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Parade

The annual Northville Holiday Lighted Parade will kick off at 6:30 p.m. on Friday in downtown Northville. It will take place regardless of the weather.

Sponsored by Tom Holzer Ford and put on by the Northville Chamber of Commerce, the parade will include dozens of community participants, 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. This year's theme is "Miracle on Main Street."

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.

For more information, contact Traci Sincock at the Northville Chamber of Commerce at traci-sincock@northville.org or 248-349-7640, Ext. 22.

MRSA CASES IN NORTHVILLE SCHOOLS RAISING CONCERNS

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Staff Writer

The Northville Public School District has seen five cases of MRSA since the start of the school year with three this month.

This is one too many for local businessman Gary Martin, who wants to help the district prevent any more issues.

Martin's company, the Martin Midwest Group, LLC, is a manufacturer's representative with specialties in health care, industrial, janitorial and safety prod-

ucts. It's located in downtown Northville.

He went before the Northville Board of Education on Nov. 12 to voice his concerns and offer some help.

"MRSA is more easily transferred than the common cold and is more violent," he said to the school board. "This handicaps people and kills people ... this is something that is going to grow worse in our society."

The most recent case was reported to NPS on Nov. 19 and it involves another high school student. The district said this

case is not related to previously reported cases.

The previous case was reported on Nov. 8. Again it was a confirmed case of MRSA (Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus aureus) at Silver Springs Elementary. The district immediately informed the community of the case by email listserv.

This infection is caused by a strain of staph bacteria that's become resistant to the antibiotics commonly used to treat ordinary staph infections. One type of MRSA infection can occur in a wider community among

healthy people and often begins as a painful skin boil.

It's spread by skin-to-skin contact. At-risk populations include groups such as high school wrestlers, child care workers and people who live in crowded conditions.

The district said the Silver Springs student and those at the high school were all under doctor care and being treated. In addition, the affected areas at the school had a cleaning regimen conducted on them.

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The mural on the Marquis Theatre. KEN BRUNDAGE PHOTOGRAPHY

Restoring Old Glory

Community effort under way to restore Marquis flag mural

By **Kurt Kuban**
Staff Writer

In a fit of patriotism following the attacks of Sept. 11th, Marquis Theatre owner Inge Zayti commissioned the impressive American flag mural on the rear wall of her building in downtown Northville. And for more than a decade the mural – which contains the words "America United September 11, 2001" – has been a landmark of sorts for Northville residents and many visitors who are awed by its simple message of unity and American pride.

Unfortunately time is starting to take its toll on the mural, as it is starting to fade and chip. But do not fret. There is a community effort underway that, if successful, will renew both the mural and Zayti's patriotic spirit.

Northville Rotary is teaming up with Preservation Dental and Zayti's family to launch a unique fundraiser that will be kicked off Friday in conjunction with the annual Northville Holiday Lighted Parade. The groups are raising money by selling raffle tickets, which are scheduled to go on sale at the conclusion of the parade.

This is not your typical raffle, however. Tickets cost \$100 apiece, and there will only be 500 sold. If, in fact, all 500 are sold, the winner of the raffle will win \$10,000, with second place getting \$5,000 and third place



Several groups have teamed up to come up with a fundraiser to restore the iconic American flag mural on the Marquis Theatre, including Northville Rotary, Preservation Dental and the owners of the theatre. Pictured are (from left) Christina Zayte, Karen Howe, Dr. Bill Demray, Denise Jenkins, Tim Story, Sue Campbell, Alan Somershoe, Traci Sincock and Vaughan Molnar. The flag was originally painted by Jeff VonBuskirk in 2002 to commemorate the Sept. 11 attacks. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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Mark Abbo named Wayne County CFO

Former Northville Township supervisor has extensive CPA, financial experience

By **Kurt Kuban**
Staff Writer

It didn't take too long for former Northville Township Supervisor Mark Abbo to find another way to serve the public.

On Monday Abbo was named Wayne County's new chief financial officer (CFO), a little over a year after deciding not to seek reelection as the township's supervisor.



Abbo

Abbo was appointed to the position by Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano, who noted Abbo's extensive experience as a CPA and financial experience will be a benefit as the county struggles to straighten out its financial troubles.

"Mark brings a wealth of financial management expertise and a fresh perspective to the county's department of management and budget," said Ficano. "Mark knows government finance and, with decades of work as a CPA and chief financial officer in a number of private sector businesses over the course of his 30-plus year career, he knows how to find solutions."

Abbo replaces Carla Sledge, who retired Oct. 1 after serving 20 years in Wayne County government.

Abbo, who is a longtime Republican, has had a long career in private sector financial management. After graduating from Eastern Michigan University in 1975, he worked for some of the "Big 8" accounting firms and later took on leadership role at several manufacturing companies in southeastern Michigan.

Abbo also served two decades as an elected official in Northville Township, including serving three terms as supervisor. He helped navigate the township through unprecedented growth as well as the economic downturn.

"Mark has a long track record of driving efficiencies in

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There were three other cases involving two student-athletes and another student at the high school. The high school had undergone the prescribed cleaning regimen earlier this month and parts of it will again.

Martin asked what plans were in place to prevent any more cases.

He said he represents a firm that has a new product that could help with preventing any more cases, in addition to the disinfecting process. He told the board he works with organizations like the National Football League (NFL) in preventing MRSA cases.

School board President Ken Roth said the district has been following the protocols put forth by the Wayne County Health Department.

He said each time the district has conducted a intensive cleaning of the potentially impacted areas, in addition to maintaining an

open transparency with the community on the issues when they are reported.

“I think the situation is being well handled by the district,” Roth said. “It’s not an easy situation to deal with because of the nature of the beast (MRSA).”

Roth expressed appreciation in Martin’s offer and directed him to speak with Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations Mike Zopf about the potential help. He said he would work with the district to ensure they have the right product that is reliable and affordable to help with preventing any more cases.

However, he emphasized he wasn’t there just as a salesman, but as a community member who wants to offer ideas of some other avenues to fix any problems.

“I just feel from a conscious level I owe you that being in the community and seeing three cases in 60 days,” he said.

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\$2,500. The remainder of the funds will be used to commission Jeff Von Buskirk, the artist who painted the mural more than a decade ago, to complete the necessary renovations to preserve Old Glory. If the group falls short of its 500 ticket goal, the raffle will revert to a 50/50.

‘We need to fix it’

This effort to restore the mural began with William Demray of Preservation Dental located nearby at Griswold and Main. Demray walks past the mural almost on a daily basis, and over the course of the last year or so he has noticed it is starting to show its age. With the help of his office assistant Denise Jenkins, Demray got the ball rolling on the fundraiser. They first contacted the Northville Chamber of Commerce, which steered them to Northville Rotary, a civic group always looking to support just such a community effort.

“Dr. Demray came to me and said we need to fix it,” Jenkins said. “I agree. As a community, we need to fix this mural. It means so much to this town.”

“This is a true community project. We feel confident that people will want to be involved. The interest we’ve already received on this has been great.”

The project is even more symbolic consider-



Local artist Jeff Von Buskirk paints the mural on the back of the Marquis Theatre more than a decade ago. If a fundraiser is successful, Von Buskirk will restore the mural.

ing Zayti passed away in recent months.

“When Inge passed away, one of her last wishes was to have the mural restored,” said Traci Sincock of Northville Rotary.

That’s why Jenkins and Sincock approached Zayti’s daughter, Christina Zayte, who now runs the theatre after her mother’s death. She was excited about the project, and she agreed to be part of the cause.

“We all had the same idea. That’s very Northville. We just needed to get organized,” Sincock said.

Cost of restoration

The estimate to restore the 30-foot by 45-

foot mural is \$19,000. If all goes well, the raffle drawing will take place on Jan. 25 at the Marquis Theatre. That night will also include a special showing of the classic film, “Yankee Doodle Dandy.”

Tickets – as soon as they are available – can be purchased at Monroe Bank & Trust (corner of Hutton and Main), Preservation Dental and the Northville Chamber of Commerce office, as well as from Northville Rotary members.

Jenkins notes that the fact that only 500 tickets are being sold greatly increases the chances of winning the raffle. All those who purchase a ticket will also get free

admission to the special movie presentation, have their names listed in a full-page ad in the *Northville Record*, and have a pretty good chance to win big.

“By buying a ticket you’re showing your patriotism, you have a pretty good chance to win a lot of money, and you will be recognized by the community for supporting such a great community effort,” she said.

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both the government and private sectors. It’s a unique blend of experience and we’re fortunate to have him join our team,” said Ficano.

Abbo said he is looking forward to the oppor-

tunity, and believes his private sector experience will be helpful to Ficano’s team.

“There are few communities and governments that have sailed through the 2008 recession unscathed,” said Abbo. “Wayne County continues to have challenges and I’m excited for the opportunity to

bring my private and public sector experience to the table.”

Laura Cox, a Livonia Republican who represents the Northville community on the Wayne County Board of Commissioners, applauded the hire.

“I enjoyed working with Mark when he served as the Northville

supervisor, and I am thrilled to have the opportunity to work with him once again as we try to fix Wayne County’s financial difficulties,” said Cox, chair of the commission’s Ways and Means Committee. “His vision and determination will serve the county well.”

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Northville’s Jenereaux honored for philanthropy, leadership

Northville resident Joyce Jenereaux received The Neal Shine Award for Media Commitment to Philanthropy for her leadership at the Detroit Media Partnership and her dedication to philanthropy in the community at the National Philanthropy Day Dinner Nov. 13 in Detroit.

The event is celebrated annually by the Association of Fundraising Professionals Greater Detroit Chapter. Award recipients are selected based on their exceptional philanthropic contributions and commitment to enhancing Southeastern Michigan.

Jenereaux, who is president of Gannett Michigan, was honored for her leadership at the Detroit Media Partnership, which made nearly \$2 million in cash and

in-kind contributions to nonprofit organizations in 2012.

The 2012 DMP contributions included:

- » \$1.2 million in advertising space donated to local nonprofits
- » \$175,000 in grants to 20 local charities in partnership with the Gannett Foundation
- » \$380,000 was raised for 20 charities through the Detroit Free Press/Talmer Bank Marathon;
- » 185 abandoned homes in Detroit’s Cody-Rouge neighborhood were boarded up by 600 Make a Difference Day volunteers recruited with project partners.

Jenereaux also serves on three nonprofit boards: CATCH, which



Jenereaux

raises money to care for hospitalized children; Reading Works, dedicated to making a positive impact on the rate of adult literacy in metro Detroit; and Forgotten Harvest, formed in 1990 to relieve hunger in the metropolitan area by rescuing surplus, prepared and perishable food and donating it to emergency food providers. Jenereaux will serve a second term as board chair of Forgotten Harvest in 2013-14.

As president of Gannett Michigan, Jenereaux’s responsibilities include overseeing DMP (which publishes the Detroit Free Press and The Detroit News), Observer & Eccentric Media, Livingston Daily Press & Argus and Gannett’s media properties in Lansing, Port Huron and Battle Creek.

The Neal Shine Award

for Media Commitment to Philanthropy is presented to an individual with at least 20 years of media activity, who focuses on building communities, demonstrating a consistent ethical foundation and showing commitment to and success in making metro Detroit a better place in which to live.

Shine, an iconic former publisher and editor of the Detroit Free Press, was known for his commitment to Detroit and his special efforts to help those in need. He died in 2007.

“Neal Shine loved this community and he had a special fondness for the City of Detroit,” said Jenereaux in accepting the award on behalf of the employees of the DMP.

“He felt strongly about making sure that those in need got the

help they deserved, especially when it involved children.

“And he very smartly used the power of the Detroit Free Press to tell the stories that needed to be told and to make the public aware of the issues that they needed to know.

“Neal was great at connecting people who wanted to help with opportunities to help. Neal Shine left us with an important legacy. And he also left us an immense responsibility that we take very seriously, and that we’re committed to sustaining,” Jenereaux said.

Jenereaux is a native Detroit. She attended Henry Ford High School and holds a business degree from Eastern Michigan University.

More than 700 people attended the Nov. 13 event at the Marriott

Hotel in Detroit’s Renaissance Center.

Other award winners included Dhivya Sridar of Novi, Sparky Anderson Award for Youth in Philanthropy; Mort and Brigitte Harris, Max M. Fisher Award for Outstanding Philanthropist; Gary C. Valade, George Romney Award for Lifetime Achievement in Volunteerism; Margaret Cooney-Casey, Dr. John S. Lore Award for Outstanding Fundraising Executive; Max M. and Marjorie S. Fisher Foundation, Outstanding Foundation; Jeff Bergeron, Edmund T. Ahee Jewel Award for Outstanding Volunteer Fundraiser; and Ford Motor Co., Outstanding Corporation. Some 96 others were honored as distinguished volunteers for the work they do in organizations throughout the metro area.



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Madonna University President Sister Rose Marie Kujawa and Schoolcraft College President Conway Jeffress sign the articulation agreement for the dual degree sign language studies program.

Madonna, Schoolcraft partner to offer dual degree in sign language

Madonna University and Schoolcraft College have announced a unique dual degree program in sign language studies. Beginning fall semester 2014, students majoring in sign language studies will be able to attend both schools at the same time and use their financial aid at both institutions.


Dan McDougall, director of Madonna's sign language studies program, outlined how this innovative partnership will save students time and money. "Our very specific plan of study outlines which classes students will take at each school: general education requirements will be taken at Schoolcraft and sign language courses will be taught at Madonna, which will save students thousands in tuition costs. Additionally, by meeting with their adviser on a regular basis, students can ensure they stay on track to complete their degree in four years so they can start their careers in a timely fashion."

According to McDougall, the demand for interpreters for the deaf and hard of hearing in Michigan will continue to grow over the next 20 years, based on a 2006 study by the Division on Deaf and Hard of Hearing. He also noted that a bachelor's degree is now required for new applicants to apply for national interpreting certification.


As the program's name suggests, students will earn two degrees: an associate's degree in applied science from Schoolcraft after two years of successful study and a bachelor's degree in either interpreting studies or deaf community studies from Madonna after two additional years of successful study.

With Michigan's first and longest-running bachelor's degree program in sign language, Madonna University also is the only Michigan school that offers more than one bachelor's degree related to sign language. Language courses are taught by culturally-deaf instructors, in a new, state-of-the-art visual language lab and classrooms.

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Northville High to stage 'Our Town'

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Director Tracy Spada's pretty excited about Northville High's production of *Our Town* this coming weekend.

"We've been rehearsing since mid-September," said Spada, also resident stage manager for the professional Tipping Point Theatre in downtown Northville. "It's coming together really well. I'm really excited for people to see it."

The auditions were held shortly after school started.

General admission tickets for the Northville High School Drama Club's fall play, Thornton Wilder's *Our Town*, are on sale. Show dates and times are Thursday, Nov. 21, at 7 p.m.; Friday, Nov. 22, at 7 p.m.; and Saturday, Nov. 23, at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Advance purchase tickets are \$10 for all ages. Tickets may also be purchased at the box office one hour prior to each performance for \$12.

To buy advance purchase tickets, go to www.showtix4u.com and search for "Our Town Northville" then buy your tickets using a credit card and print them out at home.

Credit cards may be used only for online transactions. Cash and checks are to be used at the box office.

Our Town explores the relationship between two young Grover's Corners neighbors, George Gibbs and Emily Webb, whose childhood friendship blossoms into romance, and culminates in marriage. When Emily loses her life in childbirth, the circle of life portrayed in each of the three acts of *Our Town* – growing up, adulthood, and death – is realized.

Spada, a Wixom resident, noted the ensemble will be on stage for most of the play. NHS students will create sound effects right on stage ranging from animal noises to a lawn mower.

This timeless drama of life in the mythical village of Grover's Corners, New Hamp-



The Northville High "Our Town" cast is eager to take to the stage this weekend. CARLA JACOBSON PHOTOGRAPHY

shire, has become an American classic with universal appeal. Thornton Wilder's most frequently performed play, *Our Town* appeared on Broadway in 1938 to wide acclaim, and won the Pulitzer Prize. *Our Town* has been produced in amateur and professional theaters around the world.

There are some 21 in the cast, including the ensemble, "which is a pretty big show for a fall production," she said. "We always have a really talented group of kids. They want to make the best of their Drama Club and they do. It's wonderful to see."

Like many, Spada read the play years back in 10th grade English, and urges adults to revisit it live. "You come back to it as an adult and everything has so much more weight," she said.

Adults have dealt more with life and loss.

"It will actually mean more to the adults coming to see the show," Spada said.

For auditions, the students were asked to write about their town or high school, "something about living in this area, something that meant something to them," she said.

Spada's been directing since

1991, and knows she's fortunate to make her living that way.

"It's a good partnership," she said of the Northville schools. The teens benefit from a local professional theater company, such as in areas like lighting design.

"They're getting professional experience," she said of those crew members. "The majority of the high schools do not get that."

The social aspect and sense of accomplishment also mean a lot, Spada added.

Production stage manager is Paul Roh, with Jillian Stacer assistant stage manager and Ananda Adibhatla ASM understudy.

The local cast includes: Stage Manager - Ryan Duda; Dr. Gibbs - Dominic Seipenko; Joe Crowell - Emily Koswick; Howie Newsome - Grant Marmaduke; Mrs. Gibbs - Delaney Sullivan; Mrs. Webb - Allison Perchman; George Gibbs - Nick Ralph; Rebecca Gibbs - Gabby Slape; Wally Webb - Nick Barba; Emily Webb - Lauren Goyer; Professor Wilbard - Michael Miller; Mr. Webb - Mat Buie; Ensemble: Haley Clifton, Matt Jones, Sarah Whitcomb, Carleigh Ray, Annie Sullivan, Lauren Idema;

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SCHOOL BRIEFS

Holiday shopping

Ridge Wood Elementary, located at 49775 Six Mile Road, will host its One Stop Holiday Shopping Night from 6-8 p.m. tonight, Nov. 21. The event is a fundraiser for the Ridge Wood PTA. Suggested entry fee is \$1 (each \$1 earns you a raffle ticket for a chance to win prizes from the vendors). All admission proceeds go directly to the Ridge Wood PTA.

Vendors and artists will be on site selling an array of holiday gift ideas including artwork and more.

Kids are welcome, and there will be plenty of gift ideas for them as well.

Early childhood education

Northville Public Schools' Early Childhood Education and Extended Day Programs will host an early learning workshop from 6:30-8 p.m., Dec. 3 at Ridge Wood Elementary School, in the media center. The workshop is free of charge, and light refreshments will be served.

The program is called "Emergent Curriculum" and Cathy Shapero will be the presenter. She is an NPS teacher and an educational consultant with many years of early intervention experiences and extensive knowledge of young children. This workshop will provide ideas and suggestions for tapping into your child's interest to promote math, science, reading and other academic learning. You will come away with an understanding on how learning becomes real and meaningful to your child.

Registration is requested by calling 248-465-2550.

Additionally, on March 18, the workshop "Literacy Development" will be presented that will provide parents with knowledge on how to support a child's language and literacy development in the early years.

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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.

Nutcracker performance

Timberlane Dance of Northville is presenting the Nutcracker Ballet and Christmas Dances at 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 30 and at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 1 at Northville High School.

Tickets are \$15 for adults, and \$10 for seniors (65 and over) and children (12 and under). Group discounts are available. To purchase tickets call 248-924-8357.

Timberlane will be collecting non-perishable food items and cash donations for Northville Civic Concern at both performances. For more information, visit www.timberlanedance.com.

Cookie Walk

The Northville First United Methodist Church is hosting Cookie Walk 2013 from 8:30 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Dec. 7. Cookie Walk is a fundraiser for the Appalachian Service Project. (ASP), a Christian home repair/home building ministry through which our volunteers and staff repair and build homes for low-income families in rural Appalachia.

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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 equip-

ment, 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.mothersclubofnorthville.org, through the Northville Public School's listserve, or by contacting Lori Schafer at pierceschafer@wow-way.com.

Dickens Christmas Tea

The Northville Historical Society will present Dickens Christmas Tea with Simply Dickens from 1-3:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14 at the Cady Inn at Mill Race Historical Village.

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Get in the spirit of Christmas with Simply Dickens, a period vocal musical group that specializes in pre-1900 music. They dress in period costumes and will perform their Christmas program.

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.

Holiday craft show

Open Arms Church, located at 33015 W. Seven Mile Road in Livonia, will host its annual holiday craft and vendor event from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 23. There is no admission.

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Lacrosse team registration is now open at Northville Parks and Recreation. Spring teams are forming for all levels of play from beginner to advanced skills. All practices take place at Northville Community Park.

» Boys 5/6 and 7/8 travel team lacrosse: The travel team is for experienced players in 5-8th grades. Players should have a strong commitment to attend all practices and be willing to travel to all games. Teams will play 10-14 games and two tournaments. School district resident registration runs through Nov. 26. Out

of district registration begins Feb. 4, as space permits.

» Boys 3rd and 4th grade travel team lacrosse:

Travel team is for returning team players or those with some experience. Coaches will work with players on the fundamentals and game technique to prepare them for competition. School district resident registration opened Nov. 5 and will run until filled. Out of district registration opens March 1 as space permits.

» Boys 2nd-8th grade club level lacrosse:

Club team is for boys who are new to lacrosse, playing another spring sport or interested in a shorter season than the travel team. All skill levels are encouraged to participate. Teams will have several local games on practice days or week-ends in May.

School district resident registration began Nov. 5. Out of district registration begins Feb. 4.

» Girls 5/6 and 7/8 grade team lacrosse:

All skill levels, novice to experienced, are encouraged to play. Coaches will work on fundamentals to prepare them for game competition. School district resident registration began Nov. 5. Out of district registration opens Feb. 4.

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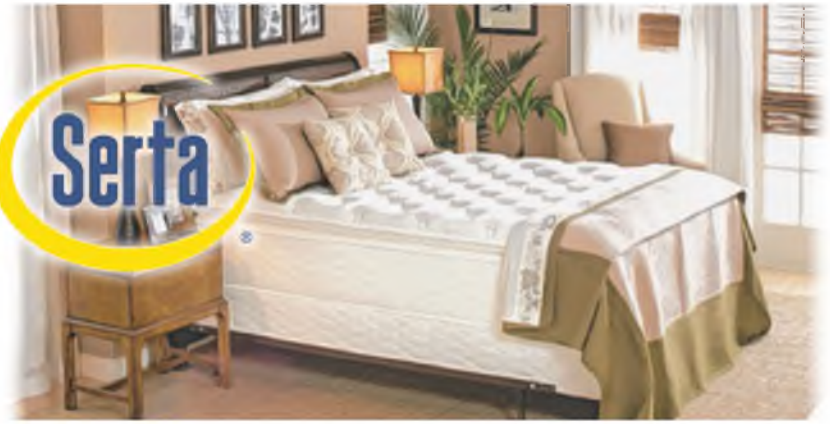
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Commercial building breaks ground on North Center

Possible tenants include micro-brew, offices and pizzeria

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Staff Writer

At this point nothing is for sure, but the possible tenants for the future building at 410 N. Center Street might include a micro-brew, offices for financial planning and physical therapy, and maybe a pizza place.

Property owner and Northville resident Dewayne White said his team has heard from all three of these, but he is open to other ideas for the 10,000 square foot building that has now broken ground in the vacant lot across from Hiller's supermarket.

"We've had some people show interest, but we're still exploring ideas," White said at the Nov. 14 ground breaking

for the site.

However, he does know for sure it will be a building housing three or four tenants with a variety of uses (commercial, office, food and/or retail) and it will be two stories with 5,000 square feet per level. He purchased the long vacant corner at Center and Rayson streets earlier this year with the goal of bringing life to it.

"Leases are in the works," he said.

With the heavy construction equipment now camped out at the site, he's on his way to accomplishing that goal. This is something the city of Northville is happy to see after the 2008 economic downturn had halted previous plans.

"I think this is a wonderful project. It's great to finally see shovels in the ground here," said Mayor Chris Johnson. "It should be a nice asset and compliment for downtown."

For Johnson and the other city officials on hand at the groundbreaking this project is a sign the economy may have shifted. Now it's time to get it built.

White said they are currently working on getting the foundation put in place. After that the building will go up over the winter and into the spring with tenant occupancy scheduled for May.

There were some challenges White and his team faced over this past summer as the plan went through the city approval process, but they were glad with the outcome because the original idea is in place.

"I've invested heavily in this project and it's very personal to me, so I want to see the best outcome for it and Northville," he said.

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Developer Dewayne White (left) greets Northville Mayor Chris Johnson on Nov. 14 at the groundbreaking ceremony at his planned building at 410 N. Center. White said the 10,000 square foot building may have a micro-brew pub and a few other retailers. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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School district recognized for safety efforts

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

Northville Public Schools district makes safety a top priority and for this it has been cited as one of the best for 2013.

The school district was recognized with the Safe School Award, which honors districts for exceptional safety performance. This program is directed by the Michigan Association of School Boards and SET SEG, a school insurance specialist.

The MASB-SEG Property/Casualty Pool created the Safe School Award program as a means of honoring districts that have achieved an exceptional record for safety. As a Safe School Award recipient, a district must have below-average claims experience and have risk man-

agement programs in place.

"Northville was picked as one of four districts," said SET SEG Loss Control Consultant Darlene Wood at the Nov. 12 school board meeting. "They were picked primarily because of their safety efforts, their commitment to safety and for keeping their grounds and buildings up to code."

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On Nov. 12, SET SEG Loss Control Consultant Darlene Wood presented Northville School Board President Ken Roth, Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher and Assistant Superintendent for Finance/Operations Mike Zopf with the Safe School Award.

ed with MASB to participate in the Property/Casualty program.

For Mike Zopf, Northville's assistant superintendent for finance/operations, the honor is a

shared one among the district staff which works daily to ensure its schools are safe learning environments. He also thanked SET SEG for being proactive through

training of its members. "I think there is a good consciousness about safety here in Northville," Zopf said.

The other winners were Anchor Bay School

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Victim testifies she had suicide pact with suspect

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

The 15-year-old girl at the center of a case against the 37-year-old man charged with sexually assaulting her Tuesday testified she believed they were in a relationship and that she went with him willingly during the two days the pair was missing last month initially to complete a suicide pact.

The girl, now a sophomore in high school, said she had known Robert L. Messer of Northville as a family friend since she was "5 or 6," but that their relationship changed about the time she was in sixth grade.

"I was convinced I had emotional feelings for him, much stronger than just being a family friend," the girl said in answer to questioning from Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Aimee Fowler. "I told him mul-

Messer, 37, a barista at Zingerman's in Ann Arbor, 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.

Following the girl's testimony, which lasted a little more than an hour, 35th District Court Judge Michael Gerou bound Messer over on all six counts, although Messer's attorney, Jonathan Jones, objected the prosecution hadn't met its burden of proof for the first-degree CSC or the accosting charges.

Messer's arrest ended a two-day period when the pair had agreed in an



Defendant Robert L. Messer (left) takes notes during his preliminary hearing Tuesday in 35th District Court.

online conversation to a suicide pact. The girl testified the pair went to Maybury State Park to hike and “find a secluded spot” where they could kill themselves with “folding knives” they were carrying.

In direct testimony, the girl testified the pair had sexual relations for the first time at Messer's home when she was 12. Ultimately, the girl testified, she and Messer got to the point where they were having sex "four or five times" a month.

"We would have sex often and I was convinced I was in a relationship with him," she testified.

On Oct. 27, the girl testified, Messer picked her up at her home and they returned to his mother's house, where he was living following a divorce. The pair had breakfast, watched a movie and then embarked on the hike at Maybury State Park.

Once there, she decided not to go through with the suicide pact, the girl testified, a decision with which she said Messer agreed. No reason was given for the suicide pact.

As they returned to Messer's residence, the girl saw her stepfather's car in Messer's driveway and knew that a suicide note she'd left had been

discovered. The girl testified she panicked and told Messer to "keep driving."

"I knew they had found the note ... I panicked," the girl said.

She testified they drove to a Washtenaw County field, where they parked for two days with no food. Police eventually found them in the field and arrested Messer. The girl was treated for what police described as minor, self-inflicted wounds.

In trying to convince Gerou to dismiss the first-degree CSC and the accosting charges, Jones said the girl was hesitant about whether she was 11 or 12 when the sex first started and the fact the suicide pact was mutual showed the girl was not coerced.

"There has to be force and (the victim) said it wasn't forced," Jones said. "When I asked, 'Did you go by your own choice?' she said yes."

Gerou dismissed that argument, citing the disparity in ages of the defendant and victim, and bound Messer over on all six charges. Arraignment is scheduled Nov. 26 in Wayne County Circuit Court.

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Despite economy, customers still gobbling up local turkeys for Thanksgiving dinner

By David Veseienak
Staff Writer

It's the same this year as it has been at many area places selling turkey for Thanksgiving: customers are willing to shell out the money for fresh, local birds.

"People are always thanking me for being here. They say, 'I don't care if it's \$5 a pound. You can't beat your turkeys,'" said Christine Roperti, owner of Roperti's Turkey Farm, 34700 Five Mile, in Livonia. "I love doing it."

Several area sellers of the Thanksgiving fare say they've seen some impact with the economy taking a nosedive in recent years, but many continue to see customers come back, looking to splurge for the holidays on a fresh turkey for their family's dinner table Nov. 28.

Tom Toth, manager of Huron Turkey Farms, 18910 Merriman, in Huron Township in southern Wayne County, said the farm sees a wide array of customers from the Detroit area, including cities such as Livonia, Garden City and Westland, as well as Downriver, looking for a fresh turkey. And for this holiday, he said many say the cost is worth it to have a local, fresh bird for Thanksgiving dinner.

"People don't mind spending \$70 for a turkey because it's once a year," he said. "Ours are dressed out the day before the person picks it up. You can't get it fresher than that."

Both Roperti and Toth said while individual customer numbers haven't changed in recent years, the number of companies purchasing turkeys for dinner or for

their employees has definitely decreased in recent years.

For that, Toth blames the economy and the fact that some companies see the turkey purchases as "extras" not crucial to their company, if they are still open.

"We lost a lot of those people because the companies don't want to spend that kind of money," he said. "Some businesses went out of business."

Economics has also played a factor in raising turkeys. Both farms said they've seen an increase in costs for feed for the turkeys.

A combination of corn, soybean and other natural ingredients that give the turkeys their flavor has increased over the years, although it was stable in 2013, Roperti said.

"Last year, it went way up," she said. "This year, it's about the same."

Toth, who said he gets his feed from a farm in Ida, said a better crop this year has helped with feed costs. He believes last year's crop was way down for several reasons, including ethanol production.

"The feed prices have been extremely ridiculous the last couple years. They made corn \$7 a bushel," he said. "This year, it's \$4 a bushel."

Demand for local increases

Despite costs, many local turkey sellers this year are seeing a bigger push toward locally-raised poultry, as well as fewer antibiotics and other substances used to enhance the birds.

Mike Liabenow, manager of meat and seafood at Joe's Produce, 33152



Christine Roperti and granddaughter Merida Roperti in the barnyard with someone's future Thanksgiving dinner. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

W. Seven Mile, in Livonia, said his department began carrying organic turkeys raised in Michigan this year for the first time.

While the price for those birds is more than other turkeys at the store, Liabenow said he's had customers request them in previous years for Thanksgiving.

"It's something that's been on the rise a couple years in the business," he said. "Everyone wants to keep everything in Michigan."

Roperti said many of her customers have expressed an interest in her birds for that very reason.

She said she'll see many customers drive up

from Ann Arbor and Toledo for a bird, knowing it won't have any issues with bacteria such as salmonella, something that's talked about a lot with issues about poultry from stores in the news.

"This has been going on for four or five years," she said. "There's a lot of people from Ann Arbor that come here and get turkeys. So that's been going on a while."

Chef Steve Allen of Steve and Rocky's Restaurant, 43150 Grand River, in Novi, said his business is offering three options this Thanksgiving for people to enjoy turkey, which Allen himself raises. Those looking to dine in can eat at the restaurant Thanksgiving

afternoon, those not wanting to cook can order a prepared meal and take it home and those wanting to cook themselves can purchase a fresh turkey and use whatever recipe they like.

Allen has also seen a push for more locally-raised turkeys for the holiday from customers. He said a key to a tasty turkey is allowing the bird more freedom while it's at a farm.

"The more confinement, the more stressed they are," he said. "They can get sunshine if they want; they can get raindrops if they want."

Each of the three restaurants associated with Allen - Steve and Rock-

y's, Rocky's Rotisserie in Livonia and Rocky's of Northville - will serve dinners Thanksgiving.

Liabenow said he's seen customers still line up for the Thanksgiving fare with little regard to price.

Business has been steady, but as the turkey farms begin to wind down at the end of the month, he and his co-workers will ramp up when that other holiday in December creeps up on them.

"Thanksgiving is easy, it's just turkeys," he said. "Christmas is everything."

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Celebrate Recovery

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Church of the Holy Family

Location: 24505 Meadowbrook Road
Contact: 248-349-8847 or visit holymfamilynovi.org

Mass Schedule

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)

Holy days: 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.

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 Advent Study: 10-11:30 a.m. Mondays; "Advent Reflections, Making All Things New"

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

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

Friends and Family Christmas Date: December 1

Details: Live nativity from 4:30-6 p.m.; music and drama from 6-7 p.m.; and cookies and hot cocoa at 7 p.m.

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

Cookie Walk

Time/Date: 8: 30 a.m. to noon Saturday, Dec. 7

Details: A fundraiser for the Appalachian Service Project. (ASP), a Christian home repair/home building ministry through which our volunteers and staff repair and build homes for low-income families in rural Appalachia. Local youth, seventh through 12th grade, along with adult chaperones, travel and stay for a week in Appalachia each summer on this mission to make homes warmer, safer, and drier for families in need. Purchase fresh, homemade holiday cookies (homemade nut-free and gluten-free cookies as well).

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

Sunday Worship: 7:45 and 10 a.m.

Sunday School and Nursery Care: 10 a.m. Worship service

Alzheimer's Support Group: 10 a.m. second Saturday of month.

Hope Lutheran Church

Location: 39200 W. 12 Mile (east of Haggerty), Farmington Hills

Lakes Baptist Church

Location: 309 Decker Road, Walled Lake

Location: 15431 Merriman, Livonia

Contact: 734-427-8743 or visit www.livoniachurch.net

Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.

Bible School: Sunday 10 a.m.; Wednesday 7 p.m.

Meadowbrook Congregational Church

Location: 21355 Meadowbrook Road, between Eight Mile and Nine Mile

Contact: the Rev. Arthur P. Ritter, senior minister, 248-348-7757, visit mbccc.org or e-mail to office@mbccc.org.

Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.

Church School: 10-11 a.m.

Fellowship Hour: 11 a.m.

Merry Widows Luncheon: 11:30 a.m. fourth Thursday of each month

Pilgrim Fellowship: 6 p.m. Sundays

Northville Christian Assembly

Location: 41355 Six Mile

Contact: 248-348-9030; ncalife.org

Sundays: 9-10 a.m. Sunday School for Adults / Youth / Children; 9 a.m. Contemporary service in multipurpose gymnasium; 10:15 a.m.: Contemporary service in worship center; children's super church on the second level (208/210)

Wednesday Family Night: 7 p.m.; Adult elective classes; junior and senior high ministries; children's programs, Nursery and Preschool Program on Sundays and Wednesdays Home of Northville Christian School (day care; preschool through eighth grade); call 248-348-9031.

Novi-Northville Center for Jewish Life

Details: Events, programs and activities for all ages throughout the year - children's programs, Sunday school, adult Jewish classes, youth clubs, holiday services and programs, community social events.

Contact: Rabbi Avrohom & Leah Susskind at 248-790-6075 or rabbim@novijewishcenter.com; www.novijewishcenter.com

Novi United Methodist Church

Location: 41671 W. 10 Mile

Contact: 248-349-2652 or visit umcnovi.com

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Novi-United-Methodist-Church/59782031433>

Sunday Worship: 9:45 a.m.

Healing Service and Holy Communion: 9:45 a.m. first Sunday of every month

Peace Vigil: noon, first Sunday of every month in front of the church. Members of the congregation and the community will stand united in prayer for peace.

Oak Pointe Church

Location: 50200 W. 10 Mile Rd., Novi

Contact: 248-912-0043

Web: www.oakpointe.org/lifegroups

Worship Services: 5:15 p.m. Saturday; 9:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m. Sunday

ReNew Life Group Ministries: 7-9 p.m. Monday (groups meet weekly)

Women's Life Groups Ministries: 7 p.m. Tuesday; 9:30 a.m. Wednesday

Men's Life Groups Ministries: 6 a.m. Friday; at the church and various locations

Orchard Grove Community Church

Location: 850 Ladd Road, Building C, Walled Lake

Web: www.orchardgrove.org

Contact: Amanda Rehm at 248-926-6584 or amanda.rehm@orchardgrove.org.

Our Saviour Apostolic Lutheran Church

Location: 54899 Eight Mile, Northville

Orchard Grove Community Church

Location: 850 Ladd Road, Walled Lake

Contact: 248-926-6584; www.orchardgrove.org

Orchard Hills Baptist Church

Location: 23455 Novi Road

Contact: pastor Jon Hix, 248-349-5665

Preschool/Kids Choir: 7-8:15 p.m. every Wednesday

Details: For ages 3-6; ongoing event; no need to preregister; all are welcome.

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church

Location: 47650 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth Township

Contact: 734-453-0326, Ext. 221

Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church

Location: 770 Thayer, Northville

Contact: 248-349-2621 or olvnorthville.org

Saturday Worship: 5 p.m.

Sunday Worship: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m.

Our Shepherd Presbyterian Church

Location: 1200 S. Sheldon Road, Plymouth

Contact: pastor Bill Burke at 734-927-0891

Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.

Sunday Bible Study: 9:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m. with fellowship and food after service

Our Savior Apostolic Lutheran Church

Location: 54899 Eight Mile, Northville

Pentecostals of Novi

Location: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile

Contact: 248-697-8158 or visit www.thepentecostalsofnovi.org

Plymouth St. John's Episcopal Church

Location: 574 S. Sheldon in Plymouth

Contact: 734-453-0190, Ext. 16, or visit www.stjohnsplymouth.org

Praise Baptist Church

Location: 45000 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth

Contact: 734-748-3898

St. James Catholic Church

Location: 46325 10 Mile, Novi

Contact: 248-347-7778

Pastor: Monsignor John Kasza
Mass Schedule: 8, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday-Tuesday; 7 p.m. Wednesday; 5 p.m. Saturday

St. John Lutheran Church

Location: 23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills

Contact: 248-474-0584 or visit stjohn-lutheran.com

Saturday Worship: 5:30 p.m.

Sunday Worship: 9, 11:15 a.m.

Sunday School: 10:15 a.m.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Location: 201 Elm St., Northville

Contact: 248-349-3140

Unity of Farmington Hills

Location: 32500 W. 13 Mile, Farmington

Contact: 248-737-9191; AdministrativeDirector@unityfh.com

Unitarian Universalist Church of Farmington

Location: 25301 Halsted Road, Farmington Hills

Contact: www.uufarmington.org

Youth Interfaith Journey: 9:30 and 11 a.m. Sundays

Details: This religious education program is open to the public and currently enrolling new students. Classes are grouped into grades K-5, 6-8 and 9-12 with age-specific education materials for all.

Contact: Jennifer Teed at 248-478-7272 or dre@uufarmington.org

Lifelong Learning Forum: 7:30-9:30 p.m. Thursdays

Details: Six weeks exploring different topics like religion, philosophy, science, health, social and political issues. No advance registration necessary; a \$5 donation is suggested. Drop in and pick the class that interests you most at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Farmington.

Contact: 248-478-7272 or uufarmington.org/uucf/re-lifespan

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Details: Family members of all ages can gather for drumming, chanting, and meditation followed by a brief participatory worship service which could include stories, songs and sharing. A religious education activity will follow, such as an art project, music, dance, game or theater. The evening will close with a light snack and a short time to socialize, ending at 8:30 p.m.

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Location: 40000 Six Mile

Contact: 248-374-7400 or 248-374-5978

Sunday Worship: 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Traditional; 9:30 and 11 a.m. Contemporary. Nursery and Sunday School during the 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services.

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If your family is anything like mine, Thanksgiving is more than a time to get together and enjoy each other's company.

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- » Stay in the kitchen while you are cooking on the stovetop.
- » When baking, roast-

ing or boiling food, make sure to set a timer and check it regularly.

- » Avoid wearing loose fitting clothing.
- » Establish a "kid free zone" of at least three feet around the stove.
- » Keep pot holders, oven mitts, wood utensils, food packaging and paper and plastic bags away from all cooking appliances.
- » Make sure your smoke alarms have been tested, the batteries have been replaced, and they are less than 10 years old.
- » If a fire begins in the oven, turn off the oven, use a fire extinguisher or keep the oven door closed.

» If a fire begins on the stovetop, use a fire extinguisher or smother the fire with the lid from the pot. Do not try to move the hot liquid or grease while it is still on fire.

» Never use water to extinguish a grease fire.

Fire departments have noticed an increase in turkey fryer fires. If you are planning to use an outdoor gas-fueled turkey fryer, make sure to follow these steps:

» Only use the turkey fryer outdoors. Never use it on a wooden deck; always keep it a safe distance from the house and never use it in your garage.

» Maintain fryer temperatures according to the manufacturer's recommendation.

» Many fryers can tip over easily; keep children and pets away from the area while cooking.

» Don't overfill the fryer with oil. Measure out the proper amount of oil before placing the turkey in the fryer.

» Make sure the turkey is completely thawed and dried off before placing it into the pot. Having any water on the turkey can cause a very violent reaction when it hits the oil.

» When using an open flame turkey fryer shut off the flame once the oil

is fully heated. Once the flame is off, insert the turkey into the pot and then turn the flame back on.

Remember to call 9-1-1 to report any type of fire before it gets out of hand. The Northville Township Fire Department wishes you and your family a safe and happy holiday season. For more information please visit us at www.northvillemich.com/fire or visit www.nfpa.org or www.usfa.fema.gov.

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OUR VIEWS

Enact FOIA cleanup without delays

State lawmakers are considering legislation to clean up the Michigan Freedom of Information Act. A key point in the proposed law, House Bill 4001, would standardize the rate that can be charged by governments when citizens request information ... at the price of 10 cents per page.

It would also prohibit the government from charging citizens for simply reading those documents in city or township halls.

But most importantly, a second bill, House Bill 4314, would create a nine-member Open Government Commission that would review and investigate citizen complaints about the way a government or agency responds to their FOIA requests. The commission would issue a binding opinion regarding fees authorized; the validity or extent of any exemption to an FOIA request claimed by the government; and what documents the act requires a public body to make available upon request.

The commission can refer complaints to the attorney general for further action, or recommend that local governments change their policies.

It's good legislation and should be put into law quickly.

Simply put, citizens already pay taxes to support their local governments, and that includes the compilation and processing of information inside town halls. Charging them anything more than a reasonable copying fee — 10 cents a page is fair — is to double-dip when they want to access information they have already paid for once.

Now, there are a few items in the bills that likely need adjustment. Local officials note that it's one thing to charge 10 cents for an 8½-by-11-inch sheet of paper. It's another if the requester wants a huge blueprint. Yes, the fee should be adjusted to a reasonable sum.

Critics said the bills could make it easier for citizens to abuse the FOIA by requesting large amounts of documents on a frequent basis.

It's a valid concern. There are some who make overly large requests for information in a fashion that appears more intended to harass officials than to learn about government operations. It probably happens less than officials claim. Remember, requesters still have to pay a fee, even if it's going to be smaller.

This is where the commission comes in. If leaders make reasonable efforts to follow the law and operate a transparent local government, they can make their case to the commission that the requests were just too big or just too frequent or are asking for documents that are exempt. And the commission can serve as a referee in such fights.

But generally speaking, it is not harassment for citizens to want to know what is going on in their town hall, how the local government is operating or where it is spending the public's money.

So the commission serves as a place citizens can go to get a ruling if the local government turns down a request for information the citizen believes should be available.

Right now, if a government official decides against an FOIA request, the citizen's only recourse is to file suit. That's an expensive way to obtain meeting minutes or a report. So, most citizens don't pursue it.

The Open Government Commission essentially gives them an appeals process, without having to hire an attorney and start running up legal fees.

The proposal is sound. Tweaks may be in order, but the bills take a major step forward for openness and transparency in local government.

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Do you think stores should be open on Thanksgiving to get a jump on Black Friday shopping?

This question was asked in downtown Northville and at the parking lot of Walmart in Novi.



"No, we have plenty of time to shop."

Ward Powers
Northville



"Absolutely not. Thanksgiving is about spending time with family, not about deals."

Chelsea Crofoot
Northville



"I think it's OK if it serves purpose for Thanksgiving."

Michael Kelleher
Northville



"No, I think they should be shut down just so they can prepare."

John Tleppo
Farmington Hills

LETTERS

The Asher tradition

It was a shock to hear of the untimely death of Rick Asher. Rick, owner of Asher's gas station in Northville, followed in the same kind manner as his father in offering quality service. The station operated in the tradition of friendliness for which Northville is noted.

Asher's was always there for service and emergencies. My family dealt with Asher's almost from the day Bill Asher opened. Back when we were a young couple struggling to make ends meet, Bill would hold a post-dated check for us.

Rick followed in the true Asher tradition of offering fantastic service. This continuity will be missed.

Jean Bemish
Northville

Worst program ever

A letter in the Nov. 14 *Record* about the AHCA ("What frightened them") was remarkable. In the very first paragraph, there were no less than four glaring errors. It's amazing that one can be so wrong.

First, the Republicans did not shut down the government. The government was shut down when Harry Reid refused to introduce a House-passed bill in the Senate rather than go through the normal procedure of introducing the bill, discussing it, adding any amendments,

and returning it to the House. Harry Reid preferred to shut down the government rather than follow accepted procedure. Sen. Reid is definitely not a Republican.

Secondly, the Obamacare law was never passed by Congress. The House passed a bill. The Senate never voted on the House bill, but created their own version, which they passed. At this point, President Obama stepped in, declared the Senate bill to be law and signed it. The Senate bill was never sent to the House for confirmation. Technically, Obamacare is not a law. It is a presidential proclamation.

Thirdly, the Supreme Court did not uphold the law. It only ruled (incorrectly in my opinion) that a fine is the same as a tax. They never voted on the constitutionality of the law, only one specific part of it. It is obvious that Obamacare is the worst program ever foisted upon us by the Democratic Party. As usual, they try to twist the facts and blame someone else.

John Colling
Northville Township

Fundraising goal met

The Northville High School Varsity Dance Company recently held its second annual Wine Tasting Fundraiser at Simply Wine (109 N. Center St., Northville). The event was a huge success and we were able to exceed our fundraising goal.

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Thank you so much for supporting the Northville High School Varsity Dance Company.

Kelly Agnello
president

Northville High School Varsity
Dance Company

GUEST COLUMN

Asher's was an authentic slice of Americana

For as long as I have lived in Northville, Asher's gas station has been a comforting sentinel at the end of our street, seemingly impervious to the forces of change that keep most of the rest of this town's commercial establishments in a state of flux. I have driven past it on the way to work for over 32 years, the soft glow of lights emanating from within its bays a reassuring sight as I rounded the corner on many a dark morning.



Ken Kilpatrick

A throwback to a simpler era, Asher's steadfastly provided the kind of customer perks — like free air, which I very much appreciated — that chain service stations long ago rather indifferently decided were an untapped source of revenue. That long-standing tradition recently ended when the air hose disappeared and a coin-operated machine took its place, but true to Rick's philanthropic spirit, a percentage of the proceeds goes to the Christian relief organization Feed My Starving Children. That kind of commitment to the customer — a business model that essentially operates under the golden rule — is rare and celebratory.

In addition to the keenly felt vacuum Rick Asher's untimely death leaves in this community, there is also the unresolved issue of the financially beleaguered Postal Service's increased reliance on Asher's in re-



Asher's was a throwback to a simpler era. KEN KILPATRICK

cent years to service its fleet of trucks, following cost-saving staffing cuts to its area vehicle maintenance facilities.

"We've hired a few people so we're doing more of our work in-house," said Carol Piechota, auto parts clerk at the Livonia Main Post Office VMF. "But Asher's did a lot of our vehicle maintenance."

"It's a shame," she went on. "Rick was too young. And you know what? He was just a real nice guy."

Asher's could well have served as the backdrop for a Norman Rockwell painting. In that hypothetical work of art, I can easily envision a gaggle of schoolboys gathered around the aforementioned air hose, filling their bicycle tires while some of them peer around the corner at the intriguing underside of a vehicle up on a hoist.

Asher's is an authentic slice of Americana that Rick Asher succeeded in preserving, despite pressures that threatened its undoing. Is it too much to hope that someone with Rick's uncommon blend of car repair savvy and altruistic bent, will come along to usher the familiar old gas station at the corner of Rogers and Seven Mile that we all love (and quite possibly concomitantly have taken for granted), into the future?

My condolences to the Asher family, even while I console myself and the rest of Northville over the sudden diminution to the town's talent pool — along with the Marquis' Inge Zayti and Parmenter's Diane Jones — that this latest, unexpected loss represents.

Ken Kilpatrick is a resident of Northville.



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Santa helps light up 20th annual Wayne County Lightfest

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Holiday carols filled the air and fireworks lit up the sky Nov. 14 as Wayne County Parks opened the 20th installment of its popular Wayne County Lightfest. Wayne County Executive Robert Picano joined Santa Claus in flipping the switch that turn on the 47 lighted displays that line Hines Drive from Merriman Hollow in Westland to Warrendale in Dearborn Heights.

"The last time I was here was when I was a kid," said Sheila Stritmatter of Troy. "My mom brought us here a long time ago when we lived in Westland."

The Stritmatters – husband Matt and children Erika, 14, Seth, 9, and Owen, 6 – were among several hundred people who enjoyed a

performance by the Livonia Franklin High School Choir, the antics of Detroit Lions mascot Roary and Detroit Tigers mascot Paws before lining up to drive through the 4½ miles of holiday lights.

The Stritmatters attracted attention with their holiday finery. Other people wanted to know where they got their lighted Santa hats.

"We made the hats four or five years ago," Matt Stritmatter said. "I poked holes in the hats, stuck the lights through and hot glued them in place."

Stritmatter hid the wires on the inside of the hat and the battery packs behind in the brim.

The family had heard about the event on the radio and decided to attend. They made it in time, although rush hour traffic did slow them down, Matt Stritmatter said.

HINES DRIVE CLOSED

Hines Drive, from Ann Arbor Trail to Outer Drive, will be closed daily from 5-11:30 p.m. for Wayne County Lightfest festivities. For more information on Wayne County Lightfest, call 734-261-1990 or visit waynecounty.com/events/2850.htm.

It's Santa time

After being greeted with cheers, Santa worked his way through the crowd, stopping to talk to youngsters and telling them he knew they have been good boys or girls.

"I've been collecting wishes," he said. "I've gotten a lot of requests for toys."

Among those he spoke to were the Flourney



Cars drive through a tunnel of lights, several of which span Hines Drive along the Lightfest route. PHOTOS BY TOM BEAUDOIN

family – David and Stephanie and their children Noah and Logan.

"We've been coming to Lightfest every year, this is our third time for the opening ceremony," David Flourney said. "It's a festive time, the community comes together to ring in the season."

His favorite display is the reindeer jumping across the bridge.

"My favorite part, though, is seeing the smiles on the kids' faces when they see them," he added.

Melanie Kowynia and her family have been coming to Lightfest since 2004. This year they brought another generation, niece and nephew Aden and Mya Burns.

Also there was husband Rich and their children Emaliyok, 12, and Ceciliaeok, 17,

"I remember in 2006 it snowed and it looked like a snow globe," the Garden City resident said. "We stood here and felt that we were part of one."

She, too, likes to see the little children and the unity of the community at Lightfest.

"I like to see the delight on their faces,



Detroit Tigers mascot Paws helps direct the Franklin High School choir.

you're never too old to believe," she said.

The best part

Dave Canfield of Redford had a crowd at the event. Along with his wife Jenny and children Aden, 4, and Aubrey, 1, the group included sister-in-law Rachel Krimm and children Savannah, 7, and Collin, 4, of Whitmore Lake.

"This is our third year coming, we do it for the kids," he said, adding the best part is the lights, "all of them."

Lightfest is open 7-10 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 6-10 p.m. Friday through Sunday through Dec. 31, although

it is closed Christmas Day. Visitors enter Lightfest at Hines Drive and Merriman Road in Westland and exit onto Warren Avenue near Telegraph Road in Dearborn Heights.

There is a \$5 fee per vehicle. Hines Drive closes to traffic at 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday and at 5 p.m. Friday through Sunday.

For more information on this or any other Wayne County Parks event, call (734) 261-1990 or visit www.parks.waynecounty.com.

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Catholic Central to take on Detroit Cass Tech – again

Semifinal contest will be rematch of last two Division 1 state championship games

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

The third time is the charm, right?

The Detroit Catholic Central football team not only hopes so, but also plans on proving that defeating a team three times in a row is one of the hardest things to accomplish in sports.

The Shamrocks will be taking a trip at 1 p.m. Saturday to Troy Athens High School, where they will square off against Detroit Cass Tech.

If the name sounds familiar, that's because the Shamrocks (10-2) and the Technicians (12-0) have some history over the past few years. The two teams squared off in the Division 1 state finals in 2011 and 2012. The end results were both in favor of Cass Tech, with a 49-13 win the first time the two teams met and a 36-21 victory last season.

"Cass Tech again is a very talented team that has size and speed all across the field,"

Catholic Central assistant coach Michael Mach said. "We are going to have to play a very good game to beat these guys, but it's the state semifinals and we expect to be playing the best Michigan has to offer at this point."

One thing that will be the focus of practice all week long for the Shamrocks will be eliminating mistakes.

Last year, at the state finals, the Shamrocks committed multiple unforced errors early in the game and couldn't overcome them.

And the Technicians don't let too many mistakes get past them, either. This year, Cass

Tech has scored 460 points (38.3 per game average), while the defense has only allowed 82 points (6.8 per game).

This game is likely to be a battle of the defenses. Cass Tech has five shutouts this season and allowed just six points in three other contests and hasn't allowed more than 19 points in any game.

Its closest contests were a 20-14 win over Detroit Martin Luther King at the end of the regular season and a 28-19 win over Warren Mott in the district championship.

The Shamrocks are no slouches on defense, either. Even playing in the highly-

competitive Catholic High School League, Catholic Central has surrendered only 158 points this season (13.2 per game), while the offense has scored 355 (29.6 per game).

"We have to play a tough, physical game and match their intensity," Mach said. "They come in with the champion's advantage, having won it the last two years, so they are confident and ready. But we are playing good football as well and our kids have demonstrated tremendous resiliency and belief all year long. We're preparing for a great game Saturday afternoon at Troy Athens."

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Precision Baseball will be hosting the Jay Alexander Thanksgiving Baseball Skills Camp, Nov. 29-30.

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The camp costs \$75 for those who prepay and \$85 at the door and includes a camp T-shirt.

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For more information, please contact Precision Baseball at 734-459-5921 or at info@precisionbaseballone.com.

NHS girls lacrosse meeting

If you are interested in playing girls lacrosse this spring, please attend a general information meeting 2:20-3 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12, in the Northville High School

forum. Coaches will provide general information about the program and upcoming 2014 season.

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lead following a missed extra point by Bedford.

Bedford regained the lead on a touchdown by running back Alec Hullbarger, who scored three on the night and had nearly 150 yards on the ground, before the Shamrocks marched down the field and scored the final touchdown of the night.

Both teams missed two-point conversions on their final scores.

"Our theme for the week was 'The Magic is in Believing' and even when the clock and the score was against us, our kids maintained their poise to the very end," Mach said. "I'm so proud of the execution of our two-minute drill. We practice that every week, but this is the first time on the year we had to drive the field under



The Shamrocks raise the regional trophy after defeating Temperance Bedford. DENNIS BARNES

those conditions. It's the type of scenario dreams are made of. We absolutely had to have a score and out kids went out and made it happen."


Catholic Central had 425 yards of total offense, with Birney leading the way with 176 yards through the air on 9-for-15 passing that resulted in three touchdowns. The final drive he was 6-for-6 for 61 yards.

Alex Bock had a 79-yard touchdown recep-

tion and Zach Bock had a 30-yard reception.

Holton had two rushing touchdowns on the night as he picked up 96 yards on 18 carries, while Dylan Roney rumbled 88 yards on 11 runs. Roney also led the team with 12 tackles and Jordan Jenkins added 11 tackles in the winning effort.

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






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Mustangs look forward to state finals meet

Swim team qualifies one more in regular season's final chance

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

It looks like Jessica Yan wasn't quite ready to let her swimming season come to an end.

The Northville tanker dug deep and earned a state finals cut in the 500 freestyle last week and earned herself a trip to Eastern Michigan University with several other members of her team. The squad, coached by Brian McNeff, will compete in 11 events.

"The seed sheets come out on Wednesday, but I expect us to be ranked pretty high in a couple of different events," McNeff said. "I think it

ON TAP

The Northville girls swim and dive team will compete in the state finals this weekend at Eastern Michigan University. The two-day event begins Friday with preliminaries and the finals races will be held Saturday.

would be a good goal for us to finish in the top 10."

In the 200 medley relay, the tentative team of Nicki Pumper, Sarah Lohman, Kelsey Macaddino and Laura Westphal will compete, while the team of Macaddino, Lauren Jarzembowski, Gillian Zayan and Alissa Moore will swim the 200 free relay. Pumper, Macaddino, Moore and Westphal are all expected to combine in the 400 free relay as well.

Northville will also have several individuals

in the state finals, with Moore (200 free and 500 free), Westphal (200 individual medley and 500 free), Macaddino (100 butterfly), Pumper (100 freestyle and 100 backstroke), Lohman (100 breaststroke), Jarzembowski (100 breaststroke) and Yan (500 freestyle) all competing.

Andrea Meister was expected to compete in the diving regional Tuesday (after the section went to print). If she qualified, she will also compete in the finals.

"These girls have worked hard this year and it has all been so that we could perform well this weekend," McNeff said. "They have responded well in big meets and in pressure situations, so I am excited to see what they will accomplish this weekend."

REGIONAL

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four kills from Emily Martin during the run.

Lakeland didn't throw in the towel, though, and pulled back within 22-21. Northville got the sideout and never gave the ball back for a 25-22 win.

The Eagles came out strong in the third set and took leads of 7-5 and 10-8 led by three kills from Kaylie Marantette, but that would be their

last lead of the night.

Northville ripped off five straight points to spark a 14-3 run that led to the end of the season for Lakeland.

Yaklin was impressed with the team's defense throughout the night.

"The defense was definitely fired up," she said. "I have to give a lot of props to senior Julia Colasanti and senior Cassidy Minghine in the back row. They hold it down with the communication and getting everybody settled in. I'm really

proud of them."

The end of the road is never easy, but Dukic knows her team had a strong season to look back on while the future looks bright.

"I was proud of them," she said. "I thought they battled harder than they thought they could."

"They'll be back next year, I've only got four seniors. I couldn't have done it without them – they're great seniors with great leadership. They're just an all-around great team."

SMITH

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have become."

Obviously, Smith doesn't take enough credit, but that's just how she is. But, thankfully, there are others to give credit for her.

"Nancy Smith has coached Northville girls cross country for more than a decade. During this time, she has built a solid program that is recognized throughout the state of Michigan year in and year out," Northville athletics director Bryan Masi said. "She truly cares about her student-athletes, which helps get the very best out of them. She is very worthy of receiving the 2013 Michigan Cross Country Coach of the Year (award). We are very proud of her."

Smith graduates some amazing athletes from this year's state championship team, but in true Coach of the Year form, she's not letting that stop her from planning for next year.

Looking ahead

"We are going to take a big hit with Rachel Coleman, Taleen Shahri-gian, Nicole Mosteller,

Erin Zimmer and Alison Robinson graduating, as they built the program since they were freshmen," she said. "We have harriers waiting to make the leap to continue our success. First off, we bring back Lexa Barrott and Cayla Eckenroth and Emma Herrmann, who know what it takes to be great. They will guide the team with hopes of getting on the podium again as they are already preparing."

"We have a talented group of athletes that could help fill the voided spots left by our talented seniors. Emma Smith, Hailey Harris, Taylor Gattoni, Katie Cheevor and Megan Kerr could move right up in the spots voided as they all had great seasons. We always hope to get a few freshmen that will make an impact, but we will not know until June who is coming out."

But even if the squad goes out and wins another state title, there is nothing quite as memorable as the first championship.

For Smith, she knew there was a possibility with four runners finishing in the top 30 at the finals, but it wasn't until she and Masi were told by Milford athletic direc-

tor Chris Csera that the Mustangs had won it that she could be completely certain.

"I was so overjoyed and happy," she said. "The girls did not yet know. I tried to hold it together all the way back to our tent. I got back and called the girls over and let them know the news. At that point, it was just one teary mess as they were just as thrilled and happy as I was."

"It was something I will never forget."

It's funny how life works out sometimes. Smith took the head coaching job with the girls program because, in essence, the school needed a coach and she had experience. The thought of a state title wasn't on her mind 13 years ago, when she first picked up that clipboard and introduced herself to her first group of Mustangs.

Of course, a few years before that, she would never have thought she'd be recognized as one of the best distance coaches in the state, either.

"In high school, I was a sprinter," said Smith, who ran the 100 and 200 dashes, raced in relays and did the long jump. "I hated distance."

Odds are, she doesn't hate it so much anymore.

Several Northville runners compete out of state

Sims takes 10th in Ohio's Mid East Championship, while Barrott finishes 13th at Midwest Nike Championship in Indiana

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

A total of six girls and one boy from the Northville cross country program competed out of state last week and they turned in some impressive results.

In Ohio, Dan Sims raced in the Mid East Championship as a part of Team Michigan against racers from Ohio, Indiana and Illinois. He finished in 10th in a time of 16:05, the best of any Michigan harrier at the race.

Two girls – Erin Zimmer and Nicole Mostell-

er – also qualified for the Mid East Championship, which was held in Kettering, Ohio, but chose not to race. Instead, they joined forces with teammates Rachel Coleman, Lexa Barrott, Emma Herrmann and Cayla Eckenroth and competed in Terre Haute, Ind., in the Midwest Nike Championships.

The Nike race was held on the Lavern Gibson Championship course, the same location the NCAA championship will be run this weekend.

The girls raced in

high winds of around 40 mph and the course was soaking wet from the inclement weather that had pounded the area in the days prior to the race.

The team, coached by Chris Zimmer, finished in fifth in the race. Leading the team was Barrott, who ran to 13th in a field of 248. Her finish earned her a place on the second team all-Midwest squad. Barrott missed running in the national meet by just five spots.

Next in was Eckenroth, who finished 34th, while Coleman was 36th and Zimmer was 64th overall. In 102nd was Hermann, while Mosteller rounded out the finishes and crossed the line in 177th place.

NORTHVILLE COLTS ROUNDUP

JV squad suffers Super Bowl loss against Commerce

The JV Colts traveled Nov. 2 to Eastern Michigan's Rynearson Stadium to play in the Western Lakes Junior Football League Super Bowl against the Commerce Chargers. It was a hard-fought contest, but the Chargers prevailed 13-8.

The Colts' offense fought for yards with runs by Mick Farrell, Isaiah Gash and Brennen VanRiper and with blocks from Tim Garby, Zachary Bonfiglio, Aidan Hayek and Alex Condi-no. Defensively the Colts had decisive tackles by Ryan Logan, Jimmy King, Gash, VanRiper and Aiden MacDonald.

The Chargers, though, were fired up and scored two touchdowns in the first half.

In the third quarter, Nick Lau-

derback recovered a blocked punt, putting the Colts in excellent field position. A few plays later, with just minutes left in the quarter, VanRiper rushed to the end zone for a touchdown. After Gash kicked for two extra points, the score was 13-8.

The Colts followed up their scoring drive with an onside kick recovery by Ayden Oliver. The Colts pushed the line with solid blocks from Chase Warford, Zachary Shoemaker, Gavin Nafso and MacDonald, but they could not break through again.

The coaching staff of Mike Farrell, Dennis Lauderback, Jayson Oliver, Rav Sandhu, Jeffrey Harp and Stan Wojciechowski were all proud of their guys after the game, noting the team worked hard and earned the respect it deserved.

– By Deanna Roseberry

NORTHVILLE STALLIONS ROUNDUP

Final play dooms Stallions

The Northville Stallions freshman team played for the WLJFL championship Nov. 2 against the Novi Bobcats at Rynearson Stadium at Eastern Michigan, suffering their first loss of the season on the final play of the game, 25-22.

The Stallions began with tackles by Chase Pillsbury and Max Andersen and plays by Alex Casagrande, Michael Terrill, Angelo Bahu, Grady Zoroya, Angelo Rodriguez, Noah McCluskey, Nate Cotter, Alec Maynard, and Matthew Watkins. Despite stops by Luke Brodde and others, Novi scored to lead 6-0. Northville answered with a scoring run and PAT by Reece Jones to lead 8-6. Stops by Jayson Saad and others slowed but could not prevent a score for a 12-8 Novi lead.

A 13-play drive in the second quarter included tackles by Ryan Reynolds, Brodde, Jack Ellis, Jack Gattoni and others, but Novi led 19-8. Runs by Ellis led to a touchdown by Jones and Novi led at the half, 19-16.

The fourth quarter began with a Stallions touchdown by Tyler Ross. Stops by Metrusias, Saad, Jake Merritt, Reynolds and Gattoni led to a Novi turnover on downs. Ellis gained a quick first down, but the Stallions stalled and turned the ball over on downs on their 18 with 1:00 remaining. On the final play of the game, the Bobcats rushed to the line, running right. With the Stallions in pursuit and no time on the clock, the runner reached the end zone, leaving the Stallions and their fans thunderstruck and a final of 25-22 for Novi.

– By Justin Casagrande

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Bento39 offers fresh Japanese fares

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Bento39 is a new-comer on the local restaurant scene, but manager Mike Ishikawa of Ann Arbor is pleased with customer response.

"The target right now is company people," he said of the new independent Japanese restaurant on the east side of Novi Road south of Nine Mile. "This restaurant is 90 carryout."

Ishikawa, Tommy Ohkawa of Northville Township and Simon Shimodate of Novi opened the restaurant Oct. 30, with Ohkawa the most senior. Ishikawa noted the name is based in part on the nearness of Nine Mile, as well as "39" in Japanese sounding like "thank you."

They've had good response with a lot of word of mouth. "We don't have any big budget for advertising," Ishikawa said. "A lot of people know already. It's good for us starting."

Lunch currently is 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, with dinner 4-7 p.m. Monday-Friday. Bento39 is also open noon to 6 p.m. Saturday.

"There's a Japanese school over here," he said of Novi. "Last Saturday, a lot of families came here."

Their menu changes daily, but also has some perennial favorites. "I like to give the customers a surprise," Ishikawa said. He noted sushi is popular, and non-Japanese customers have tried sushi.

Japanese area residents are the primary customers. "We like to serve them nice food one by one," he said.

There's a small seating area with a couple



Chef Tommy Ohkawa sautees up some lunch fare at the Novi eatery and Japanese restaurant Bento 39 at 22200 Novi Road. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

tables and a counter with stools.

"Eventually I'm looking for extended hours," he said. "Of course, we care for the American people, too."

The Bento dish with several items is popular among Japanese customers and Japanese-Americans, while other Americans often like Teriyaki chicken. Ishikawa, who's been in the U.S. since 1976 and in the restaurant field more than 20 years, noted the help of other restaurateurs.

"We are completely different and help each other," he said.

He's been asked about opening locations in Ann Arbor and/or Troy, but noted it's tough to find a specialized chef with the specialized skills. His workdays include the logistical challenges of bringing food in from

Japan; some distributors are closer such as Chicago, but Bento39 emphasizes freshness.

Bento39 catering includes birthdays and Christmas celebrations. With a budget and headcount, Bento39 staff can customize the menu to suit both Japanese and American tastes.

Ishikawa appreciates city of Novi and Novi Chamber of Commerce help. He has up on the restaurant wall several black-and-white photos of Detroit from the early 1900s.

"I want to show them this city is nice and the people are really friendly," Ishikawa said of foreign visitors, some of whom are apprehensive about Detroit bankruptcy proceedings. "I like the old Detroit area."

He shows off downtown Detroit to such



Bento 39 owner Mike Ishikawa offers traditional Japanese fare in his Novi Road restaurant, like sushi, chicken teriyaki and tempura.

visitors, mostly from Japan, including during the auto show. "I like to pay back," Ishikawa said with a smile.

The restaurant, which doesn't yet have a website, is at 22200 Novi Road, in the Oak Pointe Plaza; phone 248-344-0896.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Toys for Tots drop-off

Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel will begin their annual Toys for Tots Collection Drive on Thursday Nov. 21. Each of the 16 Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel offices will be a local toy drop-off location.

The U. S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program collects new, unwrapped toys during November and December each year, and distribute these toys as Christmas gifts to less fortunate children within the community. Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel has a long history of being involved with this program, and as the company grows through the years, they are able to provide more physical locations as official drop-off sites.

The Northville/Novi office is located at 201 Cady Centre, in Northville.

The Toys for Tots Collection Drive Kick-off event is scheduled for 6 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 21, at Dick O'Dows in downtown Birmingham. Anyone who brings a toy to donate will receive a drink ticket for the evening.

For more information, visit www.cbwm.com/Blog/Toys_for_Tots_Kick-Off_Event_and_Drop-Off_Locations.

Distinguished volunteer

Northville's Dan Ponder, CEO of Detroit-based Franco Public Relations Group, was recognized as a distinguished volunteer by the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) Greater Detroit Chapter at the annual National Philanthropy Day Dinner last week. Ponder was

nominated for the award by The Salvation Army of Metro Detroit.

The AFP's distinguished volunteer award is presented to individuals who exemplify dedication to their respective causes, serving as an advocate and leader in the community to inspire others to take philanthropic action in southeast Michigan.

Ponder serves on The Salvation Army's Metropolitan Detroit Advisory Board, recently expanding his counsel to the strategic planning and program committees. The non-profit nominated him for the "integral" role he plays in connecting The Salvation Army with other organizations in metro Detroit, promoting collaborative partnerships that help give hope to our neighbors in need.

"When I first began working with The Salvation Army, they quickly became one of my favorite charities, and I have since looked for ways to become integrated with the organization outside the office," said Ponder. "I am proud to lend my expertise to an organization that shares my compassion for helping those needing assistance in our community."

Ponder has dedicated his time and talents to a number of civic and charitable causes over the years, including the Detroit Regional Chamber, the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, St. John Providence Health System and Crime Stoppers of Michigan.



Ponder

VETERANS' COFFEE HOUR Q&A



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- ★ State and local benefits available for veterans
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Department Service Officer Toni Moses,
Disabled American Veterans (DAV)

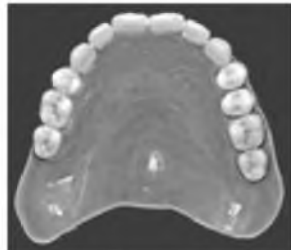
DAV is a veterans' advocacy and assistance group. DSO Moses will answer questions about a wide range of benefits, services and resources available to veterans. Learn more at www.dav.org

Veterans Services Coordinator Pam Paxton-Keekner,
Schoolcraft College

Ms. Paxton-Keekner will answer questions about how veterans can use their educational benefits to pursue a college education. Learn more at www.schoolcraft.edu/veterans or 734-462-4400, x5346.

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

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SOCIAL SECURITY

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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Walkable towns, mixed use appeal to homebuyers

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Traci and Paul Sincock are big fans of walkable communities like Plymouth and Northville. He's a lifelong resident of Plymouth and its city manager, while Traci, associate director of the Northville Chamber of Commerce, has called Plymouth home since 1985.

"A walkable community is a desirable feature to have," she said. "You can walk to your city center. Connectivity is a good thing."

The Sincocks also use their bicycles. She pointed with pride to the nearly completed sidewalk connection along Sheldon Road between Northville and Plymouth, also extending south toward Canton.

"It will be entirely connected," she said of Northville-Plymouth. "A nice infill project that will help people connect to communities. We shouldn't take these assets for granted."

Tony Bruscato, operations director for the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority, said of Plymouth, "I think just about everything you need and want is within a short distance. You can get to restaurants. It's just an easy place to be able to reach out to those activities."

He noted nearby schools, appealing to families, as well as the Plymouth Historical Museum on Main Street.

Bruscato, a Canton resident, said some younger people are even moving to the community – and then seeking a job.

"Their first priority is a community they want to live in and then they get the job," he said of such "placemaking. It's got placemaking and I hate to overuse that word."

He was recently at a work-related conference and heard of many younger professionals locating to apartments and condos in walkable downtowns.

"I think that's probably one thing we wish we had more of is downtown living," Bruscato said of Plymouth, noting its downtown UBS and Mayflower condo sites are both full.

Choosing a community is one of the most important factors for consumers as they consider buying a home, and research by the National Association of Realtors has consistently revealed that Americans prefer walkable, mixed-use neighborhoods and shorter commutes. According to NAR's 2013 *Community Preference Survey*, 60 percent of respondents favor a neighborhood with a mix of houses and stores and other businesses that are easy to walk to, rather than neighborhoods that require more driving between home, work and recreation.

The survey findings indicate that while the size of the property does matter to consumers, they are willing to compromise size for a preferred neighborhood and less commuting. For example, although 52 percent of those surveyed prefer a single-family detached house with a large yard, 78 percent responded that the neighborhood is more important to them than the size of the house. Fifty-seven percent would forgo a home with a larger yard if it meant a shorter commute to work, and 55 percent of respondents were willing to forgo a home with larger yard if it meant they could live within walking distance of schools, stores and restaurants as opposed to having larger yard and needing to drive to get to schools, stores and restaurants.

"Realtors build communities and care about improving those communities through smart growth initiatives. Although there is no one-size-fits-all approach, smart growth is typically characterized by mixed-use development, higher densities, and pedestrian friendly streets that accommodate a wide diversi-



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ty of transportation modes," said NAR President Gary Thomas, broker-owner of Evergreen Realty, in Villa Park, Calif. "Growth patterns, economic development and quality-of-life issues are inextricably linked to the success of communities and residents."

When asked to identify their ideal community, the most popular choice was a suburban neighborhood with a mix of houses, shops and businesses. The least popular was a suburban neighborhood with just houses.

As for transportation concerns, 41 percent said improving public transportation would be the best solution, while 29 percent would prefer the development of communities where people do not have to drive long distances to work or shop, and 20 percent would choose building new roads.

The survey of 1,500 adult Americans was conducted by American Strategies and Meyers Research from Sept. 18-24, 2013.

The National Association of Realtors website contributed to this report.

Italy's housing often pricey

Q: I love the Italian Lake Districts and would like to find a home there. Do you have any idea about what the real estate market is there?

A: Well, if you want to live in Bellagio on Lake Como, you can expect to pay \$750,000 Euros or more for 250 cubic meters for what appears to be a simple home. In another listing I observed, the price was \$395,000 for 150 cubic meters for a relatively plain looking two story house. Obviously, the price of land and property on Lake Como is extremely expensive and limited. As to Lake Maggiore, and in particular, Stresa, prices for homes are even greater in certain locations. Apartments and townhouses seem to be a little less expensive, but again location is paramount, and if you want a lake view or to be on the lake, you are talking about literally millions of dollars. However, you will, no doubt, find familiar American real estate companies offering to assist you in the purchase of properties which you should, obviously, utilize and try to buy in the winter.



Q: Are things getting any cheaper in Milan in connection with buying an apartment as I have some business interests there which will require me to be there at least four months a year.

A: Your best bet is to rent a condominium-type apartment near the center of the city rather than investing in real estate which still remains very high in Milan, notwithstanding the sluggish economy. Don't go there in late August looking for an apartment because, basically Milan and much of Italy, except the tourist areas, close down. Obviously, the further you go out from Milan, in most instances, the more reasonable the price will be for an apartment, but like most European business centers, transportation is good.

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. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$2.20 for tax, shipping and handling. Call 248-644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-law.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of July 15-19, 2013, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS

16934 Beechwood Ave \$355,000
21925 E Valley Woods Dr \$360,000
32205 Eastlady Dr \$260,000
22527 King Richard Ct \$650,000
20046 Wellesley St \$489,000
30300 Woodhaven Ln \$409,000

BIRMINGHAM

2046 Bradford Rd \$250,000
1582 Cheltenham Rd \$135,000
463 Coolidge Rd \$218,000
1721 E 14 Mile Rd Unit C \$50,000
1719 Graefield Rd \$110,000
1985 Grant St \$392,000
633 N Old Woodward Ave \$301,000
1863 Norfolk St \$380,000
2354 Pembroke Rd \$310,000
1028 Ridgedale Ave \$482,000
768 Rivenoak St \$847,000
708 W Lincoln St \$339,000
340 Wellesley St \$350,000

BLOOMFIELD HILLS

5039 Van Ness Dr \$300,000
2735 Aldgate Dr \$250,000
2796 Eastways Rd \$333,000
1944 Klingensmith Rd \$79,000
Unit 39
111 Linda Ln \$410,000
4409 Orchard Hill Dr \$260,000
5663 Priory Ln \$375,000
2749 Turtle Shores Dr \$525,000
4303 Wabek Lake Dr S \$225,000

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP

3220 Berkshire Dr \$337,000

164 Bloomfield Blvd \$163,000
644 Hamilton Rd \$860,000
174 Hillboro Dr \$491,000
6200 Indianwood Trl \$450,000
1120 Park Place Ct \$419,000
1301 Romney Rd \$425,000
5654 S Adams Way \$273,000
2618 Sequoia Ct \$760,000
4572 Walden Dr \$450,000
1871 Ward Rd \$233,000
6060 Worlington Rd \$422,000

COMMERCE TOWNSHIP

1731 Applebrook Dr \$50,000
3171 Belle Terre \$40,000
3556 Benstein Rd \$140,000
3456 Edgewood Park Dr \$1,300,000
3185 Lacosta Ct \$265,000
4205 S Commerce Rd \$63,000
1474 Wandrei Ct \$460,000

FARMINGTON

33247 Cloverdale Ave \$145,000
36968 Heatherton Dr \$200,000
22849 Maple Ave \$127,000
20964 Meadowlark St \$125,000
33042 Slocum Dr \$152,000

FARMINGTON HILLS

31925 Alameda St \$40,000
29257 Aranel St \$145,000
22093 Atlantic Pointe \$67,000
36081 Congress Ct \$231,000
32445 Dohany Dr \$256,000
32428 Dunford St \$205,000
28671 Green Castle Rd \$183,000
29142 Hemlock Dr \$200,000
34035 Hillside Ct \$143,000
21055 Inkster Rd \$60,000
29777 Kenloch Dr \$330,000
24347 Kensington \$197,000
38741 Lancaster Dr \$170,000
25403 Liberty Ln \$236,000
28519 Marc Dr \$198,000
24533 Martel Dr \$206,000

35113 Meadow Ln \$141,000
21338 Mulberry Ct \$123,000
28340 N Skye Dr \$155,000
32041 Olde Franklin Dr \$243,000
31504 Orchard Crk \$75,000
35077 Pennington Dr \$215,000
28764 Raleigh Rd \$183,000
20909 Rockwell St \$55,000
30351 Southampton Ln \$240,000
35260 Stratton Hill Ct \$413,000
36915 Valley Ridge Dr \$275,000
29830 W 12 Mile Rd \$25,000
25195 Westmoreland Dr \$270,000

FRANKLIN

30900 Franklin Oaks Trl \$155,000
32401 Romsey Rd \$410,000
31151 Sunset Ct \$385,000

MILFORD

440 Heritage Dr \$340,000
1465 Oak Hollow Dr \$640,000
764 Oakland Ave \$100,000
510 S Garner Rd \$270,000
31033 Star Trl \$279,000

NORTHVILLE

21744 Glenwild Dr \$283,000
22180 Heatheridge Ln \$350,000
38530 Northfarm Dr \$264,000
20892 Richmond Dr \$827,000

NOVI

43#100 12 Oaks Crescent Dr \$155,000
24056 Argyle St \$600,000
22308 Brockshire St \$449,000
41860 Brownstone Dr \$190,000
28423 Carlton Way Dr \$135,000
28319 Declaration Rd \$88,000
28325 Declaration Rd \$89,000
24579 Edgewood Dr \$272,000
44621 Ellery Ln \$180,000
45583 Irvine Dr \$495,000
44751 Larkspur \$370,000
28050 Lightfoot Ln \$220,000

25731 Mulberry Ln \$337,000
24811 Olde Orchard St \$65,000
42479 Park Ridge Rd \$126,000
25582 Portico Ln \$172,000
41911 Quince Dr \$152,000
49641 Timber Trl \$395,000
29439 Weston Dr \$195,000
44468 Williams Dr \$355,000
24729 Willowbrook \$290,000
42636 Wimbleton Way \$298,000
28244 Wolcott Dr \$117,000
44990 Yorkshire Dr \$218,000

SOUTH LYON

59263 Bavariahaus Ct \$83,000
24356 Brompton Way \$411,000
22313 Brookfield Dr \$162,000
24860 Douglas Dr \$219,000
59600 E Eight Mile Rd \$78,000
220 Eagle Way \$220,000
54906 Grenelefe Cir W \$340,000
367 Harvard Ave \$130,000
59397 Pacers Path \$252,000
58862 Peters Barn Dr \$303,000
24727 Purlin Ct \$390,000
54452 Royal Troon Dr \$359,000

SOUTHFIELD

30483 Brentwood St \$32,000
17441 Evans St \$125,000
23422 Grayson Dr \$50,000
25705 Greenfield Rd \$135,000
16262 Hendon Cir \$90,000
29295 Heritage Ln \$108,000
29481 Leemoor Dr \$92,000
27355 Marshall St \$85,000
19454 Middlesex Ave \$179,000
24209 Northwestern Hwy \$435,000
26928 W 12 Mile Rd \$70,000
29386 Westbrook Pkwy \$120,000

WHITE LAKE

8174 Carpathian Dr \$278,000
9980 Elizabeth Lake Rd \$54,000
1095 Lake Lane Dr \$225,000

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Aug. 5-9, 2013, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON

7704 Alton St \$108,000
50525 Amberwood Rd \$77,000
43971 Arlington Rd \$195,000
45438 Augusta Dr \$353,000
50433 Black Horse Ln \$385,000
4138 Brookstone Dr \$232,000
7520 Charrington Dr \$264,000
895 Constitution St \$223,000
4179 Cornerstone Dr \$115,000
44035 Cranberry Dr \$236,000
1420 Delancy Cir \$425,000
2121 Fairway Cir \$137,000
50868 Federal Blvd \$77,000
43462 Fleetwood Ct \$169,000
50210 Grant St \$271,000
50265 Grant St \$265,000
42119 Greenwood Dr \$179,000
44619 Hanford Rd \$165,000
47359 Hanford Rd \$235,000
7533 Hillsboro Dr \$213,000
706 Huntsville Dr \$370,000
50249 Jefferson St \$278,000
42594 Lilley Pointe Dr \$73,000
39829 Lynn St \$130,000
6495 Marshall St \$270,000
1770 Northbrook Ct \$220,000
6539 Norwood Dr \$280,000
7970 Oxford Dr \$467,000
3783 Parklawn Dr \$185,000
2565 River Woods Dr N \$285,000
6430 Runnymede Dr \$218,000
48728 Stonebriar Dr \$240,000
7424 Sussex Dr \$200,000
860 Torrey Hill Dr \$347,000

39662 Wales St \$155,000
GARDEN CITY
941 Arcola St \$70,000
31972 Brown St \$73,000
6480 Dillon St \$48,000

LIVONIA

30555 Seven Mile Rd \$54,000
32421 Seven Mile Rd \$220,000
16242 Alpine Dr \$200,000
14957 Arden St \$110,000
28761 Bayberry Park Dr \$140,000
14244 Brentwood St \$120,000
14333 Brentwood St \$141,000
17227 Cross Winds Ct \$325,000
14242 Farmington Rd \$120,000
38427 Five Mile Rd \$165,000
18674 Floral St \$42,000
20209 Floral St \$170,000
18850 Glengarry Dr \$349,000
36089 Grennada St \$203,000
33635 Grove St \$190,000
29019 Hathaway St \$90,000
29660 Hathaway St \$123,000
29848 Hathaway St \$147,000
30789 Hathaway St \$122,000
32225 Hees St \$135,000
20692 Josie Ct \$370,000
27641 Lyndon St \$115,000
36234 Mallory Ct \$185,000
29711 Mark Ln \$170,000
9610 Mayfield St \$119,000
27477 Meadowbrook St \$175,000
35475 Minton St \$134,000
28564 N Clements Cir \$85,000
9134 Newburgh Rd \$166,000
19365 Norwich Rd \$240,000
34361 Parkdale Ct \$169,000
14675 Richfield St \$150,000
17715 Rougeway St \$85,000
38573 Roycroft St \$225,000
9656 Stark Rd \$110,000
18057 University Park Dr \$85,000

35505 Vargo St \$240,000
31516 W Chicago St \$180,000
15423 Williams St \$136,000
NORTHVILLE
44414 Aspen Ridge Dr \$385,000
423 Beal St \$185,000
45731 Bloomcrest Dr \$645,000
44992 Broadmoor Cir S \$345,000
39474 Champion Ct \$245,000
42455 Corlina Dr \$175,000
15828 Crystal Downs E \$655,000
46562 Crystal Downs W \$579,000
19311 Crystal Lake Dr \$100,000
40275 Hickory Ct \$450,000
49255 Hidden Ridge Dr \$112,000
116 High St \$390,000
17144 Maple Hill Dr \$398,000
15877 Morningside \$155,000
18878 Overlook Trl \$155,000
49199 Parkshore Ct \$1,426,000
18282 Parkshore Dr \$890,000
47105 Red Oak Dr \$480,000
39868 Rockcrest Cir \$155,000
18621 Steep Hollow Ct \$650,000
521 W Main St \$600,000
PLYMOUTH
49656 Ash Ct \$525,000
324 Auburn St \$460,000
48017 Basswood Ct \$335,000
46449 Burning Tree Ln \$362,000
1684 Cassidy Place Dr \$219,000
47483 Edinburgh Dr \$369,000
1395 Elm St \$450,000
1300 Hartsough St \$285,000
566 Maple St \$106,000
8909 N Beck Rd \$280,000
368 N Harvey St \$135,000
1256 Penniman Ave \$340,000
1256 Penniman Ave \$425,000
14596 Shadywood Dr \$185,000
312 Sunset St \$400,000

REDFORD
13993 Breakfast Dr \$171,000
14263 Breakfast Dr \$152,000
18255 Denby \$38,000
15395 Fenton \$28,000
9179 Grayfield \$91,000
20118 Lennane \$81,000
16514 Lexington \$103,000
14230 Marshall Dr \$179,000
14256 Marshall Dr \$151,000
26048 W Chicago \$50,000
19147 Woodworth \$39,000
WAYNE
4344 Second St \$35,000
35421 Forest St \$56,000
3153 Treadwell St \$85,000
32784 Audreys Way \$224,000
31037 Birchwood St \$110,000
35850 Castlewood Ct \$60,000
37459 Colonial Dr \$60,000
35653 Columbia Ave \$40,000
8103 Coventry St \$30,000
7607 Gary Ave \$110,000
39154 Hayward Dr \$185,000
36673 Hazelwood St \$150,000
7760 Lear Ct \$107,000
1714 N Walton St \$75,000
34730 Nancy St \$95,000
7346 Perrinsville Ct \$123,000
7674 Rivergate Dr \$77,000
36511 Rolf St \$125,000
1050 S Dowling St \$85,000
1129 S Merriman Rd \$66,000
620 Superior Pkwy \$86,000
1307 Surrey Hts \$118,000
33836 Tawas Trl \$115,000
7325 W Frumin Ct \$92,000
38509 Watson Cir \$160,000
6235 Westland Dr \$105,000

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Short sales

If you owe more than what your house is worth, you may be interested in a free informational seminar on short sale procedures. Organizers will also discuss the internal workings of short sales and the different steps involved.

Bonnie David, broker/owner of Quantum Real Estate, is the presenter. It will be 6-7 p.m. Thursdays at 129 N. Lafayette, downtown South Lyon.

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