony in order to protect her identity. Jones told the judge he agreed with that request.

Gerou said he would rule later on the motion.

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BRIEFS

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Cady Inn at Mill Race Historical Village.

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Tickets are \$30 (\$25 for NHS members). Proceeds from the event will benefit Mill Race Village. The deadline to purchase tickets is Dec. 9. To purchase tickets, call 248-348-1845, or visit the Northville Historical Society (open Monday-Friday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.), 215 Griswold in Northville. For more information, visit www.millracenorthville.org.

Health fair

The Plymouth Community United Way

(PCUW) is partnering with St. Mary Mercy Hospital, the Plymouth Council on Aging, and Plymouth Lions Club to present a Community Health Fair 3-5 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 14, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. The event is free and open to the public.

Participate in a variety of health screenings and chair exercise. Watch nutrition demonstrations and presentations. Meet local agencies and vendors.

Fern Vining, a certified diabetes educator and retired registered nurse, will focus on diabetes awareness from 3:30-5:30 p.m. A representative of St. Mary Mercy Hospital will be there to talk about their Senior Assessment Resource Institute from 4-4:20 p.m.

For more information, call Randi Williams at 734-453-6879, ext. 7 or email randi.williams@pcuw.org.

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Ex-State Dept. official McKenzie seeks to unseat Bentivolio

By **Paul Egan**
Gannett News Service

Former U.S. State Department official Bobby McKenzie announced Oct. 24 that he will seek the Democratic nomination for Congress in Michigan's 11th District, which includes parts of Oakland and Wayne counties.

Republican incumbent Kerry Bentivolio of Milford already faces a GOP challenge from Birmingham attorney David Trott and former Michigan Secretary of State candidate Jocelyn Benson is also considering running as a Democrat.

McKenzie, a Dearborn Heights native who lives in Canton, denounced Bentivolio as a "tea party extremist" and said Trott, whose law firm deals in real estate and foreclosures, "made a fortune off the bankruptcies and foreclosures that have dev-



McKenzie

astated our region."

Trott spokeswoman Megan Piowar said Trott "is the only candidate with a record of creating jobs and we look forward to discussing how to best help the people of the 11th District in the coming months."

A message left with the Bentivolio campaign was not returned.

McKenzie, 39, said in a news release he has worked in counter-terrorism for the last 15 years, most recently with the U.S. State Department as a senior adviser.

If elected, "I will work day in and day out to ensure that every community in our district has the opportunity to grow, that our businesses are empowered to thrive, and that the American dream remains in reach for middle-class families," McKenzie said.

He has a bachelor's degree in economics from Michigan State University and a master's degree in security studies from Georgetown University.

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POLICE BRIEFS

Drunken driver

A 40-year-old Taylor man was arrested for operating a vehicle while intoxicated after driving over some construction cones.

On Nov. 8, the Northville City Police were dispatched to Northville Downs on a report of a drunken man leaving the location of the parking lot. By the time police arrived the man was leaving the lot in his vehicle. They reported seeing the man drive over several construction cones as he drove onto Center Street toward Seven Mile Road.

The man was then spotted swerving and making a couple of wide turns as he went east on Seven Mile. Upon making contact with the driver the police reported smelling intoxicants inside the vehicle, but the man said he had not been drinking.

After not completing some of the field sobriety tests, he was given a breathalyzer test, which registered a .18 percent blood-alcohol. In Michigan, .08 is considered legally drunk.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF NORTHVILLE

The Northville Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public hearing to receive public input on a variance requested by the property owner at 131 Rayson Street, Northville, Michigan. The applicant is seeking a variance for a pergola on premises zoned R-2, Second Density Residential District, parcel number 48-001-04-0652-004. The City of Northville's Building Official determined that a front-yard variance of nineteen and one-half (19.5) feet is needed from Section 15.01 of the Zoning Ordinance to allow the pergola in the front yard. As an alternative to the dimensional variance above, the applicant also requests a use variance to allow the pergola in the front yard.

The public hearing will be held on **Wednesday, December 4, 2013, at 7:30 p.m.** at the City of Northville Municipal Building - Council Chambers, 215 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-449-9902, as part of the regular City of Northville Board of Zoning Appeals meeting.

The purpose of the hearing will be to receive public input on the variance requests. A copy of the variance application is available for review at the City of Northville Building Department during regular business of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. City Hall will be closed on November 28-29, 2013 for the Thanksgiving holiday. Written comments regarding the variance request should be directed to the City of Northville at the above address.

The City of Northville will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with special needs at the meeting upon seven days notice to the City of Northville.

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Owner: Northville Public Schools

Scope of Proposals: Sealed proposals from Prime Mechanical Suppliers for the provision of specified equipment are requested.

Due Date and Place: All Bidders have until 3:00 P.M. on November 12, 2013 to submit a Request For Information (RFI). All RFI's shall be directed to Bob Roop at the following phone number (248) 879-5666 or email roop@pbanet.com.

All modifications, corrections, or clarifications prior to receipt of the proposal will be made by an Addendum issued by the Owner to all bidders of record.

Sealed proposals shall be received until 2:00 P.M. on November 15, 2013 at ATTN Michael Zopf, Administration Building, Northville Public Schools, 501 West Main Street, Northville, MI 48167 at which time all bids will be opened and read out loud.

All proposals submitted shall remain firm for a period of 45 days after the date specified for receipt of proposals.

Bid Documents: Copies of the proposed Contract Documents may be obtained from PlanWell via <http://www.e-arc.com/> (formerly dunnblue) (248) 288-5600 Bid4Michigan via <http://bid4michigan.com>

Rejection: Proposals not received by the time and date specified in this notice, will be returned to the Bidder unopened. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive irregularities and/or informalities and to make award in any manner deemed for the best interest of the School District.

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DATE: November 7, 2013

PROJECT: Project No. 13-NPS-SCS-02, Structured Cabling System, District-Wide

OWNER: Northville Public Schools Business Office - Third Floor 501 W. Main Street Northville, MI 48167-1576

DESIGNER: Wright & Hunter, Inc. 818 W. 11 Mile Road Royal Oak, Michigan 48067 Phone: 248 594-5850 Fax: 248 594-5851

BID DUE DATE: Until 2:00 PM EDT on December 19, 2013 the Owner will receive sealed Bids for the work as set forth in the Bid specifications and proposal forms ("RFB documents") at:

Sealed Bid Enclosed for Structured Cabling Systems, District-Wide

Northville Public Schools Attn: Michael Zopf Business Office - Third Floor 501 W. Main Street Northville, MI 48167-1576

Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at this time. Bids received after the above date and time will not be accepted. Bids that do not include a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship between the Owner and the bidder as defined in Michigan Public Act No. 232 of 2004 will not be accepted.

RFB documents will be available on or after November 18, 2013 and can be obtained by registering at the following website: <http://www.vlbp.com/launch/wrighthunter/home.php>.

Bidding details may be obtained electronically at: <http://www.vlbp.com/launch/wrighthunter/home.php>.

A bidders' meeting is scheduled for November 26, 2013 at 3:00 PM EDT at:

Hillside Middle School All visitors must sign-in at the Main Office 775 North Center Northville, Michigan 48167

All bidders are strongly encouraged to attend.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a certified check, cashier's check, money order or bid bond made payable to Northville Public Schools in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the base bid as a Bid guarantee.

Withdrawal of any bid is prohibited for a period of ninety (90) days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids, either in whole or in part, to reject a bid not accompanied by the required bid guarantee, or by other data required by the RFB documents and Michigan law or to reject a bid which is in any way non compliant with the bid requirements. Submitted bids may be adjusted by unit prices included by the bidder to ensure all bids submitted are compared on the same basis with respect to required materials.

The Owner reserves the right to accept alternates in any order or combination and to determine the low bidder on the basis of the sum of the base bid and the alternates accepted.

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Wayne County Lightfest kicks off holiday season

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano and Santa will flip the switch to light up more than four miles of Hines Drive for Lightfest's 20th Anniversary Lights-On Celebration Ceremony. The ceremony is scheduled for 6 p.m. tonight and will feature a fireworks show, music, entertainment and refreshments.

"The kickoff of Lightfest is one of our most anticipated events for people of all ages" said Ficano. "I encourage the public to experience Lightfest and all of our great family-oriented events offered by Wayne County Parks."

In recognition of the 20th Anniversary of Lightfest, two new displays have been added and the entire light show has been converted to LED lights.

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Runners and walkers start their trek down Hines Drive at the Lightfest arch at Warren Road in Westland. FILE PHOTO

Lightfest features more than 47 giant animated holiday-themed displays.

The opening ceremony will be at 6 p.m. Nov. 14 at the Merriman

Hollow area of Hines Park, located at Merriman Road and Hines Drive in Westland.

In advance of the opening, there will be the

annual Lightfest 8K Fun Run/Walk and Bike through the Lights events with the participants among the first to view the holiday display.

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since 1944, the Plymouth Community United Way addresses human service needs for individuals and families.

Blues at the Elks

The Plymouth Elks Lodge #1780 is expanding its musical program and in addition to Jazz @ The Elks on the last Tuesday of every month from 7-10 p.m., they will also have Blues @ The Elks on the second Tuesday of every month starting at 7 p.m.

For the Jazz @ The Elks, there is a \$10 donation at the door which includes hors d'oeuvres. On Tuesday, Nov. 26 the Cliff Monear Trio with Susan Tobocman on vocals with Cliff on keyboard, Jeff Pedraz on bass, and Scott Kretzer on drums, will

perform. For the Blues @ The Elks, there is a \$5 donation at the door. On Tuesday, Nov. 12 the Steve Nardella Band will perform.

The Elks Lodge is located at 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. For more information, please call 734-453-1780 or e-mail plymouth-elks1780@yahoo.com.

Dems to meet

The Democrats of West Oakland County will meet at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 19 at Novi United Methodist Church, 4167 W. Ten Mile, Novi. A social hour will begin at 6 p.m. Mark Schauer, candidate for governor, will address the group.

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'Taj Mahal of maker spaces'

Officials give green light to Village Workshop plan

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Staff Writer

The Village Workshop should be a transformative and creative place for many people, but first itself must be transformed from a three-story industrial building into a multi-functional community workspace.

It's on its way to becoming this after receiving final plan approval from the Northville City Planning Commission at its Nov. 5 meeting by an 8-0 vote. Commissioner Marc Russell recused himself because he is part of the Workshop's planning team, which also includes local architect Greg Presley. Commission Chairperson Jay Wendt said he thought it was a good project.

"We want Northville to be proud of it. We're going to be proud of it and we want it to be a kind of Taj Mahal of maker spaces," said Workshop co-founder Brian Donovan to the commission.

Donovan, along with his partners Dennis Engerer and Chris McDonald, have emphasized that the Village Workshop will be like a com-

munity center with a learning environment provided to give opportunity and potential for synergy between creative minds.

The plan approved by the commission is a renovation project with the next step involving interior demolition and removal of several exterior structures built over the last 50 years.

Interior modifications

The building, formerly the home of Belanger Inc., is currently vacant. The redevelopment will consist of internal modifications (including the addition of a woodshop, metal shop, classrooms and office space), external modifications to the building facade and modification of the existing off-street parking areas.

Presley said at last month's planning commission meeting the steel frame structure that was added on the north side will house the manufacturing activities. The original three-story building will house the office functions for the members, a cafe and display area.

There will also be an area for material sales that will allow members to purchase materials internally for project making.



An artist's rendering of the future Village Workshop.

Donovan said the business will function like a fitness center. It will be membership-based with a monthly fee.

They envision having 1,000 to 1,500 members; it will be similar to the Tech Shop in Allen Park, which has about 700 members. However, the community will only see about seven or eight cars there at a time. Donovan said the short classes would be for members only and they would be for learning the operation of the tools and machinery, with two to six members on average attending.

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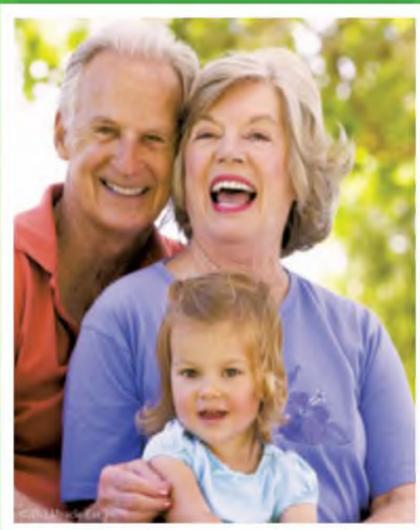


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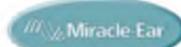
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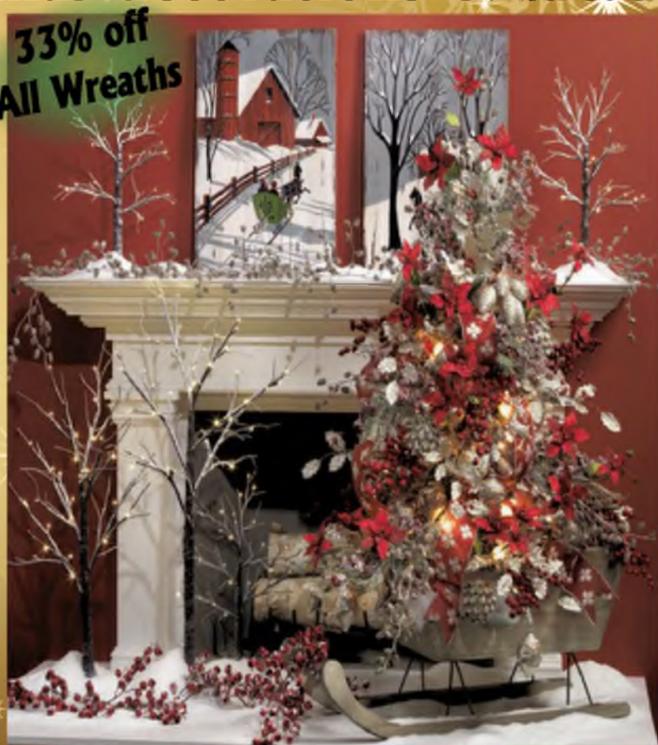
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Hubby Up North? Northville businesses to host Girl's Night Out

Listen up ladies. If your husband or boyfriend's heading Up North for some deer hunting this weekend, downtown Northville merchants may have an activity that's perfect for you.

Downtown Northville's Girls' Night Out returns from 5-9 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 15. Many of the over 50 retailers and 20 restaurants in town will be offering special deals, discounts, giveaways and more for one night only, including a chance to get going on holiday shopping.

Among the numerous participating businesses are: Starving The Gallery, Haven, Brick's of Northville, Dancing Eye Gallery, State of Mind Gallery, Northville Pharmacy, Edward's Cafe and Caterer, Lulu By Design, Northville Sports Den, Healthy Jones, gg Boutique, Stampeddler, Fred's

Ice Cream, Van Dam's Boutique, Poole's and Bak Bar, The Garage Grill and Fuel Bar, Stefana Boutique, Gardenviews, The Bee's Knees, Pendleton, Buckministers, Northville Art House, Lorla's, Broughton Music, and The Northville Gallery.

The event is put on by the Northville Central Business Association.

For more information, visit www.northvillegirlsnightout.com.

"Girls' Night Out is an opportunity for downtown stores and restaurants to share their latest and greatest offerings. As more and more new shops open in this town, it's great to showcase all the reasons downtown Northville is a tremendous shopping destination," said Christine Van Dam, owner, Van Dam's Boutique. "Girls' Night Out is the

perfect time to check out the new and updated stores and restaurants in downtown Northville. Many people that attended the food truck event a few months ago commented just how much Northville has changed recently and how many interesting new places there are to shop. As a new store owner in town, I look forward to sharing the updated look and feel of The Northville Gallery with the community," said Dan Ferrara, owner, The Northville Gallery.

Organizers are committed to having downtown holiday lights up in time for Girls' Night Out, Ferrara said. The event is held twice a year (also in April), and Nov. 15 and Ferrara cited "many unique, thoughtful gifts to be found in Northville that you just can't get at the mall."



Northville's Garage Grill and Fuel Bar is just one of many downtown shops and restaurants that will be participating in the Girls' Night Out event tomorrow. The Northville Central Business Association is putting on the event. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Shown at the Nov. 1 ribbon cutting for Providence Park's newly-renovated pediatric unit and special care nursery, slated to open Nov. 11, are (from left) Peter Karadjoff, president, Providence Park Hospital; Andrea Bowers, R.N., interim chief nursing officer of Providence Park Hospital; Sandy Tobar, R.N., director of nursing; Betty Go, M.D., chief of pediatrics; Marcia Schultz, R.N., manager, LDRP, Pediatrics and Special Care Nursery; Sister Xavier Ballance, Daughters of Charity; and Michael Wiemann, M.D., president of Providence Hospital and senior vice president of St. John Providence Health System.

Providence again ranked among top for heart care

Hospital opening new pediatric unit, special care nursery

For the 12th time, Providence Hospital is ranked as one of top 50 hospitals in the United States for heart care, according to an independent national study conducted by Truven Health Analytics.

Providence is one of only 15 hospitals in the country ranked in the category of Teaching Hospitals with Cardiovascular Residency Programs.

"This is truly a hospital award, as it is reflective of not only the skills of our cardiologists, cardiac surgeons, anesthesiologists and intensive care physicians, but also a team of outstanding nurses, technicians and support services, all with the

same focus of providing exceptional and safe patient care," said Shukri David, M.D., chief of cardiology at Providence Hospital.

Providence Hospital is a member of the St. John Providence Health System Heart & Vascular Care Network, a leading provider of heart care in Michigan.

Providence is also recognized as Blue Distinction Centers for Cardiac Care by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan.

"A distinguishing characteristic of heart care Providence is the exemplary research and fellowship programs which allow us to train, recruit, and retain top notch talent while having access to the most innovative technologies in cardiovascular medicine," David said.

The study, now in its 15th year, singled out 50 hospitals that achieved superior clinical outcomes.

Buckminster's holiday dinner

Buckminster's Pub, located at 102 E. Main Street in downtown Northville, will host a holiday dinner again on Thanksgiving day. All are invited to attend and share some fellowship. There is no cost.

Doors open at 11:30 a.m. in time for the Detroit Lions game against the Green Bay Packers. Dinner will be served at 12:30 p.m. Please RSVP by calling 248-924-3317.

For more information about Buckminster's, visit www.buckministers.com.

DRC board appointment

Northville's Daniel F. Ponder, chief executive officer of Detroit-based Franco Public Relations Group (Franco), was recently appointed to the Detroit Regional Chamber's board of directors. In addition to his role as director, he

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serves as the organization's treasurer, is a member of its executive committee and chairs the board's finance committee. He also continues to serve on the Chamber's Foundation board.

"Dan and his firm have been long time advocates for the Detroit region and organizations doing business here," said Chamber President and CEO Sandy K. Baruah. "We welcome the expertise and insight that he will bring to our board."

In his role as CEO of Franco, Ponder provides strategic counsel in business and marketing to the agency's clients, many of whom are headquartered or have key operations in Michigan. He often advises businesses on the integration of operations and communications disciplines. Ponder ex-

emplifies Franco's commitment to the community through his active involvement in civic and charitable organizations.

In addition to the Detroit Regional Chamber board, Ponder serves on the St. John Providence Health System board of trustees, Salvation Army Metropolitan Detroit advisory board, Crime Stoppers of Michigan's board of directors and the Michigan Chamber of Commerce Foundation board.

Prior to joining Franco, Ponder was a member of Deloitte's Private Company Advisory Service.

Ponder holds a bachelor of arts in accounting from Michigan State University and an executive MBA from MSU's Broad College of Business. He is a graduate of the Detroit Regional Chamber's Leadership X. He and his wife Cathy reside in Northville. They have three grown children.



Ponder

CHAMBER CHAT

Holiday Lighted Parade

The Northville Chamber of Commerce's annual Holiday Lighted Parade will begin at 6:30 p.m., on Friday, Nov. 22 in downtown Northville. The theme for this year's parade is "Miracle on Main Street".

Parade applications will continue to be taken through Nov. 15, and there is no fee but registration is needed.

As of Nov. 1, about 30 participants had signed up, including the Northville High School Marching Band and pom squad, Dog Scouts of America with their lit collars and leashes, a couple of church floats, and a number of Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of various ages.

Tom Holzer Ford will provide Santa's vehicle at the end of the parade. There will be prizes for best parade theme, best holiday spirit and mayor's choice, with each receiving a \$50 gift to Brick's of Northville.

To register for the parade or for more information, contact Traci Sincock at the chamber at



There is still time to register for the Northville Chamber of Commerce's Holiday Lighted Parade. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Sincock may be reached at tracisincock@northville.org or 248-349-7640, Ext. 22.

Early mixer

The chamber will hold a Rise and Shine networking event from 8-9 a.m., Thursday, Nov. 14 at Northville Pain Specialists, 215 E. Main Street (use door on parking lot side). Join Chamber members for morning networking and light refreshments at this free event.

After hours mixer

The Northville Chamber of Commerce will hold a joint after hours mixer with the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce from 5-7 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 20 at Station 885 Restaurant, located at 885 Starkweather in Plymouth. A cash bar will be available.

To RSVP, contact Traci Sincock at tracisincock@northville.org or by calling 248-349-7640 ext. 22.

"Why All the Household Dust?"

I'm Keith Meadows, owner and operator of American Power Vac, Inc. For years, I've been improving our community's health one family at a time. By now we've all heard the statistics: 50% of all illness is a direct relation to dirty indoor air and our indoor air is up to 90 times more polluted than outdoor air. Yet, 90% of the calls I receive everyday are from desperate people complaining about dust. They tell me they dust the TV on Friday, but by Sun-day they are pushing the dust out of the way again so they can watch Dancing with the Stars, and none of them know exactly where it's coming from. Well, I'm here to tell you that it's not because you're a bad housekeeper, I tell people that by simply having your ducts cleaned will drastically reduce your household dust, and the reason is, your cold air returns.

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ceiling for thin sheets of tin nailed between your floor joists. These are your cold air return lines. Give them a good pounding. You'll see puffs of dust seeping out of the edges. That my friends, is the reason you have uncontrollable dust problems!

This debris cannot be removed without a professional. Which brings me to my next point: choosing an airtight cleaning company. Most companies use portable units, which are like a shop vac that you would vacuum your car with, obviously a s o l u t e l y useless. Then there are companies who claim they have a truck-mounted system. In reality, they have a low powered portable system attached inside a van, again, absolutely useless. Visit our website for photos of our equipment

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Time/Day: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday-Friday; 7 p.m. Monday-Tuesday; 4:30 p.m. Saturday; 6:30 p.m. Saturday (Spanish)

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Reconciliation: beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays or by appointment

Priests: the Rev. Bob LaCroix, pastor, and the Rev. Michael Zuelch, associate pastor
AA: 8 p.m. Wednesdays

Crosspointe Meadows Church

Location: 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile

Contact: 248-669-9400, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Thursday or visit www.crosspointemeadows.org.

Sunday worship: 11:15 a.m.
Bible study classes: 10 a.m. for all ages

Details: Nursery and older children programs available. Worship blends traditional and contemporary elements resulting in a multi-sensory worship experience.

Destiny Worship Center

Location: Ridge Wood Elementary School, 49775 Six Mile, Northville

Contact: DestinyW3C@gmail.com or visit www.DW3C.org.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

Location: 34567 Seven Mile, Livonia
Web: www.emmanuel-livonia.org

Contact: 248-442-8822

Sunday worship: 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Adult special needs worship: 9:30 a.m.

Youth group: 7 p.m. Wednesdays

Women's Coffee Break Bible Study: 10-11:30 a.m. Mondays; study book - "Hind's Feet in High Places" by Hannah Hurnard

Faith Community Presbyterian Church

Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile

Contact: 248-349-2345 or visit www.faithcommunity-novi.org

Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.

Women's Bible Study: 9:15-10:30 a.m. Saturdays

First Baptist Church of Northville

Location: 217 N. Wing

Contact: 248-348-1020

Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m. and 5:45 p.m.

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

Ladies Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesdays

Men's Bible Study: 9 a.m. first Saturday of every month

First Baptist Church of Novi - Family Integrated Church

Location: 45301 W. 11 Mile

GET LISTED!

Submit: Send calendar submissions via email to cstone@gannett.com; by fax to 248-685-2892; or by mail to Religion Calendar/Novi-Northville, 101 N. Lafayette, South Lyon, MI 48178. Items must be received by noon on Monday to be included in Thursday's newspaper.

Contact: 248-349-3647 or firstbaptistchurchofnovi.org

Family Bible Hour: 9:45 a.m.

Family Worship: 11 a.m.

Bible Study: 6 p.m.

Family Movie Night: 5:30 p.m.; fourth Sunday of every month

First Church of the Nazarene

Location: 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile

Contact: 248-348-7600 or visit dfcnazarene.org

Sunday Schedule: 9:30 a.m. Classic worship service, Adult Bible Fellowship classes and Children's Sunday School; 11 a.m. Contemporary worship service with Kids Church, Teen Worship Service and Adult Bible Fellowship classes. Café is open from 9:15-11 a.m. Refreshments at 10:30 a.m.; 6 p.m. Evening Traditional Service

Tuesday: 9:25 a.m. Women's Bible Study (Women of the Word) studying Luke

Thursday schedule: 6 a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer Group and Bible Study

Friday: 9:30 a.m.; Sweet Fridays on the second and fourth Fridays - A Ministry for Moms of All Ages

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First Presbyterian Church of Northville

Location: 200 E. Main

Contact: 248-349-0911 or visit www.fpcnorthville.org

Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.

First Presbyterian Church

Location: 205 E. Lake Street (corner of Wells and 10 Mile), South Lyon

Contact: 248-437-2875

First United Methodist Church of Northville

Location: 777 W. Eight Mile, Northville

Contact: 248-349-1144 or www.fumcnorthville.org

Summer Sunday Worship (Memorial Day-Labor Day): 8:30 and 10 a.m.

Summer Sunday School (Memorial Day-Labor Day): 8:30 a.m. - Nursery; 10 a.m. - Nursery - sixth grade

Sunday Worship (September-May): 8, 9:15 and 11 a.m.

Sunday School (September-May): 8 a.m. Nursery; 9:15 a.m. Nursery 12th grade; 11 a.m. Nursery sixth grade

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Location: 41415 Nine Mile, corner of Meadowbrook Road, Novi

Contact: 248-349-0565

Sundays: 8:45 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Study; 10 a.m. Worship

Holy Cross Episcopal Church

Location: 40700 W. 10 Mile

Contact: 248-427-1175 or holycrossnovi@gmail.com; visit holyCROSSnovi.org

NORTHVILLE SENIOR SERVICES

The Northville Community Center is located at 303 W. Main Street. For more information about senior services, call 248-349-4140.

Upcoming events include:

» **AARP Driving Class**
Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Nov. 18-19

Details: Cost is \$12 for AARP member; \$14 for non-AARP members. Looking for an insurance discount? Consult your insurance agent for discount details. At the Northville Community Center: Call 248-349-4140 for more information.

» **Holiday Luncheon**
Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. (lunch served at noon), Dec. 11

Details: Cost is \$12 per person and includes a full festive lunch, entertainment and prizes. RSVP no later than Dec. 3. This event sells out every year.

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ASHER, RICHARD A.

Age 59, passed away Nov. 7, 2013. He was born on April 14, 1954. Richard is survived by his wife Janine Asher; daughters: Jessica Kerry, Rose Perugia, sons: Chris and Matt Asher; grandson Mason; Mother-in-law Janet Groom; Mother Marge, brothers: Jerry, Ron (Beverly) Asher; brothers-in-law Tom Groom, Martin Groom; sister-in-law Charlotte (Brian) Fulkerson. Rick was a great husband, father, grandfather and friend and will be greatly missed. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com

**BOHN, BETHANY ANN**

Died October 15, 2013. Beloved mother of Lucas. Loving daughter of Charles and Joetta Bohn. Fond sister of Anita Bohn, Bonnie (Ross) Willett, Juanita (Chris) Gee and Matthew (Wendee)Bohn. Aunt of Christopher Wilson, Clayton Bohn, Alexis Gee, Dayne Bohn, Madison Bohn and Gabrielle Griffith. She will be missed by many family and friends especially her Beth Neighborhood in Chicago. Bethany grew up in South Lyon and graduated from South Lyon High School in 1984. Funeral services were held at St. Benedict Church and interment at Rosehill Cemetery, both in Chicago. In lieu of flowers donations to a trust for Bethany's son Lucas Bohn. Checks Payable to: Charles Schwab. Send to: Krista Linn, Concord Asset Management, 150 S. Wacker Dr, Suite 3200, Chicago, IL 60606

**KROLICKI, RICHARD**

of Milford and formerly of Detroit, died on November 9, 2013 at the age of 87. Richard was born on September 20, 1926. After graduating from Chadsey High School, Richard enlisted in the Navy at the age of 17. Upon returning back from the service, Richard married the love of his life, Virginia (Turek) in 1947. Richard had a long and successful career at Henry Ford Hospital, where he began working as a boiler operator in 1948, and retired after 44 years of service as Vice President of Corporate Facilities for Henry Ford Health System. His cherished wife, Virginia, preceded Mr. Krolicki in death in September of this year. He is survived by his loving children, Linda (David) Roszel, Allen (Reginia) Krolicki, Richard (Andrea) Krolicki, Jr., Susan (Michael) Ross, Diane (Neil) Belgiano, John (Kathleen) Krolicki, Carol (Michael) Twigg; nineteen grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and a great-grandchild due in November. Other survivors include sisters Marge Connell, Lucille Detloff, Joan Remsburg, and Geri Krolicki, as well as many extended family members and dear friends. A Memorial Mass was held at St. Mary Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church, Milford, on Wednesday, November 13, 2013. For further information please phone Lynch & Sons at 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

**POLICICCHIO, PAUL JAMES**

On the evening of Tuesday, November 5, Paul passed away in the comfort of his home surrounded by his beloved family at the age of 63. Paul was a leader to service workers, a bright voice to his friends and an embodiment of love to his family. Paul's greatest joys were experienced with his family as a proud husband and father. He provided his wife Michon and three sons experiences and memories that they cherish. Paul battled pancreatic cancer for nearly two years with strength, determination and dignity that impacted all around him. Paul was born outside of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania to John and Jane Policicchio. His family included his sister Sara and countless cousins that grew up around him. He met Michon Koval, his love and sunshine, in high school before attending Gannon University. At Gannon, Paul met lifelong friends as a member of Delta Sigma Phi. Paul began his career with Service Employees International Union (S.E.I.U.) in 1972 as a research specialist in Washington D.C. His first permanent assignment began in 1973 in Detroit, MI with S.E.I.U. Local 79. At age 37, Paul became the youngest President elected at Local 79, one of the largest Local Labor unions in Michigan. That same year, he was also named S.E.I.U. International Vice President and he subsequently became President of S.E.I.U. Central States Conference and Officer of Metro AFL-CFO. Paul was instrumental in establishing Michigan Employee Benefit Services (MEBS), which provides health care benefits to thousands of individuals and families. Paul was honored by the Jewish National Fund with the Tree of Life Award in recognition of his concern for his fellow man. He was also named Man of the Year by the Boy's Town of Italy. Paul retired as an Executive Vice President of S.E.I.U. International Union at the age of 51. After his professional career, he assisted the city of Novi serving a Park and Recreation Commissioner. Paul loved nature, hiking, reading, travel, camping, holidays and carpentry. He also had a love for animals, especially his golden retriever and friend, Zoey. Above all, he took great pride in being with his family. Over the years Paul frequently traveled domestically and internationally with his family. His parents, John and Jane always tagged along. Paul is survived by wife Michon and sons John Paul, Joseph Paul, and Jeffrey Paul; mother Jane Policicchio; and sister Sara (Policicchio) Phillip with her husband Gil, son Mark (Paul's godson) and daughters Nicole and Jane Marie (Phillip) Portelli; Jane Marie's husband AJ and daughter Gemma. Brother-in-law of Drew (Teresa) Koval and the late Kurt Koval. Uncle of Nathaniel and Dmitri Koval. Funeral Services were held Saturday, November 8, at St. James Catholic Church in Novi. In honor of Paul, donations can be made to Novi Parks and Recreation at 45175 W 10 Mile Rd., Novi, MI. Additional donations can be made to Pancreatic Cancer Research through The Lustgarten Foundation at <http://www.lustgarten.org>. www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

**REDMAN, RICKIE**

Age 61, passed away October 28, 2013. He was born on March 3, 1952, in Northville, to Cleidith and Georgia (Thomas) Redman. He enjoyed being outdoors, working in the woods, cutting firewood, and fishing. He loved being with his wife, grandchildren and family. He was known for being witty, funny and his sense of humor. Rickie is survived by his wife of 43 years, Sharon; children: Tracy (Jarod) Moseley, Arron (Raina) Redman, Adam (Megan) Redman; his mother Georgia Redman; 6 grandchildren: Carter, Curtis, Shelby, Riley, Everett, Wyatt; siblings: Verna Hatfield, Kenny (Linda) Redman, Doug (Kathy) Redman, Troy (Johnna) Redman; and many nieces, nephews and friends. He was preceded in death by his father Cleidith Redman on Oct. 21, 2004. Visitation was held on Oct. 30, Wednesday, from 4:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. A funeral service was held on Oct. 31, Thursday, at 11:00 a.m. at Phillips Funeral Home, 122 West Lake Street, South Lyon. Pastor John Bradshaw officiated. **Online guestbook:** www.phillipsfuneral.com

**SOAVE, GUISEPPA**

January 18, 1922 - October 30, 2013. www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

TRESIK, DONALD H.

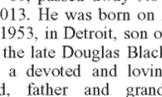
Age 82, passed Nov. 10, 2013. Visitation: Nov. 14, 3-9pm. Funeral Nov. 15, 11am. Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon.

WILLIAMS, LOIS

September 11, 1925 - October 29, 2013. www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

BIASE, MAXINE M.

Age 92, of Greenwich, Connecticut passed away November 5, 2013. Maxine was a talented and creative artist and writer. She will always be remembered as a loving and devoted step-mother, sister, aunt and friend. She is survived by her loving sister, Doris "Lois" (Bob) Baker, her step-son, Tom (Cathy) Biase and family, her niece, Pat (Larry) Mason and many loving nieces nephews and friends. She was preceded in death by her husband James Biase. A funeral Mass will be celebrated on Monday, November 18 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 830 S. Lafayette, South Lyon, MI 48178. Online guestbook at www.phillipsfuneral.com

**BLACKER, THOMAS R.**

Age 60, passed away November 3, 2013. He was born on August 14, 1953, in Detroit, son of Alma and the late Douglas Blacker. He was a devoted and loving husband, father and grandfather. Thomas will always be remembered for his honesty and loyalty and for always doing the right thing. He was an excellent provider to his wife and three children and his adoring grandson. Thomas was respected by his friends and work colleagues. He was a history buff and knew something about everything. He enjoyed many rounds of golf, accompanied with the occasional good cigar. Thomas was a gifted guitarist and loved to play with his brothers and his son, Eric. He loved to ride his motorcycle and was fascinated with airplanes. On his 60th birthday, his family arranged for him to ride in a B-17 bomber. The same airplane his father was a gunner in during WWII. He is survived by his beloved wife of 35 years, Lisa; his loving children: Adam (Rachel), Eric, and Laura Blacker; his grandson, Gavin and one granddaughter, Brielle expected in February; and his mother, Alma Blacker. Thomas is also survived by his siblings: Carol (Jeff) Johnson, George (Carole), David (Laurie), Nancy (Bret) Popp and by many nieces, nephews and loving friends. He was preceded in death by his father, Douglas Blacker. Visitation was held on Wednesday, November 6, from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. A funeral service followed at 4:00pm at Phillips Funeral Home, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. Online guestbook at www.phillipsfuneral.com

D'ALESSANDRO, JOYCE

June 23, 1940 - November 4, 2013. www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

FAAS, WILLIAM H.

Age 75, passed away November 4, 2013. He was born on May 2, 1938, in Detroit, to the late Henry Robert and Gabrielle (Vandenheede) Faas. He enjoyed archery and was a long-time member of The Detroit Archers Club. He was a Navy Veteran and a big Maritime Navy buff. William is survived by his loving wife of 50 years, Susan Faas; children: Ellen Wright, Eric Faas; 3 grandchildren: Zoe, Ava, and Keith. He was preceded in death by his daughter Julie Holcomb, and brother Robert Faas. Visitation was held on November 8, Friday, from 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. with a funeral service following at 3:00 p.m. at Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com

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FLANNERY, LAWRENCE

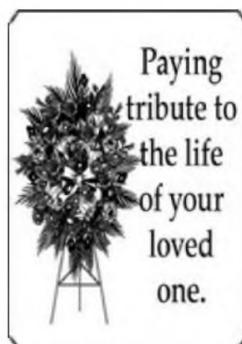
March 3, 1945 - November 3, 2013. www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

**McGUCKIN, LUISEANN**

December 23, 1946 - October 28, 2013. www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

**PEARSON, AL**

Passed away November 10, 2013 at the age of 71. He was born February 3, 1942 in Oswego, Kansas to Alfred and Gladys (Overmyer) Pearson. He is the beloved husband of 51 years to Patricia and dear father of Wendy Short, Alfred Guy Pearson and Carol (Jim Carothers) Pearson. He is the dear grandfather of James Wood, Colleen Wood, Thomas Short, Justin Pearson, Joshua Pearson, Cheyenne Pearson, Alfred Guy Pearson Jr., Isha Pearson, Natalie Pearson, Ashley Pearson and Nicholas Pearson. Dear brother of Earlene Levi, George Pearson and the late Linda Gorlitz. Al was a resident of Lyon Township for the past 13 years, previously of Plymouth. He founded his own company when he was 18 years old, most recently known as Pearson and Son Excavating. The business, located in Plymouth, was primarily a Well Repair and Septic Tank company; they also did asphalt work. He was a member of the Livonia Lodge #586 F&AM. Al raised, trained and raced harness horses. At one time he farmed 1100 acres in and around South Lyon and Plymouth and operated the Pumpkin Patch at Napier and N. Territorial Road. Al was also a licensed Pilot. But his greatest joy in life was his family. He especially loved being with his grandchildren, which he would play and joke with even after he was wheelchair bound. Funeral Services took place Wednesday, November 13, 2013, at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main St., Plymouth. Pastor Fred Hall of Plymouth Church of the Nazarene officiated. Burial at Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth, followed the Funeral Service.



Republicans railroad democratic process while hijacking Court of Claims

Whether the reason was for allegations of a pending legal case regarding the way the Legislature behaved during the 2012 lame duck session (violating the Open Meetings Act by locking people out of the Capitol) finally being heard or trying to protect Governor Snyder's "NERD Fund" from any challenges, the Republicans railroaded through at lightning speed Senate Bill 652, which completely removes the Court of



Phil Cavanagh
GUEST COLUMNIST

Claims from the 30th Judicial Circuit Court and places exclusive jurisdiction within the Michigan Court of Appeals. This move stacks the courts in the Republicans' favor and would allow them to quickly pass controversial legislation, obtain a governor's signature, and create laws without constitutional concerns or even receiving a hearing. This includes many claims, demands, and counterclaims against the state or any of its departments, commissions, board, institutions, arms or agencies and puts undue burdens on people filing Freedom of Information Act or Open Meetings Act claims against the state.

Republicans claim this bill brings fairness to the judicial system by having this heard in a court where the judges are all elected by the citizens of Michigan instead of a court with county-elected judges. But this is blatant move by the Republicans to rig the judicial system against the people allowing a political party in power (currently Republicans dominate all three branches of government) to hand-pick the judges who hear cases against the State of Michigan. This move stacks the Court of Claims in the Republicans' favor, making it harder for citizens to hold our government accountable for its actions or misactions.

Whether Republican or Democrat, we are all elected to serve by people who hope and pray that we will protect and uphold their constitutional rights. Everyone should be allowed a fair process through the judicial system. This bill makes a mockery of our constitutional designated separation of powers by allowing the Legislature to meddle in the affairs of the court. The Republicans, by passing this strictly on party lines, scream the message to citizens that we will make it difficult for citizens to hold their government accountable. I came up to Lansing to address real issues facing our great state. Not once have I

had anyone say to me that we need to remove the Court of Claims, a trier of fact and original jurisdiction, and place exclusive jurisdiction with the Michigan Court of Appeals. This was a self-serving act that will diminish the public's faith in government, our judicial system, and lead many around the state to believe that corruption doesn't just lie within the City of Detroit and Wayne County's borders, but instead has spread like a poisonous rash. State Rep. Phil Cavanagh, D-Redford Township, represents the 10th District, which includes Redford and a portion of Detroit. He can be reached at 517-373-0857 or philcavanagh@house.mi.gov.

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Memorial Day - Labor Day 8:30 and 10:00 a.m.
Rev. Marsha M. Woody, Lead Pastor
www.fumcnorthville.org

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Sunday School: 9:40 am
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OUR VIEWS

Getting out in the field

Hunter safety should be No. 1 priority on eve of opening day

By now you may have heard the tragic story of an Indiana man who died last week after a hunting accident.

Timothy Bowers, a 32-year-old father-to-be, kissed his wife goodbye on a recent Saturday afternoon, just like he often did during hunting season, and went out into the woods. But, as Bowers climbed up to his tree stand for an afternoon hunt, he fell some 16 feet to the ground and shattered his spine. When he awoke in the hospital doctors told him he would be paralyzed for the rest of his life and could no longer breathe on his own. Faced with such a bleak prospect, he chose to be removed from life support and died shortly thereafter surrounded by family, leaving behind his wife, pregnant with the couple's first child.

The horrible tale is a reminder just how dangerous hunting can be, and especially pertinent considering tomorrow, Nov. 15, is opening day for firearms deer hunting season in our state.

For the next two weeks, the vast woodlands of Michigan will be crawling with a virtual army of hunters, who will be taking up the annual tradition that still runs deep for a great many of our residents. Opening day, and deer hunting in general, is a part of our culture here in the Great Lakes State. It's a big deal, especially in more rural areas, where many businesses and even whole school districts will close on opening day, because so many take to the woods in search for the elusive white-tail.

Hunting is also big business. According to state officials, deer hunters contribute more than a half billion dollars of economic activity annually. That includes buying hunting equipment, staying at hotels and so much more. In fact, the state estimates 5,300 jobs are supported by the deer hunting economy alone.

According to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, of the more than 700,000 hunting licenses sold in 2012, nearly 600,000 people took part in the firearm deer season, which runs from Nov. 15-30.

As such, it is so important that the hunting community recognizes the dangers associated with the sport. Hunter safety should be at the top of the priority list as people head out to deer camp and prepare to enter the field.

Each year in Michigan there are usually around a dozen serious accidents, including a few fatalities. Considering so many people will be going into the woods toting along high-powered rifles and other firearms, it is amazing that there are not more accidents.

But the Bowers incident shows the dangers of hunting extend beyond shooting accidents. It is imperative hunters understand and practice safe hunting methods to avoid becoming a statistic, particularly when hunting with a firearm.

The DNR's website (www.michigan.gov/dnr) lists some safety tips that every hunter should keep in mind. Here are a couple of the basics:

» Before you go on your hunting trip, let a family member or friend know where you are hunting and when you plan on returning.

» If you plan on hunting on someone else's land, always be sure to get permission from the property owner and if obtained, make sure they know when you will be there.

» Always treat every firearm as if it is loaded. Always point the muzzle in a safe direction and always keep your finger outside the trigger guard and off the trigger until ready to shoot. Be certain of your target, and what's beyond it.

» All firearm hunters must wear clothing made of "hunter orange" that consists of at least 50-percent of the surface area. The hunter orange must be visible from all sides.

» Do not carry a loaded weapon as you climb up or down from an elevated stand. Falls are one of the fastest growing injuries to sportsmen and women.

» Never hunt while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

It's not a bad idea to visit the DNR's website for more safety tips, and other pertinent hunting information.

We realize hunting season is a special time for many of our readers. To all you hunters, we wish you luck. Perhaps this is the year you will bag that big buck. But please be safe. Coming home in one piece should be your No. 1 objective.



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COMMUNITY VOICE

Are you a hunter and what do you look forward to most on opening day of rifle season, which is Nov. 15?

This question was asked to customers at Gander Mountain in Novi.



"I am and I look forward to the whole experience. Of getting outdoors in the crisp air and seeing nature."

Mark Fink
Wixom



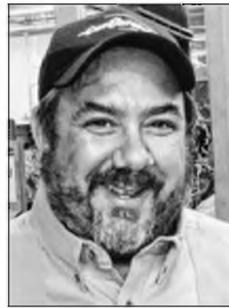
"I hunt and hopefully I see some deer. Maybe a buck, but at least something."

Jeff Klein
Howell



"Yes, I'm a hunter. It's 95 percent preparation going into opening day. Getting out in the woods and enjoying God's creation, spending time with the guys and if you get a deer that makes it 100 percent of an experience."

Bradley Baker
Wixom



"I do hunt. It's about nature and time alone with God. It's also about getting away from the busy world."

Brian Henninge
Wolverine Lake

LETTERS

God bless Inge Zayti

I recently nominated Inge Zayti posthumously for the chamber of commerce's Citizen of the Year because she brought fun, excitement and culture to Northville with her Marquis Theatre's workshops and performances. Her many contributions extended even beyond Northville to many outlying school districts, exposing countless school children to the joys and magic of live theater.

Inge dedicated herself to creating positive experiences in a safe and loving environment, providing lasting memories of accomplishment, awe and wonder for her students as well as for her audiences.

The adult community benefited as well from the nostalgic doo-wop performances and classic movies presented at the Marquis.

Her patriotism is reflected in the remarkable American flag painting she had commissioned on the back of the Marquis building. How many of us are inspired every time we glance up at this painting, a moving and visual reminder of 9/11 and a source of great pride and love for our country. This flag was Inge's special and everlasting gift to the City of Northville and to all who have seen the flag and marvel at its meaning and beauty.

Although Inge was not granted Citizen of the Year, I wanted to express my personal sentiments and gratitude felt by many other members of the Northville community.

God bless you, Inge, and thank you.

Elizabeth Clancy
Elizabeth's Bridal manor

Proud of athletes

I just read Kurt Kuban's opinion column ("Student athletes make their community proud," Nov. 7) on Northville's student athletes and I couldn't agree more. My oldest daughter played volleyball at Northville (now playing and enjoying the game in college) and my other daughter is currently on the varsity team.

Playing a varsity sport is very demanding, but it is one of the best decisions my girls have made. It teaches them discipline, commitment, responsibility, and keeps them out of trouble.

I think the fans are another reason why Northville team's are so successful. At every home game this year, there has been at least one section filled to cheer the volleyball team on. They are so much fun to watch and the team plays so much better when they are there.

It was a great article and it's nice to see someone out there noticed.

Debra Colasanti
Northville

What frightened them?

Twenty-six House Republicans voted with there majority to shutdown down government over the AHCA. This law was passed by Congress and upheld by the Supreme Court. Yet, the GOP-controlled House voted for anarchy because they wished to change this law.

Eventually these 26 U.S. House Republicans joined with House Democrats to reopen

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government after two and 1/2 weeks costing us, taxpayers, nearly \$24 billion dollars, to pay for this shutdown. Yes, Congress was paid while most of the government employees and those who contract with government, were not.

Now these same 26 GOP congressman just voted to symbolically, ceremoniously, and illegally, to change their vote back to the original yes ordering the government shutdown. These frightened GOP House members have gone from yes to shut government down, to no and now back to yes.

I wonder what caused their change of heart, conviction and credibility. Did the Tea Bag Party members frighten them?

Gerald Maxey
Farmington Hills

Hearing both sides

I fear that your report ("Same-sex parents 'every bit as good,'" Record, Oct. 24) perpetuates a dangerous misunderstanding.

The academic studies upon which that conclusion is based are methodologically flawed and statistically weak, having used a technique called "snowballing" to accumulate their small samples. Snowballing is when initial participants in a study recruit their friends and acquaintances. This is considered to be so flawed that I once heard an editor of a major journal in the management field (my academic area) state that he was surprised people would even submit studies based on such samples since his journal would not publish them.

In other words, what do you get when you put together a bunch of snowballs? A snow job.

Recently, studies have been conducted using more rigorous methodology and these have found that same-sex parents perform worse than opposite-sex married ones. The most recent study (published in *Review of Economics of the Household* and authored by Douglas Allen) showed that children from same-sex households were an alarming 35-percent less likely to graduate from high school. Somewhat ominously for the current court case, Allen also found that children from households headed by lesbians did even worse.

Other higher quality studies have shown similar deleterious outcomes of exposing children to same-sex parenting. I suggest looking at the 2012 article by Loren Marks in *Social Science Research* on same-sex parenting (particularly regarding the stunning 1996 study by Sarantakos), as well as the 2012 study by Allen, Pakaluk & Price in the journal *Demography on Nontradi-*

tional Families. Further, a 2012 study by Regnerus in *Social Science Research*, though not as good, also shows similar negative same-sex outcomes.

I understand that Nessel is a lawyer and so will say anything to win the case for her clients. Journalists should be a bit more careful regarding perpetuating what very well may be myths.

In reality, no rational basis exists for redefining marriage to include non-reproductive couples, particularly when the most rigorous academic research is showing such parenting to be, on average, inferior. It is not about marriage equality, it is about removing from that institution its distinguishing characteristic (potential biological reproduction) while pretending to have left it untouched.

It is important to hear both sides of this crucial argument.

Scott Julian
Livonia

Honoring veterans

On Veterans Day, the nation paused to honor all of the men and women, past and present who have fought its wars and stood watch around the world through the restless respites from war that we call peace.

It is a day for remembrance, gratitude and exhortation. Veterans Day is a day we remember the sacrifices of veterans who have gone before us, thank those veterans still in our midst and exhort each other and our young to live up to their example of selfless service for the common good.

We celebrate Veterans Day to remind ourselves of truths we have heard many times before such as "freedom isn't free" and that, in words sometimes attributed to Winston Churchill, "A nation that does not honor its heroes will soon have no heroes to honor."

Veterans Day can trace its roots back 95 years, to 1918, when the guns fell silent across the battlefields of Europe. Nearly five million Americans served in "the World War," as it was known then. More than 53,000 of them did not return.

World War I veterans are all gone now. But over a million veterans of World War II are still with us, as are about 21 million veterans of all the wars and years since.

For the VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System (VAAHS) and our 2,300 employees, every day is Veterans Day. Serving nearly 62,000 veterans in Michigan and northwest Ohio, we stand ready to provide health care, but more importantly, provide compassion. We have a single mission: to keep the promise of Abraham Lincoln to care for those "who shall have borne the battle" and for those they leave behind.

I hope this Veterans Day people expressed their gratitude to those who have served and those who still serve and by our advocacy on behalf of veterans in public and private, we acknowledge our continuing dependence on men and women in uniform to protect and defend this nation. We must do all we can to ensure the nation's continuing commitment to keeping Lincoln's promise. It is our sacred duty.

Robert P. McDivitt
Director, VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System

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Mill Race Village volunteers stabilize the streambank and plant native vegetation during 2013 Rouge Rescue activities back in June.

Rouge cleanup bags 82 cubic yards of trash in 2013

More than 1,700 people came out to the Rouge River cleanup and restoration activities across metro Detroit this past June, according to the Friends of the Rouge, a local non-profit organization dedicated to the river's restoration.

Volunteers removed 82 cubic yards of trash from 120 acres of public parkland and river valleys that wind through neighborhoods. The bulk of the trash removed consisted of paper, wrappers, Styrofoam, balls, bottles and cans. These everyday items are carried to the river by wind and water.

Other items volunteers pulled from the river were likely intentionally dumped and consisted of 31 tires, 27 shopping carts, four mattresses, bicycles, a Lazy Boy chair, a hot tub and household appliances.

Aristeo Construction, based in Livonia, removed a vehicle from the river this year.

"Aristeo Construction has been bringing out the big equipment to remove vehicles from the river for years" said Cyndi Ross the River Restoration Program Manager for the Friends group. "They have removed more than 29 vehicles since 2006. We are so grateful for Aristeo's involvement. The cars would still be in the river today without the help of the Aristeo Construction crew."

Volunteers also worked to control the spread of invasive plants in the region and removed more than 8,000 cubic yards of invasive plants like garlic mustard, honeysuckle and buckthorn. These non-indigenous plants have advantages over native vegetation. They often

produce an abundance of seed or have the ability to alter the soil to prevent other species from thriving.

Those plants don't have predators (insects or animals that consume them) to keep their population in check. They have to be removed to preserve the health of the ecosystem and to maintain quality habitat for wildlife.

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Sense of loss: Pet owners get help, support in 'Circle of Life' discussion group

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Dennis Cuper still grieves Max's death. The Livonia retiree sometimes even feels guilty that his golden retriever, whom he considered his son, is gone. Cuper decided to end Max's suffering from neurological problems in August, after trying traditional medicine and acupuncture for two years. "In June he started getting incontinence. I was getting two hours sleep every night for two months straight. I was totally worn out," said



Cuper. "I had caretaker burnout." Was Max ready to leave him? Cuper knew he'd find that answer in Max's eyes. "Did I really see it in his eyes or was it just burnout?" Cuper hopes to put the

question to rest and find some peace through Tail Wagger's 1990's new Circle of Life Pet Ownership Discussion and Support Group. The group's first meeting is 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 5, at Tail Wagger's 1990, 28402 Five Mile, in Livonia. It will meet at the same time every Tuesday. Attendance is on an as-needed, drop-in basis. Call 734-855-4077 to reserve a spot. **Questions, answers** Tricia Lugger, a pet owner with a master's degree in clinical psychology from the Michi-



Dennis Cuper, a volunteer at Tail Wagger's 1990 in Livonia, plans to attend its new pet discussion group. Cuper is still grieving the death of his dog, Max, pictured with him.



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gan School of Professional Psychology, will facilitate discussion, which will include such topics as taking care of sick pets, deciding when to say goodbye, struggling with the frustrations of medical treatments, feeling grief, sadness or guilt, and considering a new pet. Laura Zain, Tail Wagger's 1990 founder, said the new program is more than grief counseling. It's a chance for participants to share stories, questions, grief and successes with others. "We decided to start this because of the number of inquiries that come to our office. We have so many people calling with questions about their pets," Zain said. "They will call us wanting to know if we euthanize. When we explain we don't, it opens a conversation — they don't know if it's the right time, what are the signs, can they come in and talk to a vet."

"They are turning to us for advice for their pet needs. They're using us as a resource center." **Feeling empowered** Zain and Lugger, a Tail Wagger's 1990 volunteer, struck up a conversation about the callers' questions. Lugger offered her services for free, but suggested a discussion and support group, rather than a grief counseling program. "I'm hoping this will empower people to make the right choice without prolonging the animal's life unnecessarily," Zain said. "People come in and donate their (deceased) animal's leftovers. When people come in here with bowls, collars and leashes, there would be tears. We'd talk to them about it and find out what happened and give words of encouragement. Now I feel like we can give them something more." The group is open to

all ages, but weekly sessions are limited to approximately 15 individuals. Zain said she would consider starting a second weekly session, if needed. "If we get a lot of children or teens, we'd probably develop their own group," she added. Zain said she is facing the "challenge of letting go" with one of her own pets, an elderly cat that has been treated for cancer. She'll be on hand at the group for at least the first few sessions. She hopes Circle of Life will not only draw pet owners with questions, but those who also want to share their answers. That's exactly what Cuper intends to do. "When you're with other people who have similar (experiences), it helps you to realize they are going through that, too. It tends to help," Cuper said. "Maybe by being there, I can help someone else."

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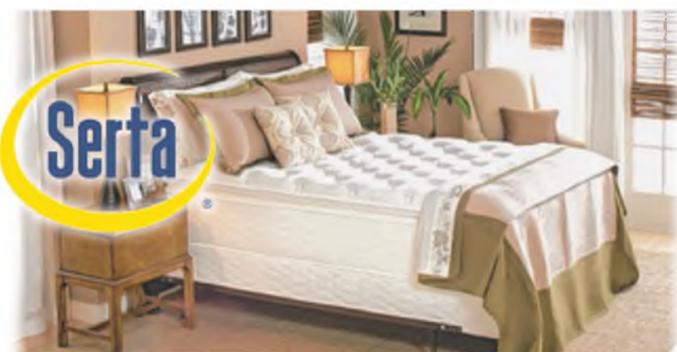
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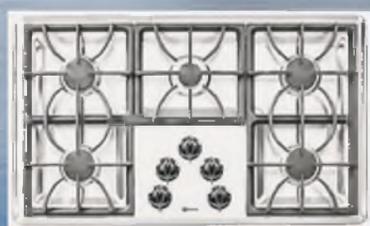


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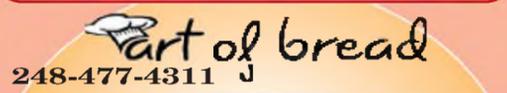
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South Lyon's Harding tops All-Area golf

Northville's Childers earns first-team honor

By Jeff Theisen
Sports Writer

South Lyon's Caroline Harding was just an incredibly solid golfer this year. Harding was a top-10 finisher in 17 of 19 matches and medalist eight times, including at regionals. She capped her season with an eighth-place finish at the Division 2 state finals as the Lions went on to claim fourth. The junior earned first team all-state honors and is the 2013 All-Area Golfer of the Year.

Harding averaged 40.1 for nine holes and 80.1 for 18 holes. She carded a 74 on three separate occasions this year for a new school record. "On any given day (she) is as good as anyone in the state," coach Dan Skatzka said. "She is a member of the National Honor Society and a very good student. Caroline hopes to play her college golf at Michigan State University."

First team
Gabby Brackrog
Milford

The senior put up steady numbers and had huge rounds at big tournaments, including a win at the Oakland County

tournament. Brackrog averaged 80.9 for 18 holes and 41.6 for nine. She finished in the top 10 in nine out of 10 tournaments, with five top-five finishes. She was also voted Division 1 all-state honorable mention. "She also excels in the classroom with a 3.97 GPA," coach Jim Sander said. "She has committed to playing golf at Florida Gulf Coast next fall."

Katie Childers
Northville
The junior averaged 40 for nine holes and 85 for 18, with a low score of 78. Childers was match medalist five of seven matches and finished in the top 10 at eight

invites, with a second-place finish at regionals. She capped her season with a trip to the state finals and a 40th-place finish. Childers also picked up all-conference and all-association honors. "Katie was the clear No. 1 player on our team; she led the team in all categories," coach Jeff Balagna said. "She is the hardest work I have seen in a long time. She is never satisfied and is always looking to improve. She is a leader by example and all the underclassmen on our team look up to her because of that.



Northville golfer Katie Childers.

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CC senior Dylan Roney had a 2-yard touchdown run and 83 rushing yards. DENNIS BARNES

Mustangs continue qualifying state finals swimmers

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

The Northville girls swimming and diving team has qualified six individuals for the state finals so far this season and has several more who are on the cusp of making their state cut. The team, coached by Brian McNeff, will look to add a couple of more individuals to the finals roster when it competes in the annual last chance meet, which was scheduled for today. Having already earned their state cut are standout tankers Sarah Lohman, Kelsey Macaddino, Alissa Moore, Nicki Pumper, Laura Westphal and Lauren Jarzembowski. Lohman will swim in the 100 breaststroke along with teammate Lauren Jarzembowski, while Macaddino will swim in the 100 butterfly and the 50 freestyle. Pumper qualified for both the 100 freestyle and the 100 backstroke, while Moore will swim in both the 200 freestyle and the grueling 500 freestyle. The swimmer with the most individual cuts from Northville this year is Westphal, who will swim in the 100 freestyle, the 200 freestyle, the 500 freestyle and the 200 individual medley. Northville has also qualified teams in the 200 medley relay, the 400 free relay and the 200 free relay.

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Shamrocks roll to district crown

Gridders now heading to regional game against Temperance Bedford

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

Why, yes, Virginia – Detroit Catholic Central can throw the football. The Shamrocks, who typically bring a run-heavy offense to each and every game, used a few aerial attacks to put up

a win over Walled Lake Western last Saturday, 37-27, and advance in the Division 1 state playoffs. The victory, which gave the Shamrocks the district title, found Tom Mach's team throwing 10 times in the first half alone – a remarkable occurrence if you're a follower of the Catholic Central program. The Shamrocks scored on a long 33-yard pass in the second quarter, when senior quarterback Sean Birney hit senior Zach Bock as he raced down the sidelines for the score and a 14-7 advantage over the Warriors. Another passing

touchdown in the second quarter also went to Bock, but not Zach. Instead, Birney connected with sophomore Alex Bock on a 64-yard pass that put Catholic Central up 28-14 at halftime. "We were extremely happy with our team's effort and competitiveness," Catholic Central assistant coach Michael Mach said. "It was a hostile environment at Walled Lake Western against a very capable opponent. Walled Lake is a good football team that kept the pressure on us all day."

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South Lyon Unified gets best of Baseline tankers

Northville places second, Novi sixth at conference meet

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

The Baseline brethren from Novi's and Northville's girls swim and dive teams competed in the KLAA Kensington Conference meet last Friday and Saturday at South Lyon East, but it was the host South Lyon Unified team (2-1-1, 2-1-1 Central) that won the conference crown with 914 points. The Mustangs (9-0, 4-0 Central) finished second with 817 points and Novi (2-7, 0-4 Central) was sixth of 11 teams

ON TAP

The girls swim and dive teams from Novi and Northville compete next at Tuesday's diving regionals at Ann Arbor Pioneer before the Division 1 state meet Nov. 22 at Oakland University in Rochester. with 437 points, as the very competitive Central Division's five teams all landed in the top six. "This was a tough loss," Northville coach Brian McNeff said. "Headed in to prelims, we really thought that we could win but, unfortunately, South Lyon swam better than us and we lost. Our girls did everything I asked them to. Just about everyone dropped time in

their events and we had some amazing swims." The Mustangs crowned two conference champions, with Andrea Meister winning the 1-meter dive at 409.70 points and Laura Westphal winning the 500 freestyle in 5:01.78. Westphal wasn't alone in the 500 free, as teammate Alissa Moore took fifth in 5:12.18. As far as top-five finishes at the conference meet, Northville had at least one swimmer land in the top few spots at every event, while Novi had top-five finishes in three events. The Wildcats were led by Lauren

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Northville's Laura Westphal took first place in the 500 freestyle and was one of two Mustangs to be crowned conference champ. Diver Andrea Meister was the other. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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SHAMROCKS

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But it wasn't just the passing game that got in on the scoring. The Shamrocks' defense, which held the high-powered Warriors to 360 yards, scored when Zach Bock scooped up a fumble and bolted 15 yards for a touchdown.

Zach Bock also added a 66-yard run for a touchdown.

"The Bock brothers were huge, accounting for four of our five touchdowns today," Mach said. "Sean Birney, our quarterback, is such a confident and poised kid who relishes the big moment. Without him, we don't win this game and we aren't playing for the regional title. Connor Holton, our tailback, is just so solid and so steady and once again set the tone for our offense from the first series."

Offensively, the Shamrocks put up 453 yards of their own, including 129 from Birney's passing, while senior Dylan Roney had a 2-yard touchdown run and 83 rushing yards. Holton, a senior, added 80 yards on 18 carries.

"Fortunately, our team kept responding every time they got within striking distance in second half," Mach said. "The defense made some timely stops and forced a couple turnovers, including one for a touchdown. Offensively, we had some longer drives, but also some big plays when we needed

ON TAP

Detroit Catholic Central will be taking on an undefeated opponent when it heads to Temperance Bedford at 7 p.m. Friday to take on the Mules.

The Shamrocks (9-2) are familiar with Bedford, having participated in a four-way scrimmage with it prior to the start of the regular season. The Mules bring a dynamic option offense that is known for spreading the defense and then punching out some big plays. That's how they've piled up an 11-0 record thus far. The Mules have scored 455 points (41.4 per game average) this year while allowing just 156 points (14.2 per game) against. The closest game of the season for the Mules came last week against Saline (9-2), when they won by just seven points in a 36-29 decision. The Shamrocks are no slouches on either side of the ball. On offense, they've put up 321 points (29.2 per game) and have held their opponents to just 125 points (11.4 per game). Only two teams have scored 20 or more points against them: Brother Rice (11-0) with 28 and 20 points during the regular season and Walled Lake Western (9-2) last week with 27.

them and they came from our key players, which is what you need this time of year."

Walled Lake Western's standout quarterback, Kyle Bambar, completed 13-of-19 passes for two touchdowns and 178 yards while rushing for another 105 yards.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Youth wrestling

The Northville Youth Wrestling is ready to kick off a new season. The team is coached by Kevin Eichholtz, who has run the program for the past three years under Northville High School head wrestling coach Bob Boshoven. Participants range in age from kindergarten through eighth grade. Youth wrestling practice began this week and will continue through March, when the Michigan Youth Wrestling Association State Championship takes place in Battle Creek.

Last year, more than 60 kids participated in the program. More than two dozen were competitive in MYWAY youth wrestling and three went to the state championship in Battle Creek.

Practice is held in the high school's wrestling room for advanced/experienced wrestlers 6-7:30 p.m. each Wednesday and Friday and beginners take over the mats 6-7:30 p.m. each Tuesday and Thursday.

Nicholas Szerlip, an assistant professor of neurosurgery at Wayne State University, is among many parents that help coach the team. Szerlip is a Columbia University 1995 Hall of Fame wrestler who was consistently nationally ranked throughout his college career. He brings college level experience and coaching to the program.

"Coaching kids is definitely a challenge, but one of the most rewarding experiences I have had. Wrestling has given me so much and I constantly look to try and give back. This is a good opportunity to do so," Szerlip said. "My son Eian is involved in the program and I hope to impart some of the values I gained from wrestling to him."

Other dads on the team include Director Jeff Dietrich, MYWAY coordinator Chris Jennings and business counselors Jeremy Bisdorf and Todd Gattoni, plus Pete Hayek.

For more information about the program, email Eichholtz at nvyouthwrestling@mail.com or call 248-374-0592.

QUALIFYING

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Another tanker who will likely make the state finals is diver Andrea Meister, who has to qualify for the finals via a regional competition.

"She has to qualify at the regional meet," said McNeff, who doesn't seem very worried about her chances. "She has made it the last two years."

There are several events in which the Mustangs are near qualifying as well. McNeff said that he has six swim-

mers who are very close to surpassing the state finals cuts in their events. Jarzembowski is hoping to make the cut time (2:13.89) in the 200 individual medley, while Sabrina Lee is looking at a potential cut in the 100 backstroke (1:01.19), as is Darby Mroz, who is also hoping to earn a finals berth in the 200 individual medley. Macaddino needs to shave just a little time to pass the 100 freestyle cut (54.79 seconds), while Pumper is eyeing the 50 free (25.19) and Jessica Yan hopes to qualify in the 500 free (5:18.79).

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Hillside nets successful season

The Hillside Middle School eighth-grade volleyball team won the Novi Middle School tournament Oct. 12, defeating teams from Northville, Novi, Walled Lake, Howell and Brighton. Hillside also defeated crosstown rival Meads Mill Middle School at Northville High School on Oct. 21 to complete a very successful season. Pictured are (bottom, from left): Katie Adams, Sophie Bartoszkiewicz, Deedee Heinonen and Jackie Genaw; (middle, from left) Emma Reddy, Dallas VanAcker, Jessica Hogan, Rachel Holmes, Maddy Shaw and Kealey Humphrey; and (top, from left) assistant coach Rachel Kaip, Sarah Toth, Morgan Rodgers, Allison Pomaville, Christina Valentini, Maddie Stach and head coach Lorri Kingsbury.



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Mustangs top Wildcats in district final

Northville gets best of fifth Baseline match, outscored Novi 75-36

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

It was a rubber match to determine a district champion and whose volleyball season would continue and it was host Northville which would get the victory.

In a Nov. 7 district match at Northville, the No. 6 Mustangs (48-12-11) defeated No. 5 Novi (35-10-1) for the third straight time in the past week, after having lost both dual matches to the KLAAs champion Wildcats earlier in the fall.

Behind a blistering 24 kills, 12 digs and two aces from senior Symone Abbot – who will continue her career in the Big Ten Conference with Northwestern University – the Mustangs knocked off the Wildcats 25-12, 25-15, 25-9.

“We’re fortunate to have a Division I outside hitter and, as she matures, her game just keeps getting better,” Northville coach Amanda Yaklin said. “We won the serve/serve receive game today. If we win the serve/serve receive, it gives us a good chance to finish a lot and they absolutely executed.”

“Thank you to the super fans who come out. They’re really the seventh man out on the court.”

With a thunderous Northville student section, Novi met an emotional early end to a season with high hopes.

“It was a great season and it’s hard to finish this way,” Novi coach Jen Cottrill said.



Northville's Makenna Strunk (left) and Olivia Bousineau try to block the shot of Novi's Victoria Iacobelli. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

“They played great, Northville played great and they were ready for us. It was tougher for the team to not have us there the last two weeks of the season (due to a maternity leave), not only at games, but at training and practices. Hats off to Northville. They played awesome.”

The Wildcats found themselves in deep holes all night, with the most alarming being a 13-1 deficit to start the second set after falling behind 20-9 in the first set. Novi kept things closer in the final set at 9-9 before being outscored 16-6 to end the season.

“They just played their system,” Cottrill said. “They serve and pass well so they can get Symone the ball and get her opportunities to score. And we didn’t pass well, so we were out of system at times, sending her free balls. And she’s an amazing player and impossible to stop.”

The Mustangs’ big win went well beyond Symone and

a spirited “seventh man,” as both junior Olivia Bousineau and senior Olivia Landis had seven kills, senior Katherine Boss had 19 assists, senior Rachel Zawodny had 18 assists, senior Julia Colasanti had 13 digs and senior Cassidy Minghine had four aces.

“I think we’re fortunate to be healthy and peaking at the right moment,” Yaklin said. “They definitely came together as a team in the last week or so and it definitely shows on the court.”

With the full onslaught of a healthy Northville team, Novi was unable to serve up any aces on the night as senior Belle Glancy led the team with nine kills and 10 digs. Senior Emily Robb set up 19 assists and junior Jordan Massab tallied 17 digs, while senior Brooke Laney added five kills and seven blocks.

“They’re a great group,” Cottrill said. “They’re a lot of fun to coach. (The seniors) had three varsity coaches



Northville's Symone Abbot (right) and Cassidy Minghine celebrate a point.

over the past four years, so they’ve had a lot of inconsistency. They did a great job leading the team in our absence. They’re a great team and will be hard to replace.”

Two teams had both come off strong semifinal victories one night prior. Northville defeated Canton 25-18, 25-16, 25-20 and Novi beat Plymouth 27-25, 25-23, 25-14.

A solid 31-assist performance by Robb led to 14 kills by Glancy and eight kills by Laney in the Novi victory, which was accompanied by 22 digs from Emily Jennings and 10 digs from Glancy.

Meanwhile, Northville moved on to a Class A regional semifinal at Novi against Fenton (41-16-4) in hopes of returning to the Wildcats’ home court at 7 p.m. tonight to face either Brighton (25-10-0) or Lakeland (18-9-2) for the regional title and a spot in Tuesday’s state quarterfinals at Fenton.

Three Northville harriers to represent Michigan

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

Just when you thought Northville was finished with its outstanding cross country season, a few runners proved that they just can’t get enough.

That’s why Dan Sims, Erin Zimmer and Nicole Mosteller all ran in a race to attempt to qualify for the boys and girls teams that will represent Michigan in the annual Mid-East Meet this week.

The standout harriers each earned a place with their respective team as Sims won the boys race with a time of 16:20. In the girls race, Zimmer took ninth with a time of 20:01 and Mosteller was right on her heels for 11th with a 20:07. The girls race was won by Kristen Olling, the Division 4 state champion, as she ran 18:40.

The Mustangs raced in the qualifier that was held last Saturday in Mount Pleasant. They faced windy conditions and a slew of talented competitors. Team Michigan, which has just 12 boys and 12 girls, will race this week in Kettering, Ohio, against teams from Ohio, Indiana and Illinois. Sims raced against a field of 77 boys and Mosteller and Zimmer raced against 47 girls.

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GOLF

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Not only is she a great player, she is a 4.0 student as well.”

Lauren Cojei Novi

The senior earned all-state honorable mention after posting a nine-hole average of 42.75 and 84 for 18. Cojei had a low of 78 and seven top-10 finishes on the year.

“She was a key player for us and in many events,” coach Deb Harris said. “She tied the school record for tournament average. She is a captain (and) great player who will go on to play college golf.”

Priscilla Harding South Lyon

The sophomore averaged 42.1 for nine holes and 85.3 for 18 to help earn all-state honorable mention. She finished in the top 10 on 13 different occasions, including third at regionals, before ending the year in 20th at state.

“Priscilla played as our No. 2 player most of the year behind Caroline, but would be the No. 1 player on most teams in the state,” Skatzka said. “She is like Caroline, a very hard worker. She is also a very good student and carries a very high grade-point average.”

Allison Ranusch South Lyon

The senior also picked up all-state honorable mention honors after averaging 44.8 for nine holes and 86.9 for 18. Ranusch had 11 top-10 finishes, including a fourth-place finish at regionals. She capped the year with a 16th-place finish at the Division 2 state finals.

“Allison has been a member of our varsity for four years and has been to the state finals for the past three years,” Skatzka said. “She has verbally committed to playing her college golf at Lake Superior State University.”

Second team

Chloe Page Northville

The senior captain earned academic all-state as well as all-conference

ALL-AREA GOLF

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Caroline Harding, South Lyon

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honors after averaging 43 for nine holes and 89 for 18. Page posted a low nine-hole score of 36.

Katelyn Henry Novi

The junior posted low rounds of 37 for nine holes and 78 for 18. Henry finished with a nine-hole average of 42.43 and 87.55 for 18. She tied the school record for nine-hole average.

Katie Carlson Milford

The senior averaged 45.5 for nine holes and 90 for 18. Carlson placed in the top 10 three times and earned all-conference honors. She is planning on playing at Siena in the fall.

Julia Stevenson Milford

The sophomore averaged 93.7 for 18 holes and 47.1 for nine. She had a pair of top-10 finishes at tournaments and earned all-conference honors.

Alex Bernas South Lyon

The junior averaged 46.4 for nine holes and 93.8 for 18. Bernas carded an 89 at regionals to finish fifth as the Lions set a new school record on the day. She also earned all-conference honors.

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Kim, who was fifth at 1:09.86 in the 100 breast stroke. Plymouth Salem won in 1:05.12, while a pair of Mustangs – Sarah Lohman (1:07.42) and Lauren Jazembowski (1:08.92) – took second and third, respectively.

Several Mustangs saw individual success, but fell just shy of conference titles. Moore took second in the 200 free (1:55.52) behind Livonia Stevenson’s winning time of 1:53.90, while Westphal was second in the 200 individual medley (2:07.30) behind Salem’s winning time of 2:05.76.

Nicki Pumper took third in the 100 free (54.08) and fourth in the 100 back (1:01.31) for Northville, while South Lyon won both events in 53.68 and 56.12 seconds, respectively.

The Mustangs’ Kelsey Macaddino took third in the 100 butterfly (59.53)

and fifth in the 50 free (25.06), while South Lyon won both of those events in 55.18 and 24.57 seconds, respectively.

Both Novi and Northville saw solid performances from their relay squads.

Although Stevenson won the 200 free relay in 1:39.00, Northville (Gillian Zayan, Jarzembowski, Lohman, Moore) took third in 1:41.33 and Novi (Ava Bianchi, Alexandra Cortez, Dana Kilponen, Emily Mayoras) was fourth in 1:42.04.

In the 200 medley relay, Salem won in 1:48.89, while Northville (Pumper, Lohman, Macaddino, Westphal) finished second 1:49.11 and Novi (Mayoras, Kim, Cortez, Kilponen) took fifth in 1:53.84.

South Lyon wrapped up its conference title with a win in the 400 freestyle relay in 3:34.01, where Northville’s Pumper, Macaddino, Moore and Westphal finished third in 3:38.20.

Chris Jackett is a freelance writer covering Novi High School sports for the Novi News.

Wolfpack show some teeth



The Northville Wolfpack sixth- and seventh-grade girls basketball team compiled a perfect 4-0 record Oct. 26 on its way to winning the Portland Slam Jam Girls Basketball Tournament in Portland, Mich. This is the second tournament in which the Wolfpack went undefeated, after winning the Jibby Jab Jumpshot Tournament in Swartz Creek earlier this month with a 3-0 record. Next up is the Slam Fest Tournament in Milan on Nov. 9. The team consists of (back row, from left) coach Steve Grant, Morgan Thompson, Alyssa Knoth, Jenna Lauderback, Tara Beason, Ellie Thallman, Jane Berry and Hannah O’Sullivan and (front row, from left) Hannah Grant, Nicole Martin and Chloe Zulcosky. Also on the team are Julia Straky and assistant coach Steve Thallman.

Arsenal wins Northville Cup



The Arsenal won the U10 Northville Cup earlier this month. The team plays in the Western Suburban Soccer League and won Division 2 for the second year in a row. The team includes (front row, from left) Zachary Howes, John Cook, Alec Murrell, Tsubasa Okada and Jack Kresnak and (second row, from left) Enzo Testasecca, Max Boschma, Joram Jaworski, Ryan Jansen, Andrew Adamski and Yaash Kokkalera). The team is coached by Joe Jansen, head coach Subbyia Kokkalera and Randy Kresnak.

Meads Mill finishes undefeated



The Meads Mill Middle School seventh-grade volleyball team just finished an undefeated 10-0 season by beating crosstown rival Hillside. The Patriots also came in first place at the Novi Invitational tournament Oct. 12. Team members include (front, from left): Kristina Mallabo, Maggie Petix, Sydney Kloosterman, Hannah Grant, Elena Lenyo, Marin Armstrong and Ally Backus and (back, from left) Olivia Thomson, Maria Murillo, Makayla Olds, Madelyn Kwiecinski, Nicole Martin, Natalie Barnhart, Andrea Nam, Jordyn Rickard and coach Angie Phillips.

Northville mortgage pro sees industry trends looking up

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Daniel Smith, senior loan officer with ColeTaylor Mortgage in Northville, is a 32-year veteran of the mortgage industry. Smith, a Northville Township resident, is encouraged by recent mortgage industry trends.

"We're getting back to a traditional market, traditional lending standards," he said. That means doing more to verify income, and using technology to dig deeper into applicants' finances.

"I think the biggest issue of buyers is what they may have done 10 years ago and has changed," he said. Smith and others in the field believe standards in recent years got too lax.

"In the past, we didn't have the technology," he said. Con-

cerns about privacy remain: "But we are lending money so we have to make sure we get paid back."

There's, unfortunately, a lot of fraud among applicants, he said, who can easily manufacture real-looking documents like pay stubs. Smith said some 80 percent of mortgage deals now come through with tax returns, helping to verify things like rental property income and self-employment income from things like Amway.

He encourages those who wish to apply for a mortgage to read up on the process. "Go spend some time with a lender," to learn about mortgage hurdles, he said. "They need to know all those things and get their ducks in a row."

Paying bills on time to establish good credit remains key. Smith finds some appli-



Daniel Smith

cants have false expectations. "It's definitely tougher but it got pretty stupid there," he said of lending in recent years. Delinquency rates on

mortgages are dropping now, a trend he's glad to see.

"I personally don't believe good money management can be called too basic." Your rates will depend on your credit score, much like buying a car.

He sees the real estate industry rebounding, with prices up and property moving.

Smith hasn't seen a short sale in eight months.

"Things are moving in the right direction," he said, even if sometimes slower than desired. "Absolutely. No doubt in my mind."

Smith believes homeownership is earned and not a right. "I think the quicker we get back to that thinking, the better it's going to be for everyone."

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Q: We went to a bank and spoke with a financial officer who claimed that he was not a financial institution or an affiliate of a financial institution and then made fraudulent oral representations inducing us to enter into a debt purchase agreement. Did that type of representation have to be in writing?



Robert Meisner

A: In a recent Michigan Court of Appeals case on facts similar to yours, the court held that the Statute of Frauds provision that requires certain promises by financial institutions be in writing to be enforceable. In effect, the court rejected the claim that a bank officer could not rely on the Statute of Frauds statute. The court said that a financial institution can only act through officers and agents and that the basic agency principles allow the officer to assert the Statute of Frauds defense. Therefore, any time you get any kind of promise from a bank officer of any type, insist that it be in writing.

Q: Our homeowner association is having a vote of the members on a particular issue and a number of our homeowners are delinquent resulting in them not being able to vote. When is the date on which we determine eligibility?

A: Assuming your association is a nonprofit corporation, your bylaws may provide for the fixing or in the absence of such provision, the board may fix the date as the record date for determination of which the shareholders or members who are entitled to vote. The date cannot be more than 60 nor less than 10 days before the time of the meeting. If the record date is not fixed, the record date under the statute for determination of members entitled to notice of or to vote at a meeting of members is the close of business on the day next preceding (the day before) the day on which notice is given or, if no notice is given, the day next preceding the day on which the meeting is held. You should check with your association attorney to determine how you are going to determine the record date for purposes of voting at the meeting.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of "Condo Living 2: An Authoritative Guide to Buying, Selling, and Operating a Condominium." It is available for \$24.95 plus \$5.55 for tax, shipping and handling. "Condo Living 2" is available in both print and e-book editions. The e-book is available for download through iTunes, Amazon.com, and barnesandnoble.com. He is also the author of "Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track," second edition. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Short sales

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

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Seminar on Tuesdays, Thursdays

A free seminar on government-insured reverse mortgages is offered by Colonial Mortgage Corp. on Tuesdays

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Free foreclosure tours are 1 p.m. every other Sunday. Meeting place is Panera Bread on the southeast corner of Middlebelt and I-96.

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Investors

The Real Estate Investors Association of Wayne will have an open forum. Investors will answer questions and offer a market update. Meetings are at 7:30 p.m. each first Tuesday of the month at the Red Lobster on Eureka in Southgate.

Members are free, guests \$20, which will be applied to their membership.

Any questions or concerns, call Wayne Koehler at 313-277-4168.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of July 8-12, 2013, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS

19745 Beverly Rd \$231,000
31286 Churchill Dr \$372,000
16942 Madoline St \$192,000
30550 Stellamar St \$220,000

BINGHAM FARMS

23590 Woodlyne Dr \$1,100,000

BIRMINGHAM

274 Abbey St \$425,000
977 Brookwood St \$1,148,000
1125 Chesterfield Ave \$660,000
1551 Derby Rd \$600,000
1105 E 14 Mile Rd \$110,000
1521 Stanley Blvd \$617,000
1748 Webster St \$210,000

BLOOMFIELD HILLS

5025 Van Ness Dr \$220,000
2270 Chestnut Dr \$702,000
1318 Forestglen Ct # Q-63 \$214,000
581 Foxhall Ct \$445,000
3908 Mount Vernon Dr \$340,000
1043 Stratford Ln \$235,000
911 Westview Rd \$316,000
779 Windemere Ct \$685,000
240 Woodwind Dr \$800,000

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP

2552 Alveston Dr \$249,000
715 E Fox Hills Dr \$43,000
177 E Hickory Grove Rd \$273,000
851 Fox Run \$211,000
3560 Halla Ln \$440,000
515 Hamilton Rd \$755,000
4719 Quarton Rd \$220,000

3515 Ridgeview Ct \$1,075,000
932 Southdown Rd \$423,000
830 Thorntree Ct \$410,000
5357 Van Ness Ct \$395,000
6105 Westmoor Rd \$340,000

COMMERCE TOWNSHIP

6118 Birchcrest Ln \$60,000
4393 Bluebird Cr \$320,000
8410 Golf Lane Dr \$252,000
8800 Oak Beach Dr \$1,400,000
1311 Penarth St \$123,000
2634 Pinto Dr \$150,000
3896 Ranya Dr \$419,000
4701 Surfwood Dr \$725,000

FARMINGTON

36854 Brittany Hill Dr \$183,000
36484 Saxony Rd \$225,000

FARMINGTON HILLS

28861 Balmoral Way \$158,000
27900 Berrywood Ln Unit 32 \$52,000
37549 Burton Ct \$215,000
31037 Cedar Creek Dr \$210,000
28751 Oak Bend Dr \$276,000
27665 Doreen St \$130,000
26900 Drake Rd \$472,000
35936 Forestville St \$215,000
35930 Fredericksburg Rd \$265,000
27991 Gettysburg St \$218,000
28991 Glenbrook Dr \$290,000
25523 Hunt Club Blvd \$266,000
28873 Kirkside Ln \$175,000
25448 Livingston Cir \$198,000
28284 New Castle Rd \$145,000
29517 Pendleton Club Dr \$34,000
26186 Pillsbury St \$333,000
32230 Red Clover Rd \$167,000
21414 Riverwalk Ct \$275,000
37609 Russett Dr \$227,000
34650 Versailles Ct \$217,000

LATHRUP VILLAGE

18509 Dolores Ave \$135,000
27474 Evergreen Rd \$29,000
MILFORD
863 Barberry Dr \$260,000
1227 E Commerce St \$75,000
1476 Hunters Lake Dr \$499,000
1484 Hunters Lake Dr \$656,000
774 Rowe Rd \$367,000
1227 Timber Ridge Ct \$807,000
2150 W Dawson Rd \$300,000

NORTHVILLE

53855 Nine Mile Rd \$248,000
47515 Bellagio Dr \$1,410,000
48744 Castello Ct \$216,000
1166 Concord Ct \$173,000
21531 Equestrian Trl \$195,000
44849 Galway Dr \$340,000
45115 Galway Dr \$262,000
967 McDonald Dr \$560,000
997 McDonald Dr \$500,000
20795 Normandy Ct \$575,000
51060 Park Place Dr \$195,000
22735 Poppleton Dr \$50,000
22769 Poppleton Dr \$329,000
21107 Stanstead Rd \$95,000
20876 W Glen Haven Cir \$140,000

NOVI

25680 Abbey Dr \$376,000
45433 Addington Ln \$420,000
42864 Ashbury Dr \$450,000
41399 Belden Cir \$150,000
49944 Blackberry Trl \$275,000
23979 Broadmoor Park Ln \$446,000
22236 Cascade Dr \$236,000
45139 Courtview Trl \$338,000
22835 Cranbrooke Dr \$100,000
28313 Declaration Rd \$95,000

40462 Heatherbrook \$188,000
25656 Island Lake Dr \$585,000
24474 Kings Pointe \$225,000
51183 Luke Ln \$255,000
22617 Moorgate St \$400,000
24876 Reeds Pointe Dr \$395,000
27643 Sloan St \$315,000
25150 Taft Rd \$170,000
41636 Tera Ln \$270,000
24276 Terra Del Mar Dr \$521,000

SOUTH LYON

59256 Bavernhaus Ct \$90,000
24344 Brentwood Dr \$361,000
58862 Carriage Ln \$426,000
24032 Copperwood Dr E \$362,000
61407 Dean Dr \$143,000
61007 Evergreen Ct \$160,000
348 Hampton Ct \$85,000
26300 Johns Rd \$195,000
59649 Mallory Ln \$351,000
1046 Paddock Dr \$224,000
61091 Preakness Blvd \$307,000
478 Princeton Dr \$30,000
478 Princeton Dr \$40,000
53790 Springwood Dr \$225,000
53834 Springwood Dr \$224,000
22838 Spy Glass Hill Dr \$377,000
25435 Stanley Ln \$360,000
393 Walnut Dr \$159,000

SOUTHFIELD

15599 Agnew Pl \$121,000
30050 Everett St \$128,000
28505 Fairfax St \$31,000
27375 Harvard Rd \$144,000
29450 Marimoor Dr \$151,000
19574 Melrose Ave \$31,000
24523 Pierce St \$127,000
27685 Pierce St \$100,000

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of July 29 to Aug. 2, 2013, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON

818 Aylesbury Ct \$355,000
41569 Ayrshire Dr \$150,000
1383 Aziz Dr \$278,000
4177 Berkeley Ave \$120,000
227 Blossom Dr \$318,000
2020 Brookfield St \$144,000
44917 Danbury Rd \$240,000
39652 Dorchester Cir \$265,000
7743 E Claymore Ct \$218,000
47074 Eastbourne Rd \$400,000
8530 Forestview Dr \$671,000
45695 Fountain View Dr \$304,000
47782 Gyde Rd \$565,000
46847 Hanford Rd \$285,000
49125 Hawksbury Rd \$190,000
3975 Hopefield Ct \$230,000
1710 Longfellow Dr \$145,000
1399 Marlowe St \$92,000
855 Meadowlake Rd \$154,000
45169 Middlebury Ln \$310,000
45732 Morningside Dr \$273,000
833 N Ridge Rd \$195,000
49271 Northampton Ct \$460,000
3627 Parklawn Dr \$187,000
357 Patriot St \$200,000
48625 Rockefeller Dr \$365,000
43329 Silverwood Dr \$220,000
41543 Singh Dr \$266,000
7539 Sussex Dr \$190,000
51215 Upland View St \$369,000
1292 W Crystal Cir \$220,000

45948 Windridge Ln \$360,000
46116 Windridge Ln \$315,000
40340 Winfield Rd \$150,000

GARDEN CITY

31536 Cambridge St \$99,000
29051 Dawson St \$23,000
849 Douglas St \$60,000
32610 Maplewood St \$82,000
861 Radcliff St \$40,000
LIVONIA
32820 Six Mile Rd \$158,000
16252 Aldrich Ct \$180,000
35992 Ann Arbor Trl \$55,000
38545 Ann Arbor Trl \$131,000
12099 Arcola St \$32,000
15208 Auburndale St \$105,000
14268 Berwick St \$110,000
15340 Deering St \$39,000
19032 Doris St \$290,000
11784 Farmington Rd \$91,000
34135 Gable Dr \$186,000
16791 Golfview St \$250,000
36436 Grandon St \$56,000
15121 Harrison St \$107,000
16885 Harrison St \$115,000
18555 Heatherlea Dr \$385,000
8855 Henry Ruff Rd \$110,000
9840 Ingram St \$152,000
28024 Long St \$74,000
36113 Lyndon St \$149,000
14124 Lyons St \$120,000
9628 Mayfield St \$125,000
17536 McNamara Dr \$185,000
33448 Michele St \$161,000
33028 Middleboro St \$70,000
37442 N Laurel Park Dr \$137,000
37474 N Laurel Park Dr \$140,000
8969 Oporto St \$128,000

14941 Paderewski St \$80,000
14664 Park St \$125,000
16318 Richfield St \$223,000
27490 Sunnydale St \$170,000
18930 Woodring St \$120,000

NORTHVILLE

18793 Bayberry Way \$755,000
48347 Binghampton Dr \$475,000
48348 Binghampton Dr \$525,000
44445 Broadmoor Blvd \$366,000
44628 Broadmoor Cir N \$440,000
44694 Broadmoor Cir N \$425,000
41648 Elk Rd \$285,000
16170 Pine Valley Dr \$675,000
373 Rayson St \$550,000
18041 Shadbrook St \$965,000
17802 Stonebrook Dr \$505,000
45513 Tournament Dr \$680,000
39489 Village Run Dr \$215,000
PLYMOUTH
45997 Academy Dr \$335,000
679 Adams St \$240,000
9460 Brookline Ave \$170,000
46578 Burning Tree Ln \$50,000
46658 Burning Tree Ln \$376,000
33286 Caprice Dr \$184,000
1354 Elm St \$450,000
9019 Gregory Ln \$173,000
9157 Hackberry Ave \$225,000
15012 Lakewood Dr \$198,000
628 N Harvey St \$258,000
9014 Northern Ave \$188,000
51256 Plymouth Lake Dr \$463,000
13214 Portsmouth Xing \$305,000
500 Provincetown Ln \$186,000
49149 Quail Run Dr S \$356,000
43035 River Bend Dr \$202,000
1199 S Sheldon Rd \$56,000

670 Simpson St \$320,000

REDFORD

9590 Berwyn \$223,000
19664 Brady \$52,000
18657 Centralia \$18,000
12830 Columbia \$70,000
18271 Delaware Ave \$50,000
19470 Denby \$60,000
25502 Elsinore \$57,000
9127 Fenton \$73,000
11332 Fenton \$50,000
13558 Garfield \$73,000
14180 Garfield \$75,000
8945 Kinloch \$71,000
18245 Negaunee \$45,000
24317 Orangelawn \$41,000
26923 Ross Dr \$106,000
13531 Sarasota \$72,000
15825 Wormer \$29,000

WAYNE

35251 Elm St \$40,000
WESTLAND
33065 Ann Arbor Trl \$30,000
35928 Avondale St \$60,000
30615 Cooley Blvd \$125,000
31258 Fernwood St \$57,000
32740 Glen St \$52,000
8498 Huntington St \$21,000
29721 Julius Blvd \$55,000
33712 Lacrosse St \$110,000
31005 Mackenzie Dr \$132,000
32809 Merritt Dr \$110,000
6878 Mohican Ln \$113,000
8619 N Inkster Rd \$38,000
612 S Marie St \$72,000
350 Shotka St \$65,000

Car Report

New Chevy Silverado Totes Many Reasons for Being No. 1



By Dale Buss

Back in the good old days of the American vehicle market, the Detroit Three makers would sell 1.5 million pickup trucks a year. They're only on a pace to return to about two-thirds of that level this year, their best in a long while—but it sure feels like old times the way buyers are returning to the cabs of trucks.

And heading the renaissance of the industry's highest-profit vehicles is the new 2014 Chevrolet Silverado. It has been extremely well received by consumers, and the reasons are several: It has a larger cargo bed than Dodge Ram, can tow a heavy trailer and delivers best-in-class fuel economy of 16 mpg overall. Silverado's 5.3-liter V-8 engine, six-speed automatic transmission and four-wheel drive even returns 23 mpg on the highway.

On a recent trip up north, Silverado also showed off its comfortable and spacious ride as a leisure vehicle and, for this driver, the advantages of a high ride and a huge "greenhouse" for navigating Michigan traffic. Multiple power and USB connections don't leave Silverado short in the increasingly important area of digital connectivity. And the extra stowage space under the rear seat can be a trip-saver for a vehicle that might not seem all that travel-worthy at first glance.

And in proving an able yardwork assistant, Silverado's rear bumper steps and low step-in height proved an invaluable back-saver. That's all the more the case for the contractors and other professionals who comprise the most important segment of the nascent



The new High Country version of the Silverado arrives just in time for winter.

pickup-truck market.

In fact, Consumer Reports rated Silverado over the new Ram 1500 in a recent evaluation of the two freshest full-size pickups; Ford will introduce a new F-150 next year. GMC's new sibling pickup, Sierra, also has impressed reviewers.

As a result, sales of the new 2014 Silverado and Sierra increased a combined 62 percent last month from the previous month. They accounted for about 76 percent of GM's light-duty deliveries, per plan.

"We are particularly pleased with our truck momentum," said Kurt McNeil, GM's vice president of U.S. sales operations. "Chevrolet and GMC have the newest and best light duty trucks, sales are accelerating and we are gearing up for the second, third and fourth phases of our strategic truck plan."

In November, the premium Chevrolet Silverado High Country and GMC Sierra Denali will hit showrooms, followed by a redesigned range of heavy-duty pickups

in the first quarter of 2014.

It's true that GM has hit a couple of discordant notes in the marketing of the new Silverado. Its planned "Silverado Strong" promotion during the World Series ran afoul of Bostonians who didn't like its resemblance to the "Boston Strong" slogan that arose after the Boston Marathon bombings last spring, so Chevy marketers had to pull it at the last minute.

And Chevy has been taking advantage of strong initial demand for the new Silverado by boosting prices by \$1,500. That was enough to pay for a \$1,500 rebate that recently has been offered on most models, and dealers like it because they can use it to help get customers qualified for a loan. But it does tend to undercut GM's strategic plan to let its brands and products do the talking in the showroom.

Still, Chevy's overall marketing campaign for Silverado has represented a welcome return to an approach that tugs at heartstrings and recalls some of the best truck advertising that Chevrolet has done over the decades, such as its long-running "Like

a Rock" positioning.

"What we're trying to do is emotionalize a category that has gotten pretty rational," Tim Mahoney, Chevy's chief marketing officer, told MarketingDaily.com. "It's as much a brand campaign as a Silverado campaign."

Or, as Chris Perry, head of Chevy advertising, put it to Advertising Age, the goal for the campaign—Chevy's largest in years—is to take "back the soulfulness of the category... That segment is one of the most steeped in values and imagery." Yet those values are largely missing from truck ads now, and "we want to reflect those customer values."

The Chevy execs' assessment of the state of truck marketing is instructive. Certainly Ford has taken a more rational route lately with its F-150, the nation's best-selling vehicle, by heavily promoting the availability of a fuel-efficient yet powerful-enough EcoBoost six-cylinder engine that now attracts about half the buyers for the nameplate. On the other hand, Ram certainly appealed to emotions with its evocative Super Bowl ad in February that was an ode to the American farmer.



The interior of the new Chevy Silverado meets both work and personal needs.

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 - 8 See 126- Across
 - 13 Grand — (sports)
 - 16 Taboo fluid
 - 19 Pt 1 south of Milan
 - 20 Milan opera house
 - 21 "Glee" X star Stephen
 - 22 "Oh, gyp, home..."
 - 23 1988 hit for Preshae
 - 25 LAX letters
 - 26 Poor review
 - 27 Co. kimpin
 - 28 1972 hit for the O'Jays
 - 31 Water co. of
 - 34 Answer: a invite
 - 38 Dot —
 - 39 Invention's origin
 - 40 1971 hit for John Denver
 - 47 "Evita" star LaPorte
 - 48 "Sugar, Sugar" group, with "the"
 - 49 Part of obs.
 - 50 1975 hit for America
 - 54 Machines no: mico
 - 57 Provide relief
 - 58 See 59- Across
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 - 60 Kansas town
 - 61 Moves or ice
 - 63 Cordial
 - 68 Take a dip
 - 69 Jazzy home
 - 70 1982 hit for the Alan Parsons Project
 - 74 Funny Jay
 - 75 Eons
 - 76 Absorption process
 - 77 Mafia's code of silence
 - 79 Overly quick
 - 80 "Spring forward" hrs.
 - 81 — Reach (Atlantic coast city in Florida)
 - 83 "— D out"
 - 84 Raised trains
 - 85 2000 hit for Creed
 - 92 Sue Gratton's — for Undertow
 - 93 Statistic in a used-car ad
 - 94 Mentions Eleri John and Kiki Dee
 - 102 Gu f country
 - 103 ago factor
 - 104 "I say"
 - 105 Assassinate
 - 106 1994 hit for Roy L Men
 - 112 Biblical suffix
 - 114 Collision gr
 - 115 Always, in a sonnet
 - 116 1986 hit for Tears for Fears
 - 123 Before, in a sonnet
 - 124 Brow's curve
 - 125 Goddess of the hunt
 - 126 With 6- Across, "All Shock Up" singer
 - 127 Barrett of rock
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 - 129 One who's hardly saintly
 - 190 Tickle a ton
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 - 8 Jargon suffix
 - 9 Antihumorist
 - 10 Volcano flow
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 - 12 Pull sharply
 - 13 Retort to: "Am not!"
 - 14 Brand of fiber powder
 - 15 Swedish car
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 - 17 Not so far
 - 18 Olathe ocale
 - 24 "Crucify" singer Amos
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 - 31 Clec's doom
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 - 33 Messy state
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 - 67 Wan ta- — (imitators)
 - 71 Baseballer Eddie or Footballer Fielding
 - 72 Book before Job: Abbr.
 - 73 Long ago
 - 78 Be a sponge
 - 80 Alimonts
 - 81 Actor Mortenson
 - 82 Abnormal plant swelling
 - 85 I roak (out)
 - 86 "Belch- —" (1852 hit)
 - 87 Narrow estuary
 - 88 Jan. 17 day holiday
 - 89 Six, in its y
 - 90 Mago's stick
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By Robert Half

Turning down a job offer can seem risky and reckless. No matter how long you've been on the hunt, saying no to a steady paycheck just seems wrong, especially with the job market still struggling to reach full recovery.

In the long run, however, accepting the wrong position can hinder your career more severely than passing up a viable opportunity. Here are several reasons why turning down a job offer might actually be your best move:

Opportunity blocks

Saying yes to an offer means saying no to any others that might be just around the corner. Especially if you recently started your search, passing up a reasonable but uninspiring opportunity might turn out to be, in effect, a very wise investment. On the other hand, if the offer is the only nibble you've had in months of determined searching, rejecting it is a risk.

If you're considering accepting an offer despite serious misgivings, thinking that you can always bail out after a few months, for example, don't bother. Doing so not only creates a question mark on your résumé, but it also subjects you to the challenges of starting a new job without yielding the benefits of sticking around.

Waning excitement

Ask yourself which job you're really considering: the one you imagined when you first learned of the opening or the one that you've since learned much more about? Has your enthusiasm intensified or faded over the course of the hiring process? Any loss of interest is likely to intensify during your firsthand potentially only months on the job.

Missing fit

Don't let a generous offer blind you to subjective factors such as cultural fit. How

An offer you can refuse:



When to turn down a job opportunity

comfortable have you felt during your visits to the office and in your interactions with your potential boss?

Don't overestimate your ability to adapt to work and communication styles that don't match your own. In the long run, such intangibles are likely to be much more important to you than the exact number of hours you work, vacation days you enjoy or dollars you earn.

Dead-end ahead

An otherwise suitable job might not advance you along a satisfying career path. If the apparent potential for advancement leaves you feeling claustrophobic, you're likely better off continuing your search.

After all, the most important aspect of your next position might be the breadth and qual-

ity of the jobs it prepares you for. Make sure you understand the advancement, training and development opportunities your prospective employer will provide.

Old hat

Do you find yourself focusing on everything about the potential job, the commute, compensation, schedule, culture, dress code; except the work itself? Take a closer look at the duties that will make up a typical day.

In some cases, a role that seems like a perfect fit won't provide enough fresh challenges. A role that doesn't require you to keep learning and growing might not keep you engaged for long. If no element of the prospective position makes you at least a

little bit nervous, in a good way, you might want to wait for a stiffer challenge.

When in doubt, ask

Don't hesitate to talk to the hiring manager about any issues that are getting between you and a decision. Some job candidates, fearing that any misgivings could insult the employer, keep their concerns to themselves. All that does is keep them from making a fully informed decision about the offer and, if they decide to accept it, gets their new professional relationships off to a secretive start.

If the company values you enough to have made you an offer, it will likely be eager to address your concerns. Employers are often willing to negotiate starting salary, for example, if you're hoping for a few more bucks.

If you still have trouble making a decision after following up, forget for a moment about the position in question. Write down the most important qualities of your next job. Then re-evaluate the position with those aspects in mind. Doing so might help you cut through distracting factors and get closer to an opportunity that suits your needs and goals, whether that's the offer at hand or the next one that comes along.

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THANKSGIVING

Good Food – Good Times

Thanksgiving, a time to appreciate friends and family over Thanksgiving dinner. It's also a good time to talk about health and nutrition. This month's Scoop Hound Dog Highlights is devoted to celebrating good food and good times. Enjoy and Happy Thanksgiving!

What is your favorite healthy treat or activity? Send a photo of yourself and tell us about it. You could win a Community Bowling Center \$20 Gift card. Include your name, age, city, and contact info.

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HEALTHY ME

Everyone is talking about being healthy. You play an important part in staying healthy. Reach for fruit instead of potato chips. Go outside and play instead of playing a video game. Every little bit helps. Here is a delicious healthy treat that you can make with mom and dad.

Banana on a Blanket

- 1 whole wheat tortilla
- 1 tablespoon peanut butter
- 1 banana
- 1 teaspoon of honey
- 1 tablespoon granola cereal

Spread peanut butter on the tortilla and sprinkle granola over it. Place peeled banana on tortilla and roll the tortilla around it. Spread a little honey on top and sprinkle more granola. Yummy!!

Courtesy of fruitsandveggiesmatters.org



BIRTHDAY WISHES

William Taylor IV Inkster 11/5

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Did You Know?

THE WORD "PUMPKIN" COMES FROM THE GREEK "PEPON," WHICH MEANS "LARGE MELON." THE ENGLISH TERMED IT PUMPION, OR POMPION, IN THE 16TH CENTURY.

Courtesy of Metro Creative

How they SAY that in...

ENGLISH: Pie

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Healthy Thanksgiving

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SHARE YOUR TALENT

Do you write, draw, make crafts, take photographs, or do something else that you would like others to know about?

We may share your extraordinary talent in an upcoming Scoop's Hound Dog Highlights

Fun Turkey Facts:

- While domesticated turkeys cannot fly, wild turkeys can fly for short distances up to 55 miles per hour.
- 46 million turkeys were eaten in the U.S.A. during Thanksgiving.
- You may know that Neil Armstrong and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin landed on the moon way back in 1969, but you may not know that their first meal eaten on the moon was a food packet containing roasted turkey with all the trimmings.
- It's a little know fact that Benjamin Franklin wanted to make the wild turkey the country's national bird.

Source: The U.S. Poultry & Egg Association

COLORING FUN

Riddles and Giggles

Q. What fish goes well with Peanut Butter?

A. Jelly Fish

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