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Santa in **Town Square**

Santa is coming back to downtown Northville this year. The jolly old elf will be in Town Square to meet with children and pose for photos from noon-4 p.m. on the following days: » Nov. 30 - Dec. 1

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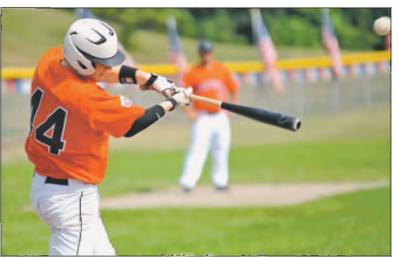
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sure to bring your own cameras.

Holiday closures

Municipal offices in Northville Township will be closed on Thursday and Friday for the Thanksgiving holiday, while they will be closed in the City of Northville on Thursday.

NABF World Series bids farewell



After 31 years with Northville as its home, the NABF World Series is movina.

By Sam Eggleston Correspondent

The National Amateur Baseball Federation U16 World Series seems to have always been a part of the Northville summer schedule, but come 2014 the ball fields alive with the hustle and bustle of hosting teams from across the country and Canada will be silent.

The NABF was informed of the decision via letter last month. Former director of the tournament Scott Baldwin (2010-12) said that the decision wasn't an easy one. The major factor was the inability to find a director, but multiple reasons played into the final agreement that it

was time for a break.

"I would like to think we all shared in the decision to step back from the series after 31 years," he said. "There were a variety of factors that went into that decision, but it was a community decision.

"Thirty-one years is a long time to host any major event,' he added. "This tournament required a massive volunteer effort by a legion of loyal Northvillians. While it was wonderfully rewarding and an annual joy to be a part, it was also a very large commitment. We will miss it sorely, but we will also share in the joyful memories and all

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WHERE TO FIND A HELPING HAND

Food banks see increased demand during holidays

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

Hunger doesn't take a vacation nor a holiday.

Local food banks and those in need know this all too well, but this challenge is overcome by remembering what matters most.

This time of year has many saying thank you and for those who receive help from places like Northville Civic Concern, Redford Interfaith Relief, the Connection Church in Canton's **Open Door Ministry, South**



Lyon's Active Faith Community Service and Livonia's Holy Cross Lutheran, the feeling of gratitude is truly heartfelt.

"It means a lot to me that people in the community want to help," said Sarah, a 26-year-old single mother from Canton who, through Michigan Works, receives help from Northville Civic Concern.

Her last name has been omitted to protect her identity.

For those giving of their time and help, this time of vear is a reminder that their mission is an ongoing one.

"There's a tremendous need in many communities, even here in Canton," said Steve Darr, director of the food pantry at Connection Church. "We're not only here to help them in difficult times, but to help them also find out why they are in a tough situation and how they can get out of

By Kurt Kuban

Staff Writer

Are you looking for a great

backdrop for a Christmas card

to send out to friends and fam-

ily? Marv Gans believes he has

of the upcoming Pictures with

Napier Road north of Six Mile

from 10:30 a.m. to noon, Sat-

Road. The event will take place

Thayer's Corner Nature Area on

Santa event at the historic

Gans is one of the organizers

the perfect idea.

urday, Dec. 7.

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Northville Civic Concern volunteer Jan Stuber (right) gets some help from a client named Tim during the Nov. 22 distribution day. Local civic agencies and businesses and a few individuals teamed up to provide about 40 turkeys and pies for families stopping by. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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Santa is coming to historic Thayer's Corner

Gans said parents can bring their children to pose for photos with Santa in a 1935 sleigh that will be placed inside a historic barn that dates back to 1850.

"Bring your own camera, take your own photos, and maybe even use it for a Christmas card," Gans said.

There is a cost to take photos, however. For a family of 1-3 the cost is \$5, from 4-6 members is \$7.50, and for seven or more the cost is \$10. All the proceeds will go towards the upkeep and operations of Thayer's Corner, a

62-acre park owned by Northville Township and operated by many volunteers like Gans, who have a love of history and nature.

"The park is run by all volunteers," said Gans, who is also a Northville Township trustee. "We've been able to do a lot of work out there the last couple years, and it's due to all the volunteers.'

Gans notes the completion of a self-guided nature trail and elevated gardens in the community garden as just some of the

recent projects. Next year, they hope to have some farm animals for a petting zoo.

Gans said there will be some crafts for the kids to do while they are waiting.

"Last year we had about 45 people come out and it was our first year," Gans said. "Hopefully we'll have more this year. It's for a great cause."

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for more than 15 years,"

Jerome said. "There are

But Edwards and his

fellow volunteers – you

could always spot them

wearing their red shirts

there the longest - won't be at the field next year.

Instead, it will be vol-

But is it the end of the

"The NABF has made

it clear that if Northville

wants to host again, they

would be honored to have

city," Jerome said. "Even

many, many tournaments

each year, the Northville

tournament has been the

has moved on, but would

Baldwin noted that it's

showpiece. The NABF

like to come back.'

will be emotional.

will be our long-term

the camaraderie and

the tourney," he said.

friendship we shared in

"Our youth players may

miss it in the short term.

but their resilience, along

with the plethora of new

tournaments and oppor-

tunities, will quickly fill

Sam Eggleston is a freelance

writer covering sports for the

Northville Record and Novi

the void for the local

teams."

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almost impossible to

gauge the impact on the

community. He said that

likely the biggest impact

"Those most affected

volunteers, who will miss

though the NABF hosts

Northville as the host

or the faded pink ones

for those who've been

unteers in Toledo who

tournament forever?

Only time will tell, but

the door is being left

open by the NABF.

nament for 2014.

will be hosting the tour-

lots of John Edwards

types.'

NABF

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the lifelong relationships we forged.'

The tournament first came to Northville in 1983 under the direction of Bob Frellick. Since he retired as director in 1995, the position has been held by Dave Jerome (1996-2009), followed by Baldwin and then co-directors Bill Flohr and Carrie Slominski this past summer. Flohr not only direct-

ed the tournament, but also played in it. 'It came full-circle for

me," Flohr said. "I played in the World Series when I was 16 playing in Dearborn Heights and leading up to last year being co-director. It was a very big honor for me to head

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it up last year; I don't think many people can say they ended up being a director of a prestigious World Series after being involved as a player.'

Major league greats

Over the years that the tournament was held in the community, the Northville Broncos U16 team was given an automatic berth. For three decades, Northville athletes have played against some of the country's best players, several of whom have gone on to play in the ranks of Major League Baseball such as Alex Avila, Jake Peavy, J.J. Putz and Austin Kearns, among others.

And while the games were always about the kids, the tournament itself was always a point of pride for the members of the community who volunteered their time to make it run as smooth as possible – and that wasn't always easy. Jerome likened running the tournament to "directing an orchestra." There were so many aspects of the tournament that many people don't really think of, from field maintenance, announcers, score keeper, bat boys, the stat man, the awards presentation, the pretournament skills contests and the prizes, public relations, concessions, hotels, hospitality suites, umpires and banquet all the way to the 90-page program, the advertisers, the T-shirt creation and sales.

"I am sure that I am missing something," Jerome said. "But when the pieces all work and when they work perfect-

Scholarship fund still intact despite decision

While the NABF World Series was never meant to be a for-profit event, there were profits made nonetheless. According to Dave Jerome, former director of the World Series, the small profit every year following all of the costs associated with running the tournament ranged from "a couple of hundred dollars to a couple of thousand each year."

The money has been deposited into the Frellick Dominque Scholarship Fund, named after Bob Frellick and Ken Dominque, who started the NABF World Series in Northville.

"Currently we give annual scholarships that can range from a couple of hundred dollars to a four-year commitment from us of several thou-sand dollars a year," Jerome said. "We have given more than \$5,000 in scholarships in one year, depending on the earnings of the funds.

Over the years, more than \$80,000 has been given to individuals - both boys and girls - who have participated in the Northville Baseball Softball Association.

"These have been to players and to umpires who participated," Jerome said. "They have been to Northville High School students and to students who participated from surrounding schools, like Mercy and Catholic Central.'

While the NABF tournament has left the community of Northville, the scholarship fund is still doing well and will still be giving out scholarships of \$5,000 or more per year for the foreseeable future.

ly like they usually do, it

marvelous, overwhelm-

ing feeling that perhaps

makes it all worthwhile.

Perhaps. When players

and coaches who have

been to hundreds of tour-

naments tell you that it is

the best tournament that

they have ever been to, it

The tournament was

Emotional impact

always well-staffed by

community members,

is a great feeling.²

is a symphony. It is a

- By Sam Eggleston

who showed up on the first day of the tournament and helped through every aspect.

One such volunteer was John Edwards. Jerome said Edwards showed up at 6 a.m. the first day of the tournament to get the American flag flying and then stayed to work the grounds for the next four days, all while on vacation from his full-time

"And John showed up

job.

Christmas Winterfest

The third annual Metro Detroit Christmas Wonderfest will be held Thursday, Dec. 5, through Sunday, Dec. 8, at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi. Beginning in 2011, the unique Wonderfest combination of holiday market and children's celebration was ensconced in Campus Martius Park for two weekends in downtown Detroit. Christmas Wonderfest 2013 will be open 3-10 p.m. Thursday, 3-10 p.m. Friday, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday and from noon to 8 p.m. Sunday. Cost is \$7 for adults, \$3 for those under age 10. Please visit ChristmasWonderfest.com for more information.



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Fire officials say turkey fryers pose dangers

By Kurt Kuban Staff Writer

There are many ways to cook a turkey for Thanksgiving dinner. In recent years, one method growing in popularity is to deep fry the bird, which can be done much quicker than cooking one in an oven. However, fire officials are warning people that the technique poses some serious dangers, especially if done improperly.

State Fire Marshal Richard Miller and Livonia Fire Chief Shadd Whitehead visited the Northville Township Fire Department on Friday, where local firefighters showed just how serious a fire hazard it can be. They demonstrated the two most common mistakes people make, including putting too much oil in the fryer and using a frozen turkey. In both scenarios, boiling oil spilled over an open flame below and then onto the ground.

In addition to posing a fire hazard, this can also cause serious personal injury due to the boiling oil. In either event, it would certainly ruin a Thanksgiving celebration.

According to Miller, the National Fire Protection Association says turkey fryers that use oil, as currently designed, are not suitable for acceptably safe use by even well-informed and careful consumers.

As it is, Thanksgiving Day sees more fires than any other day, turkey fryers have only increased the numbers – an additional 1,000 per year. And Miller says the fryers are a growing trend.

"You used to only find them at sporting goods stores. Now even supermarkets and Meijer stores sell them. Some of that is definitely due to the novelty of it," Miller



Northville Township firefighter Michael Obermiller demonstrates a flaming disaster as a turkey is dropped into a too-full, too-hot turkey fryer. The demonstration took place during a visit to the Northville Township station by the State Fire Marshall Rich Miller. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Keep a fire extinguisher nearby and use it if the fire is manageable. Never use water to extinguish a grease fire.

said. "But people need to know they are definitely more dangerous. You're dealing with an open flame and hot oil."

Miller explained that most turkey fryer incidents occur while the oil is being heated. The units can easily tip over, spilling hot, scalding oil onto anyone or anything nearby, leading to fires, burns or other injuries. Since most units do not have automatic thermostat controls, oil may heat until it catches fire. The sides, lids, and handles get extremely hot.

Miller said if people insist on using a fryer, they should heed these safety precautions:

» Read and follow the manufacturer's user guide.

» Completely thaw the turkey, remove any wrapping and discard the neck and giblets.

» Do not overfill the fryer with oil. Before dumping a few gallons of oil into the fryer, first try it out with water. Place the turkey inside and then fill it with water until the bird is submerged. Remove it and then mark the water line on the fryer so you will know how much oil should be put in the fryer.

» Never leave the fryer unattended.

 » Allow at least two feet of space between the liquid propane tank and the fryer burner.
 » Keep children and

pets well away from the fryer . » If oil begins to

» If oil begins to smoke, immediately turn the gas supply off.



Michigan State Fire Marshal **Rich Miller (left)** visited Northville Township's fire station for a turkey fryer safety demonstration. Northville **Township Fire Chief Rich** Marinucci is in background. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



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The Northville High School marching band tuba section marches down Main Street with some lights adorning their instruments.





The Ladies' Parasol Brigade marches in the parade.

Downtown Northville was all lit-up and colorful during Holiday Lighted Parade. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

A frigid kick-off to the holidays

By Kurt Kuban Staff Writer

"It is my favorite parade," Northville resident Janeen Crittenden said of the annual Northville Holiday Lighted Parade, which took place Friday evening downtown. "The parade is a reflection of the spirit of Northville."

Crittenden, like many Northville residents, found herself a great spot downtown for the parade, which featured dozens of participants decked out in holiday lights.

According to Traci Sincock of the Northville Chamber of Commerce, which organizes the event, the parade was a great success even though the temperatures were a little more frigid than normal at this time of year. She said there were 47 entries in the parade, all of which were judged.

The Best Parade Theme award was given to Destiny Worship Center for their Miracle on Main live nativity display. Performer's Edge Dance Studio won the Mayor's Choice for their Rockette Dancers, and Preservation Dental won the Best Holiday Spirit award for their Volkswagen-themed entry, which included nine Volkswagen Bugs dressed up as Santa's reindeer. Each was fitted with unique antlers and other decorations, which were the brainchild of three 15 year olds - Natalia Demray, Zach Ellis and Luke Lindstrom. They designed and fabricated all the adornments, making for quite a spectacle as the cars made their way through the crowd downtown.

"It took us all summer," Natalia Demray, the daughter of William Demray of Preservation Dental, said of the work.



Dressed as a lit Christmas tree, Gabriella Said marches along Main Street during the Holiday Lighted Parade.

"We are very proud of how it turned out." Her dad agreed. "I think we rocked the pa-



From left, Owen Solensky, 3, joins sisters Emma, 3, and Ellie Thomas, 5, in trying to keep warm before the start of Friday night's parade in downtown Northville.

rade," he said.

The parade couldn't have taken place without the hard work of many, according to Sincock. She singled out Tina Genitti, who emceed the Town Square sing along and tree lighting and was parade hostess. Sincock also thanked the city's officers for their help, the DDA for all the decorations around downtown, Tom Holzer Ford for sponsoring the event, and a number of area churches (Destiny Worship Center, First Baptist Church of Northville, First Church of the Nazarene, Northville Christian Assembly, OakPointe Church, Ward Church) for providing the parade banner, refreshments and the sound system.

Oh yeah, and Santa Claus, who managed to attend the event despite this being the busiest time of year for him. Santa brought up the rear in the parade.

"This is truly a community parade," Sincock said.

Crittenden's daughter, Rachel, who is a senior at Northville High School, actually got to walk in the parade this year. An intern at Preservation Dental, she walked along one of the Volkswagen Beetles. She was thrilled, considering some of her fondest memories are of parades she has attended in downtown Northville.

"We have the best parades in Northville – bar none," she said.

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Volunteers and donations

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it."

It's the people who donate time, food, clothing and money to help families and individuals in need that make a food bank truly successful.

We owe a lot to those who donate so much time and help," said Mary-anne Mihalic, of South Lyon's Active Faith. "We are very blessed to have so many in the community that care."

She said the group's Thanksgiving distribution day was expected to bring in 180 families, which is above the typical 160 or so families it sees throughout the year. Help for this came from groups like St. Joseph Parish's catechism class and the local high school student council, which literally donated tons of food to help make the holiday a good one. At Redford's Inter-

faith Relief, which is a coalition of member churches within the community, each month is busy. It helps provide essentials like food and clothing for at least 500 families. So it was huge when it was recently given 8,000 pounds of food by local Boy Scouts.

In Canton, 600 turkeys were donated. Open Ministry had its biggest Thanksgiving distribution day yet with more than 560 families showing up.

"Neighbors helping neighbors," Interfaith Relief administrative assistant Jane Cameron said of members' motivation.

At Civic Concern, 20 turkeys were donated by Our Lady of Victory, while the Main Street League - a local charitable organization - recently raised more than \$11,000 to help out. These are just two examples of the variety of places Civic Concern from



Barbara and her grandson Malcom visit Northville's Civic Concern on Nov. 22 for its Thanksgiving distribution day. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

which receives help.

"These are the spokes that make the wheel go,' **Civic Concern Director** Marlene Kunz said of its volunteer and donation help.

Those in need

The clients of these organizations have a variety of reasons why they need help in one form or another. There may be one income in the home that can only cover so many things, a layoff or medical issues.

Food bank directors say it's not just a simple handout; clients have to go through an approval process at each organization to verify their needs and challenges

Another single mother from Canton, who didn't want to be named, also found Civic Concern through Michigan Works. She said her eyes opened up to the different challenges people have to confront.

"There are so many

people going through so many things that it's important that organizations like this exist," the 41-year-old mother said. "What I love about this place is how it receives people with open arms."

Proof of residency, identity and federal assistance are just a few of the things that need to be verified when a client is vetted. At Holy Cross, which provides non-food essential items, clients must go through the city of Livonia to verify their status.

Each organization has its own mission specific to its community. However, they all ultimately have the same goal in mind.

"It's about caring for each other," Kunz said. "This is an effort that will always be needed as long as there are people in need."

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Don Kimbro

shows teachers an

exercise during a Nov. 18 visit

to Cooke

School.

BLOWING OFF SOME STEAM

Shared exercise helps Cooke School staff stay in shape

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

Teachers at Cooke School have found a healthy way to blow off some steam after a long school day while also getting into better shape - and they don't even have to leave the school building.

A visit to Spinergy Fitness in downtown Northville gave Cooke staff members Gina Piegentelli and Kristen Balcom the idea that their co-workers might benefit from some exercise. Health and wellness is a priority for the staff.

'I thought they would be more willing to try this if it was here," Piegentelli said during a recent workout inside the gymnasium at the school on Taft Road.

Turns out she was right. There are at least 18 staff members who are now participating in a six-week boot camp workout that has them exercising two times a week for 45 minutes each time. They are paying Spinergy to come to them with its tough yet exhilarating workouts

"We are bringing fitness to them," said Spinergy Fitness owner Dennis Lauderback. "We would like to do this for other schools if they are interested. It's a great way to expose the teachers and other staffers to what we offer at Spinergy.'

It's a circuit workout that has the gym divided into 10 different stations. At one, participants hit a giant tractor tire with sledge hammer or steel bar, and at another they bounce a heavy ball. Working the core and entire body is the goal.



Don Kimbro (left) of Drop and Do 20, works out with Cooke School teacher Shannon Shafer during a Nov. 18 gathering at the Northville School. Kimbro's been meeting with a bunch of teachers there training them in series of circuit workouts. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

They change it up a bit each week to keep it fresh.

"I have done a circuit before, but nothing quite like this," said Cooke occupational therapist Karen Schaumann. "I'm really interested in exercising my core, so this has been good. I

have seen a difference in my energy level."

Spinergy's style of adapting to the individual has made it a great community resource for making a workout fun and worthwhile. Lauderback sees a lot of potential in this type of reach out.

"Life gets busy, so if need be we will come to them," he said. Spinergy is located at 133 W.

Main Street and can be reached at (248) 344-1514.

SCHOOL NEWS

Band-O-Rama

The Northville High School bands will present Band-O-Rama at 7 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 6 at the high school. All 240 instrumental music students will be a part of this lively, diverse, inspiring annual event.

The different groups include Symphonic Band 9, Symphonic Band 10, Symphonic Band 11/12, Jazz Ensemble, Drum line and Marching Mus-tangs (full marching band).

The marching band will present "50 Years of James Bond" from this season's football halftime shows.

"Everyone loved it. We're getting ready for another great performance," said Mike Rumbell, band director, who will be joined by Johanne Ray-Hepp, also an NHS band director.

Music boosters raffle tickets will be sold outside of the auditorium.

The last opportunity to purchase raffle tickets will be at the choir's holiday concerts, 7 p.m. on Dec. 17-19. Tickets for cash and prizes will be drawn at the afterglow in the cafeteria following the final concert. If at least 1,500 tickets are sold, cash prizes will range from \$100 to \$5,000. Raffle tickets can be purchased from music program families or Kathren O'Brien, music booster fundraising chair at kathrenobrien@wlcsd.org

General admission tickets for Band-O-Rama are \$7, and are available at the box office the night of the show. Those 12 years old and younger will be admitted at no charge. For more information, call 248 344 8420.



Bricks for Kidz



teaches teamwork

Abbie Barrick and Andrew Murell were part of a group of Silver Springs Elementary School students who began a Bricks for Kidz session on Nov. 6. The Legoengineering afterschool class will teach kids how to work together to construct a tov plane with a small motor. JOHN HEIDER STAFE PHOTOGRAPHER

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

Northville's Scott Craig withdraws from the 20th House race

Northville school board member Scott Craig announced on Tuesday that he has reconsidered his candidacy for the Michigan House of Representatives 20th District and is withdrawing his name from the race.

The seat is currently



ation and lengthy discussions with my wife, we've decided

that we cannot take the financial risk at this time that a campaign would represent. I am nearing retirement as a teacher, but can't afford to retire yet. The time necessary to be a viable candidate would take away from my work as a teacher, and possibly jeopardize

my employment," Craig said.

He also reported receiving new information that even winning the election would force him to retire early, as taking a leave of absence is not a legal option.

He said he would like to thank all of those who have stepped forward and offered their support in the past two weeks.

"I've been overwhelmed by the support and generosity of so many people. I do believe that citizens of Northville, Plymouth, and Canton are hungry

for a representative who cares about education and an economy that works for all. I am sorry that my personal circumstances prevent me from being that candidate at this time," he said.



Participants of the Owl Prowl at Maybury State Park will be searching for native owls like this barred owl.

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Maybury State Park and the Friends of Maybury invite young and old alike to bundle up for the Owl Prowl at 5 p.m. on Saturday, Dec.

Participants should meet at the concession building, taking the Eight Mile Road entrance just west of Beck at 5 p.m. for s'mores around a bonfire. After a brief presentation by the Friends of Maybury naturalist, participants will embark on a hike through the woods. Owls will be called and hopefully participants will either hear or spot

one overhead.

After the hike, guests can return to the bonfire, chat about owls and share nature stories. Participants are encouraged to wear comfortable shoes, dress for the weather (events will take place rain or shine), and bring something to drink, a camp chair, a flashlight or miner's light and a great outdoor or nature story to share around the fire.

This program is free to attend, however, a **Recreation Passport is** required for all vehicles entering the state parks

and recreation areas. Owl Prowls are being held state-wide; a complete listing is available at www.michigan.gov/ stateparks.

More outdoor fun and exercise ideas are available through the **DNR's Recreation 101** program, which provides expert instruction to budding outdoor enthusiasts by offering free, hands-on training in over 100 different activities. Learn about participating or becoming an instructor at www.michigan.gov/ rec101 or www.michigan.gov/freshfit.

City of Northville Notice of Public Hearing Wayne & Oakland Counties

Northville Rotary needs help assisting typhoon victims

The Northville Rotary Club has activated its foundation to assist the victims of Typhoon Haiyan in the Phillipines and you can help.

Rotary is working with ShelterBox, Inc. to bring needed items to the victims. Each ShelterBox supplies an extended family with a tent and essential equipment to use while they are displaced or homeless, and deliver the essentials a family needs to survive in the immediate aftermath of a disaster.

Each green Shelter-Box is tailored to a disaster, but typically contains a disaster relief tent for an extended family, blankets, water storage and purification equipment, cooking utensils, a stove, a basic tool kit, a children's activity pack and other vital items.

The devastation of Typhoon Haiyan is vast with more than 5,000 persons confirmed dead and many more still missing. Basic needs like fresh water may take months to restore. Survivors are living in makeshift shelters.

Northville Rotary

would like to organize a shelter box from the Northville community. The cost of a single shelter box is \$1,000. Any amount you are able to give is helpful.

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Direct contributions can be made via the Shelterbox website at www.shelterboxusa.org.

'Giddy Up' for a good cause



Northville residents Lory (left) and Marty Testasecca and Camp Casev Executive Director

Community Development Block Grant Funds PY2014

Notice is hereby given that the City of Northville City Council will hold a public hearing on the use of Community Development Block Grant Funds. The Hearing will be held on Monday, December 16, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. at the Northville City Hall Chambers, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan 48167 for the purpose of hearing public comments on the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Year 2014 application in the approximate amount of \$50,927 to fund eligible projects. All interested citizens are requested to attend the Hearing. Comments will also be received in writing or in person at Northville City Hall until Monday, December 16, at 7:30 p.m.

Total Estimated Allocation – Wayne County Proposed uses include:	\$45,736	
Public Services- Senior services	\$6,861	
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and founder Molly Reeser attended the 6th Annual Giddy Up Gala at Knollwood Country Club on Nov. 1. The benefit helped raise funds for the nonprofit horseback riding and outreach programs for children with cancer and their families. For more information, visit www.camp-casey.org. JULIE YOLLES

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE **ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - PUBLIC HEARING**

The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) has scheduled a public hearing for Wednesday, December 18, 2013, at the Northville Township Municipal Office Building, located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168. The ZBA will consider variance requests to Chapter 170, Zoning Ordinance, for 45861 7 Mile Road (to allow occupancy in the existing home while a new home is constructed on the same lot) and 46099 Neeson (side yard setback). Written comments regarding this request will be received by the ZBA at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168. The meeting will begin at 7:30 P.M.

Paul Slatin, Chair Zoning Board of Appeals

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SYNOPSIS **NOVEMBER 21, 2013 – REGULAR MEETING** CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

nursday, November 21, 2013 30 p.m. 405 Six Mile Road

Robert R. Nix II, Supervisor, Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk, Marjorie F. Banner, Marv Gans, Trustee, Symantha Heath, Trustee, Mindy Herrmann, Trustee, o, Trustee

OF ALLEGIANCE:

- das:
 - Approve the Regular Agenda and Consent Agenda items: APPROVED
 - 1. Minutes Board of Trustees Regular Meeting of October 17, 2013
 - 2. Minutes Board of Trustees Special Meeting of October 9, 2013
 - 3. Minutes Historic District Commission meeting of September 26, 2013
 - 4. Minutes Historic District Commission meeting of October 24, 2013
 - 5. Northville Youth Assistance Report dated November 1, 2013
 - 6. Minutes Planning Commission meeting of September 24, 2013
- intments, Presentations, Resolutions & Announcements:
- orthville High School Cross Country Team Resolution APPROVED ic Hearing: None
- **Public Comments:** Representative Heise and a resident had comments for the of Trustees concerning Silver Springs Drive.
- **Business**:
 - oftware License Purchase APPROVED
 - antoro Storm Drainage Maintenance Agreement APPROVED
 - anitary Sewer Lift Station Improvements Payment # 5 APPROVED
 - eacon Square Storm Drainage Maintenance Agreement APPROVED
 - esolution Authorizing the SAW Grant Agreement APPROVED
 - eck Road Water System Improvements Final Payment APPROVED
 - aterstone Storm Drainage Maintenance Agreement APPROVED
 - ezoning –Township Finance Building PROS to OS TABLED
- ished Business: None
- nances: Staff directed to research solicitation hours.
- k Registry in the amount of \$3,051,130.52 APPROVED
- d Communication & Reports from the following: Robert R. Nix, II, lillebrand, Marjorie Banner, Marv Gans, Symantha Heath, Mindy Herrmann, Shadko, Chip Snider.
- other business for the Board of Trustees: NONE
- **OURN:** Meeting adjourned at: 9:15 p.m. ne meeting minutes will be available December 3, 2013.

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A sweet new location

Honeytree Grille expands to Northville Township

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

The Honeytree Grille is a new restaurant in Northville Township, but it's not new to those who have come to know its tasty food selections at other locations in metro Detroit.

Located at Five Mile and Sheldon roads, this new family restaurant is owned by longtime restaurateur Tom Goulas, who wants the Northville community to know the Honeytree offers a new spot to have some breakfast, a quick lunch or nice, sit down dinner.

"This location is beautiful and we're really happy to be here in Northville," said Goulas. "This is a great community and we're looking forward to making this a place people will enjoy for a long time to come."

The restaurant opened

HONEYTREE GRILLE

» Owner: Tom Goulas » Address: 15440 Sheldon Road, Northville

Township » Phone: 734-254-9111 » Web: www.honeytreerestaurant.com

in late October and things are still a bit slow, but it should be filling up as time goes on and word of mouth of the menu gets out there.

Goulas has eight other locations in the area, including in Novi and Farmington Hills. He brings a ton of experience to this new venture. He started out as a Greek immigrant who, in 1971, helped out as a cook to establish Olga Louizon's now famous Olga's Kitchen. From there he became his own boss and hasn't looked back as he went on to successfully operate multiple locations at the same time.

He's always stood on some basic values, one

being the good staff that works for him.

"Good people have made all the difference for me over the years," he said.

Good food hasn't hurt either.

Using the best quality ingredients with the goal of having the food taste like its home cooked is the goal in Honeytree's kitchen, according to Goulas.

"We are high class at reasonable prices," he said. "There's a lot of pride in what we do, so we aim to please the customer.'

It starts with breakfast and it's great at Honeytree from the daily specials to classic plates like eggs with a meat and toast to skillets and omelets, which there are at least 12 – ranging from three cheese and vegetarian to meat lovers. But the breakfast menu has even more from its very berry crepes, French toast to its breakfast wraps, which features a Tex-Mex option that is filling as well as good.



Tom Goulas pauses a moment in his busy day at his new Honey Tree Grill restaurant on Nov. 18. Goulas manages a number of Honey Tree restaurants around southeastern Michigan. The Northville Township eatery is located at 15440 Sheldon Road. JOHN HEIDER STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The lunch and dinner menu is not just the typical diner fare. It's filled with a variety of soups, ciabattas, gyros, burgers, lawash wraps and deli sandwiches. That alone could be enough, but it's not.

They have Greek spe-

cialties like mousaka and lamb and rice, which with Goulas's background you know these will taste authentic. There's also fish and seafood selections like perch and salmon as well as shrimp. To round out the menu is the favorite's part with dishes like fajitas and pasta featuring penne from heaven and classic spaghetti. For more information, visit www.honeytreer-

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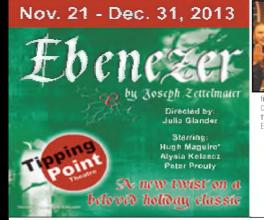
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Staying fit



Bob Lusko leaps up for a shot at a basketball net while waiting for another volleyball game to get going during a Nov. 20 visit to the Northville Community Center. Lusko was playing volleyball with other seniors that runs from 9:30-11 a.m. every Wednesday. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

MILL RACE MATTERS

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

Details: Office open 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday-Friday. Archives open Thursday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Village buildings open 1-4 p.m., Sundays, mid-June to mid-October.

Contact: 248-348-1845

Weekly Events

(*Grounds closed to public) Thursday: Office and Archives closed for Thanksgiving Friday: Office and Archives closed for Thanksgiving **Sunday:** 11 m. to

Wednesday: 9 a.m. Mill Race Basket Guild; 1 p.m. AAUW Bridge Group; 6:45 p.m. Mindfulness Meditation Group

The 2013 Jingle Bell **Run/Walk for Arthritis**

will honor five year-old Zach Fradkin of Dearborn, who was diagnosed at 18 months old with juvenile arthritis. The Arthritis Foundation will host two events in the Metro-Detroit area, the first on Dec. 7 at Northville Downs in Northville, and the second on Dec. 14 at Birmingham Covington School. The running and walking events raise money to help people with arthri-tis, the nation's leading cause of disability. More than 50 million Americans have arthritis including 2.3 million adults and 10,300 children in Michigan.

The Jingle Bell Run/ Walk was named one of the nation's "21 most Incredible Themed Races" in 2012 by Greatist.com. Participants dress in their most creative holiday-themed costumes and tie bells to their shoes creating a festive and fun atmosphere. The events include a chip-timed 5K run/ walk with a 10K option at the Bloomfield event and fun runs for kids. There will be a post-race celebration with refreshments, medals awarded to the top finishers in 13 age categories and prizes for best costume, largest team and biggest fundraiser. Proceeds from the race will support Arthritis Foundation programs, services and research throughout Michigan.

Individuals or teams can sign up by contacting the Arthritis Founda-

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Jingle Bell Run/Walk tion, Michigan at 855-529-2728 or online at www.arthritis.org/jbr.

'Jazzy Christmas'

Men of Grace will present "A Jazzy Christmas" concert with Grammy Award-winning gospel group Take 6 and flutist Alexander Zonjic on Thurs., Dec. 5 at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile Road, Northville. Doors open at 6 p.m.

Take 6 is an a cappella sextet from Huntsville, Ala., who have been performing together for more than 30 years. Their music, contemporary gospel intertwined

with jazz, R&B and soul, has won them numerous accolades, including multiple Grammy, NAACP Image and Dove awards. They have performed with many artists such as Stevie Wonder, the Winans Family and Quincy Jones, and have even performed for various US presidents. Formed in 1999, Men

of Grace is a musical ministry of Grace Centers of Hope Gospel Fellowship and consists of men who minister to those suffering from addiction and abuse through song and personal testimony.

women and children daily and serves more than 100,000 meals each year. To learn more about Grace Centers of Hope visit www.gracecentersofhope.org. Tickets are \$25-\$75

per person and are available at www.menofgracemusic.com For more information about "A Jazzy Christmas," email jazzy@menofgracemusic.com or contact Mary Cloyd, (248) 504-7403.

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IPC International Security guard Philip Calleja patrols the upper level of Novi's Twelve Oaks Mall. The 200-store mall, at Novi Road and I-96, has more than one million square feet of retail space and sees thousands of visitors a day around the holidays. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Police say be a safe shopper all year long

By Julie Brown Staff Writer

Chief Chuck Nebus of the Farmington Hills Police Department will do his holiday shopping this year, and offers advice: "I would shop early. I would try to go when it's light.'

He urges women never to leave a purse visible in a car while inside shopping, and that all shoppers carry only what they need. "You don't want to get out of your car and let someone see you put it in the trunk," he said of a purse being targeted by a criminal.

This is a joyous time of year, but unfortunately police departments and security officers must deal with crimes. Shoppers can help by following basic ad

and alert and confident, you'll less likely be a victim," Nebus said of studies showing some criminals do profile victims. Carrying just one or two credit cards you need will be helpful if they are stolen.

Stolen credit cards should be reported immediately. "Their first objective is to use them immediately," usually at a gas station, Nebus said of credit card thieves.

Farmington Hills and other communities beef up patrols in shopping areas come November and December. Sgt. Jeffery Kavanaugh of the Westland Police Department noted his department will have an additional officer at Westland Shopping Center Thanksgiving through Dec. 24 "in conjunction with mall security to add that extra element of safety.' Kavanaugh handles Business Watch as coordinator as well as Community Watch, and agreed only carrying needed items when shopping is key. "The less items that you have, the better," he said, ex-plaining that it'll be easier to cancel only one credit card and reduces the chances of ID theft. "You always want to have your keys ready to get in your car," Kavanaugh said. You should be aware of your surroundings and sure you're not being followed, and can request a mall security escort if uncomfortable. "Most of the time, people are going to be in there for awhile," the Westland sergeant said of mall shoppers. "It you cut down the opportunity for them to do something, the less crime there's going to be."

Those in law enforcement also protect workers at retail sites. "The big thing is being ob-servant," Kavanaugh said of potential crime. "If something doesn't feel right, it probably isn't."

Store staffers or others should never hesitate to contact police if feeling threatened, Kavanaugh emphasized.

Area police were aware of the recent slaying of a store clerk in Taylor. "It was a very brutal crime," said Nebus of the Hills department. "Stay as calm as you can and cooperate. Give up the money, give up the property."

Many area businesses have security cameras inside and out, and Neb us said inside video is often helpful to police who can seek media help in publicizing suspects' images. Bixman of the Hills department added young children should be educated to go to a store clerk or security if they become separated from parents. "Just have a practice plan in place for your kids when you go shopping," she said. The law enforcement representatives are good about their own safety when shopping for loved ones. "It's a good dose of crime prevention for us so we do practice what we preach," said Nebus, noting they write and read many crime reports. Officer Tony Angelosanto of the city of Plymouth Police Department said, "You should be alert to your surroundings. You should always shop with a friend. There's safety in numbers.'

Angelosanto, his department's crime prevention officer, noted some stores can hold purchased merchandise until you're ready to go home.

"You want to avoid carrying large amounts of cash," he said, adding paying by check or credit card is often better.

Angelosanto recommends women carry a smaller purse under the arm, or if carrying one with a longer strap to hold onto the straps. Men are advised to keep their wallet in their front pocket.

'It's safer than most," Angelosanto said of shopping in Plymouth. "It's well-lit. It's more of an affluent community.

Special attention



Betty Modreski gets some up close crooning and dancing as she's greeted by entertainer Jack Bailey - as he sings "They Way You Look Tonight" during the Nov. 13 Northville Senior Center Thanksgiving luncheon. Seniors enjoyed a fullcourse traditional Thanksgiving turkey meal and all the fixings. Not all got such a personal greeting from Bailey as this, though. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

SENIOR SERVICES

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

Upcoming events include: » "60 Years Young With Itsy" Time/Date: 10-11:30 a.m.,

Tuesday, Dec. 3 Details: Event, which is free, will feature a motivational speaker discussing how we can

make a difference. RSVP by calling 248-349-4140. Location: Northville Community Center

» Holiday Luncheon

Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. to noon, Wednesday, Dec. 11

Details: \$12 per person includes a full lunch, festive music and prizes. Registration deadline is Dec. 3.

Location: Northville Community Center

» Historic Trinity Church Tour and Lunch

Time/Date: 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 17

Details: \$27 per person includes lunch, transportation and tour. Come view the cathedral fitted with its seasonal finery. Registration deadline is Dec. 4.



Kristin Bixman, Hills

PD crime prevention technician, said it's best to enter a mall with other people. "There will be people there that can see what's going on," she said, adding packages should always go in a trunk - or even be taken home before you come back to finish shopping.

'We always recommend not carrying a lot of packages," said Nebus, adding you are advised to move your car to another parking space after stowing packages.

He noted "Âpple Picking" of pricey iPhones which is common, and said it's best to conceal such phones. "Someone runs up and snatches it and it's gone," added Bixman, noting smartphones often contain sensitive information.

"If you look aware

We don't have a gang element or a drug element. You want to keep the opportunities (for crime) down.'

He added key fobs now often have a horn component to summon help, and that your biggest key held between your fingers can be an emergency weapon. 'ID theft is the fast-

est growing crime in the world," Angelosanto said. "That's because of the Internet." You should only shop on secure websites, "things that have a reputation of being safe. You want to be leery of purchasing things overseas," he added.

"Most of it's just com-mon sense," Angelosan-to said. "Just be aware of your surroundings. Criminals are opportunistic."

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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. O-0000162697



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

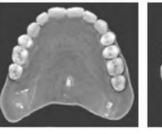
subject and has been interviewed on various television programs. Both attorney Bieske and Alfonsi have also been interviewed on radio programs and have given speeches to many groups.

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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Celebrate Recovery

Time/Dates: 7 p.m. Mondays Details: Worship, teaching or testimony, and open-share recovery groups. Organizers offer the principles and tools to bring healing for the hurts, deliverance from life-controlling habits, and freedom from the hang-ups that keep us from developing strong and healthy relations with God and others. Enter at Door D on the south side of the building. No cost; free child care is available for children birth through fifth grade. Preregister.

Church of the Holy Family

Location: 24505 Meadowbrook Road

Contact: 248-349-8847 or visit holyfamilynovi.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: DestinvW3C@Gmail.com or visit www.DW3C.org.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

Location: 34567 Seven Mile. Livonia Web: www.emmanuel-livo-

nia.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 Stuedy: 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. Tuesdavs 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. Cafe 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: Dec. 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, 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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RELIGION CALENDAR

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 Livonia Church of Christ 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

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. Wednesdav

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.

Praise Baptist Church

Location: 45000 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth Contact: 734-748-3898

St. James Catholic Church

Location: 46325 10 Mile, Novi

Pastor: Monsignor John Kasza

11:30 a.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Mon-

St. Paul's Lutheran

Location: 201 Elm St., Northville

Unity of Farmington

Contact: 248-737-9191; Adminis-

Location: 32500 W. 13 Mile.

trativeDirector@unityfh.com

Universalist Church

Location: 25301 Halsted Road,

Youth Interfaith Journey: 9:30

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

Contact: Jennifer Teed at

248-478-7272 or dre@uufar-

Lifelong Learning Forum:

Details: Six weeks exploring

different topics like religion,

social and political issues. No

in and pick the class that in-

Contact: 248-478-7272 or

uufarmington.org/uucf/re-

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terests you most at the Unitarian

Universalist Church of Farming-

Multi-Generational Services:

Details: Family members of all

ages can gather for drumming,

chanting, and meditation fol-

lowed by a brief participatory

include stories, songs and shar-

ing. A religious education activ-

worship service which could

ity will follow, such as an art

project, music, dance, game or

theater. The evening will close with a light snack and a sl

time to socialize, ending at 8:30

\$5 donation is suggested. Drop

philosophy, science, health,

7:30-9:30 p.m. Thursdays

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Contact: 248-347-7778

5 p.m. Saturday

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Deadline: Tuesday 9:45 a.m. for Thursday

Dalton, Margaret P. Age 85, of Redford Twp, passed away November 22, 2013. Full obit and online condolences at www.casterlinefuneralhome.com



HARMS. **DONNA JEAN**

83 of Howell and formerly Age of Milford passed away peacefully on Monday, November 18, 2013 at Medilodge of Howell. Born in Detroit on July 1, 1930, she was the daughter of George W. and Lillian G. (Ludwigson) Dial. Donna attended Lakeland Trails Baptist Church in Pinckney and was a former member of Mason Road Baptist Church. Beloved wife of the late Claris M. Harms whom she married in Milford on August 12, 1950. Claris preceded her in death on February 3, 2011. Loving mother of Douglas L. Harms and Becky (Mack) McCrary. Also survived by several nieces, nephews and very dear friends. A memorial service will be held Tuesday, December 3, 2013 at 11 a.m. at MacDonald's Funeral Home, Howell (517-546-2800) where the family will receive friends beginning at 10 a.m. Memorial contributions are suggested to the American Diabetes Association or the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. Please visit the family's online guest

book at macdonaldsfuneralhome.com

MARILLEY, REBECCA

Age 24. November 18, 2013. Rebecca was the beloved daugh-ter of David Marilley and Dr. Cynthia Piko. Dear sister of Alexander, Sarah, Peter, Matthew, and Hannah. Beloved granddaughter of Renate Randall, Imre and Margit Piko and friend to many, Rebecca loved her dog Kasey. Visitation Friday, November 22 from 1-9 p.m. and Saturday, November 23 at 9 a.m. with Funeral Service to follow at 11 a.m. at Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Rd., Livonia 48152. Share a memory at www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com Harry J Will Funeral Homes

MORT (GAGNON), **FLORINE AGNES**

Age 91, formerly of Garden City, passed away on Sunday November 17, 2013. Florine resided in Traverse City, MI. Please visit:

www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com to share your memories of Florine.

NUNNERY, BETTIE J.

Age 69, passed away November 21, 2013. She was born on May 3, 1944 in Bruceton, Tennessee, daughter of the late Fred & Estelle Nunnery. Bettie was known for her strong work ethic and spent over 20 years with Chrysler as a mail clerk until her retirement in 2003. She had a strong and abiding faith. Bettie was the matriarch of her family and will always be remembered for her selflessness and generosity to anyone who was in need. She is survived by her grandson, Mark Joseph Cobbold, her brothers; Dwayne (Linda) and Fred (Ann) Nunnery, she is also survived by many nieces, nephews and friends. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Debra Glowinski in 2013 and her brothers; B.C. Nunnery and Lee Nunnery. Visitation was held on November 26 at PHILLIPS FU-NERAL HOME, South Lyon. A funeral service was held on No-vember 27 at First Baptist Church of South Lyon. Online guestbook at

www.phillipsfuneral.com.

OASS, MILDRED I. "SALLY"

Age 90. November 23, 2013. Beloved wife of the late Gordon for 51 years. Loving mother of Ellen Zatolokin (David) and Wendy Frame (the late Robin). Cherished grandmother of (Valerie), Daniel Matthew (Brea), Joshua, Nathaniel, Kelly, and Sarah. Great-grandmother of Dylan, Jacob, Kiara, and Rhilan. Dear sister of Richard (Loretta), James (Marlou), and the late Donald (the late Gladys) Grudt. Funeral Saturday 11:00 a.m. at St. John Lutheran Church, 23225 Gill Road, Farmington, MI 48335. Visitation Friday 3-8 p.m. at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, 33603 Grand River Ave., Downtown Farmington (1 blk. W. of Farmington Memorial contributions Rd.). may be made to the Women of St. John Lutheran Church.

www.thayer-rock.com

Pawlowski, Edwin J.

Age 87, a longtime resident of Northville, November 22, 2013. Full Obit and online condolences www.casterlinefuneralhome.com

PLOOF, MICHAEL "TROY"

Age 46, passed away November 16, 2013. Visitation Saturday, November 23, 4-9 p.m. at PHIL-LIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon.



TURNER, RANDY JAMES

Dear son, brother and uncle, went home to be with our Lord, Tuesday, November 19, 2013. He was born on February 23, 1952, to Russell Turner and Catherine (Jones) Turner of South Lyon, Michigan. He graduated from Redford Union High School in 1970. He then attended Washtenaw Community College in their trade program, and became a state certified welder. He enjoyed the outdoors and when he was healthy walked six miles a day. In his late twenties he became ill and eventually developed diabetes, he was on medication for most of his life. His illness did result in him becoming reliant on God, which in turn made him an even more empathetic, compassionate man. He had a huge heart for his family and the children he sponsored through World Vision, and he dearly loved his only niece Rachel. He enjoyed studying God's word, his favorite Bible verse was 2 Corinthians 7:14. He never stopped being grateful to God, for his parents Russell and Catherine and his brother Gary who shared in his care in the last months of his life. He is survived by his father Russell a veteran of WWII, his mother Catherine, his brother Gary Turner and sisterin-law Debbie of Highland, and his niece Rachel. He will also be missed by devoted cousins Doug and Debbie Turner who reside in Canton, Michigan, and an aunt and cousins who live in the West Branch area. His burial will be at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, Michigan. A memorial dinner will be scheduled and held at a future date not yet decided on. In lieu of flowers the family has asked that any donations be made to World Vision or the charity of your choice. entrusted Arrangements to PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon.

www.phillipsfuneral.com

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; 1015 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.

Leah Susskind at 248-790-6075 or rabbi@noviiewishcenter.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

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Our Shepherd Presbyterian Church

Location: 1200 S. Sheldon Road,

Contact: pastor Bill Burke at

with fellowship and food after

Lutheran Church

45175 W. 10 Mile Contact: 248-697-8158 or visit www.thepentecostalsofnovi.org

Plymouth St. John's Episcopal Church

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

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.

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Judy and Russ Dore of Northville took along their Northville Record on a tour of the Aegean Sea back in October. They visited five Greek islands, as well as the excavations of Ephesus in Turkey. Here they are pictured in the village of Oia on the Greek island of Santorini. The next time you take a vacation, take along the Record, snap a photo and email it to Editor Kurt Kuban at kkuban@hometownlife.com. We'll feature it in an upcoming edition.

Contact: Rabbi Avrohhom &

Plymouth

734-927-0891

p.m.

Sunday Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m. service

Our Savior Apostolic

Location: 54899 Eight Mile, Northville

Pentecostals of Novi

Location: Novi Civic Center,

Location: 574 S. Sheldon in Plymouth

Wednesday Bible Study: 7

Presbyterian Church Location: 40000 Six Mile

p.m.

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

Ward Evangelical

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.

Service Broadcast: 11 a.m. every Sunday on WRDT-AM 560, The WMUZ Word Station.

Single Point Ministries (45 and older): 11 a.m. Sunday for fellowship and Bible study.

Single Point Ministries (35-50 years old): 9:30 a.m. Sunday to deepen your personal relationship with Christ.

Single Purpose Connexsions (20-30 years old): 11 a.m.

Sunday in the Chapel for singing, Bible study, and fellowship. Details: For single adults. Active ministry offering various Bible study classes, volleyball, bicycling group, tennis group, support groups, support group for widowed over age 50, fellow-

ship, friendships and more. Contact: 248-374-5920

Learner's Bible Study: 7 p.m. Mondays Room A101

Men's Bible Study: 6:30 a.m. Wednesday Single Adult Ministries office

Single's Bible Study: 7 p.m. second and fourth Mondays,

Protect yourself from Medicare fraud during open enrollment

he Area Agency on Aging 1-B receives numerous calls each year from Medicare beneficiaries concerned about contact they've had with suspicious salespersons or con artists. Unfortu-

nately, with the start of the Health Care Marketplace and the Medicare open enrollment period just coming to an end Dec. 7, scams and unscrupulous activity targeted at older



Jennifer Therrien GUEST COLUMNIST

adults may be on the rise. Last week, we received a

call from a man who was contacted by someone asking for his Medicare or Social Security number so they could send him a new Medicare card. Another beneficiary reported getting a call from Medicare asking to come to her home to discuss her options. Fortunately, in both situations, the individual did not provide any information or make an appointment to have the caller visit their home.

In both situations, the caller was attempting to obtain the older adult's personal information to commit identity theft or fraud.

The AAA 1-B's Medicare Medicaid Assistance Program is a trusted resource that Medicare beneficiaries can turn to for answers, options and information. If you are on Medicare or know someone who is, here are some important guidelines to follow to avoid being a victim of a scam, fraud or financial abuse:

» The Health Insurance Marketplace is designed to help people who don't have any health coverage. If you have health coverage through Medicare, the marketplace won't have any effect on your Medicare coverage. In fact, it is against the law for someone who knows that you have Medicare to sell you a marketplace plan. Always remember, Medicare will not call or come to your home to sell you anything. No government worker will call you to ask for personal information or to verify your Medicare number, Social Security number or credit card information.

» Guard your information. Don't give your Medicare, Medicaid or Social Security cards or numbers to an unknown person. Treat these cards like credit cards and keep them in a private and safe place.

» Trust your instincts. If you receive a call or a visit from someone and you feel pressured or something does not feel right, then your instincts are probably right – it probably is a scam. Do not feel obligated to continue the conversation or provide any personal information.

» Don't hesitate to ask questions. Ask for the person's name, number, address and the name of their agency/company.

» Be suspicious of anyone, even health care professionals, who ask for your Medicare number in exchange for free equipment or services.

» Recognize the difference between legitimate mail and scam mail.

» Save your Medicare summary notices and Part D explanation of benefits.

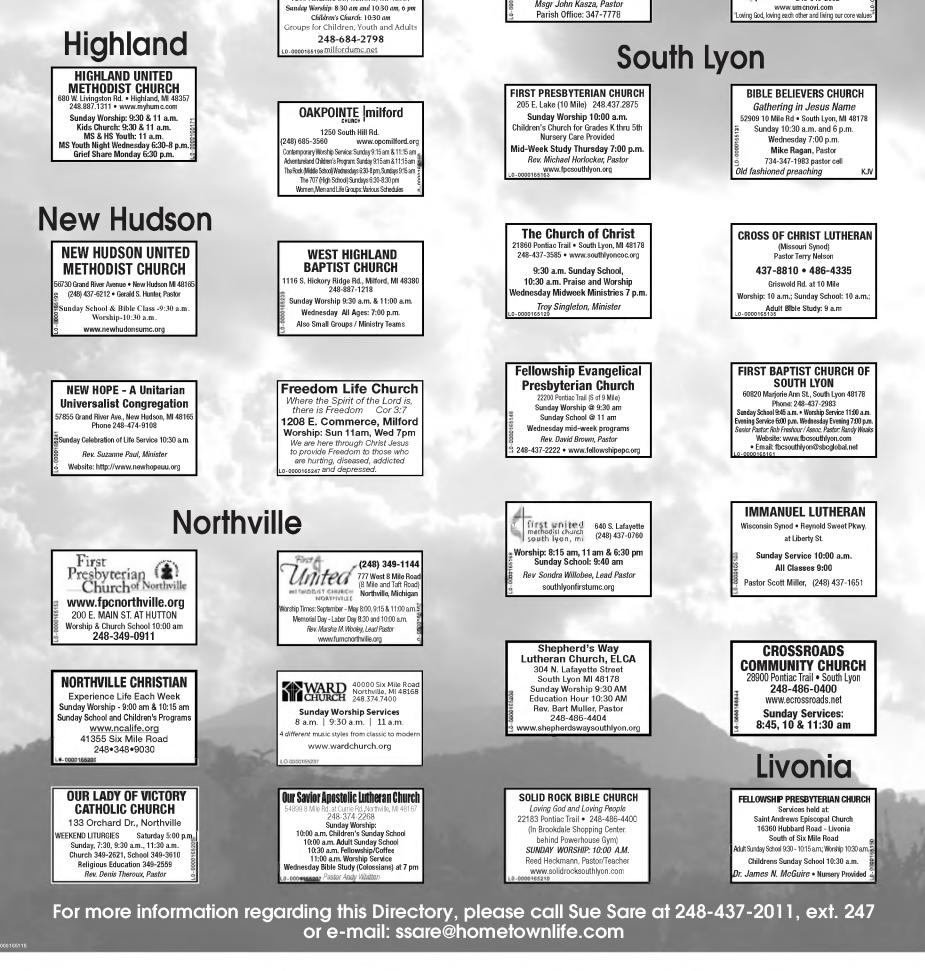
» Report any type of potential scam, identity theft or Medicare fraud to an official.

If you suspect Medicare or Medicaid fraud or abuse or have questions about Medicare or Medicaid, call MMAP at 800-803-7174.

Jennifer Therrien is manager of the Medicare Medicaid Assistance Program at the Area Agency on Aging 1-B. She can be reached at 248-262-1290.

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OUR VIEWS

Giving thanks should be more than one-day thing

In an age when social media is a preferred means of communication, an activity flooding Facebook pages is actually bringing to the forefront, in its own slightly cheesy way, the whole idea behind Thanksgiving.

The activity is done in two fashions. In one, the person takes a letter of the alphabet and each day, starting Nov. 1, points out something starting with that letter for which he or she was thankful. The other one is simpler: The person just picks one thing each day to be thankful for.

While simple in its execution, the idea is replete with meaning, if done sincerely. It shows Thanksgiving isn't just a one-day event, that its purpose should be a 365-day, 24/7 way of life.

How much is thankfulness taken for granted? How perfunctory does saying "thank you" become?

How long will you bite your tongue, after a Thanksgiving dinner guest tries to compliment you by saying that the mashed potatoes had fewer lumps than the gravy this year, before you say, "Gee, thanks?" When you stumble into a coffee shop before dawn Black Friday for some liquid gold before a shopping foray, what do you say as you finger the change the barista hands you? It may be almost subconscious, but likely as not, you'll mumble a "thanks."

We say it all the time (or we should), not just Thanksgiving. Whether it's because the notion of politeness was drilled into us by our parents or because we bought into the "please and thank you" lessons of *Sesame Street* and *Captain Kangaroo*, saying thanks or thank you is arguably one of the most used phrases in the English language.

Maybe we use it too much. Consider that, when our children return to school in the fall, our thanks are better directed to their teachers than spoken as our sense of relief. And face it, there is no way you mean anything close to "thanks" when you get a back-handed compliment on your Thanksgiving dinner cooking skills, nor is there really any meaning in that exchange at the coffee shop.

This holiday is a clue as to what the problem is: For 364 days a year, we say thank you. Only one day each year, the fourth Thursday in November, we give



Jerry Mittman is joined by Heidi Russell in serving food at the Nov. 13 Thanksgiving luncheon held at the Northville Community Center. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

thanks. Talk, it seems, really is cheap.

We all have to make our own list of what to be thankful for, but giving thanks means more than lip service, even if it is on Facebook. It means pausing to look straight in someone's eye and smile, letting that person know you value them and the service they have performed. Isn't that what we do Thanksgiving, by pausing to gather with family, letting them know we count them among our blessings?

There are as many ways to give thanks as there are reasons to do so and they don't have to stop when the table is cleared after dinner and dessert.

Are you just saying "Thank you" to be polite, or are you truly "thankful"?

It is something to ponder and maybe not just each Thanksgiving.

GUEST COLUMN

Thanksgiving a time to reflect, remember

Thanksgiving week is a time to remember, to reflect, to give thanks. Last Friday marked the 50th anniversary of President John F. Kennedy's assassination. When it happened, I was a student at Oxford University in England. For me and for many, many others, the events of that day are frozen in my memory: cold, still horrible.

The local time at Oxford was seven hours ahead of Dallas, meaning those fatal shots were fired at 7:30 that Friday evening.

that Friday evening. I – with around 25 others – was seated at a formal black tie dinner in a beautiful candle-lit, oak-paneled room at University College. The main course had just been served when the college's master. Sir John



more and went back to my room. As I opened the door, I was astonished to find all the lights on, the room filled with my English friends, gathered there to be with their American chum in a desolate hour.

Someone turned on the radio and picked up the bulletin from the BBC: the president was dead. I don't remember the rest of the evening very well, other than that it turned into a kind of wake, with much whiskey being drunk and hugs exchanged with the normally reserved English.

I had met John F. Kennedy once, in an elevator, before he had announced his candidacy for president. He had bright blue-gray eyes and a magnetic air that filled that tiny space.

I saw him again at a distance at 2 a.m. Oct. 14, 1960, standing on the steps of the Michigan Union in Ann Arbor, urging young Americans to volunteer to serve abroad. Like the thousands who had waited for hours to hear him, I was thrilled and motivated at his speech – in part because I had a very indirect role in it. Corps" until several weeks later, his speech in Ann Arbor is widely recognized as the first expression of the idea.

All those memories came flickering through my mind last Friday as I journeyed back through that dark night half a century ago, an American far away from home grieving for my assassinated president. And I always will give thanks for the English students who, unbidden, came to my room to comfort their American friend.

It's truly said that you are very, very lucky if you have 10 real friends over a lifetime. In that room that night were young Englishmen who became my true friends.

And I will always give thanks for the gifts of grace and intelligence of John F. Kennedy. Over the years since his death, history has revised its opinion of his short presidency. It was not a particularly successful one and it was only the shock of his death and the legislative mastery of the new president, Lyndon Johnson, that led to the Civil Rights Act, among other achievements.

Redcliffe-Maud, stood up at the end of the table.

His face was white and his hands trembled as he said: "I am very deeply sorry to announce that President Kennedy has been shot while on a visit to Dallas, Texas. He is not expected to survive."

I was the only American in the room and I wasn't ashamed to hold my head in my hands while the tears came. The master came over and kindly said, "I am terribly sorry for you to hear this awful news in this way. Of course, if you wish to leave the dinner, you are excused."

I stayed for a while and tried to maintain a certain level of conversation, trying to remember Ernest Hemingway's definition of courage – which was also JFK's – "grace under pressure."

Supportive friends

But as dessert was served, I couldn't bear it any-

While an undergraduate at the university, I had been a member of a student group, Americans Committed to World Responsibility. Organized by two sociology graduate students, Al and Judy Guskin, the group met from time to time to discuss the world situation. We stayed up too late and drank far too much coffee and beer.

Eventually, we wrote a manifesto (of course) calling on American youth to take up our responsibility to help the world.

That manifesto was reported in the student newspaper, the *Michigan Daily*, and was warmly received on campus and around the country. Eventually, it wound up in the hands of Theodore Sorenson, Kennedy's speech writer.

Although Kennedy did not use the phrase "Peace

But to people of my age, Kennedy's presidency was a bright flame that has stayed alight in our hearts for the last 50 years.

Like the Bible's Job, I am learning in my old age that it is only out of profound sadness that it is possible truly to give thanks.

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LETTERS

Return proper course

"That government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

One hundred-fifty years ago, the above words were spoken by Abraham Lincoln in the Gettysburg Address. Our country was in both a physical and constitutional struggle when Lincoln delivered these words.

From an ideological perspective, it seems to me that we are currently in a struggle no less critical than the one of Lincoln's time. In 1863 the quest to free the slaves and the issue of the legitimacy of secession were paramount.

Today, in what seems to me to be a very analogous situation, we again find our Constitution under attack. The very essence of our Republic, a government of, by and for the people, is at stake. Our upholding of our Constitution has been degraded to such a degree that I worry it may soon be too late to reverse this trend. Consider the following:

1. The Affordable Care Act is clearly an assault on Article I Section 1, the First Amendment and the 10th Amendment of our Constitution.

2. The attempts to undermine the Second Amendment, especially in the last two years have been



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3. The stated intent to legislate and change the Affordable Care Act from the executive branch, with no authority to do so, is a slap in the face to the separation of powers as established by our founding fathers.

4. The president stated that he had the power to attack Libya without approval from Congress. This would have been a violation of Article 1 Section 8 of the Constitution which clearly states that only Congress has the power to declare war. This would also have been a violation of both the letter and spirit of the War Powers Resolution.

The apparent ignorance of many U.S. citizens regarding the precepts of the Constitution seems to be enabling our country to be approaching a tipping point. Will we wake up and return this ship, Our Republic, to its proper course?

Bob Cushman Northville

Arrogance of power

What do most citizens expect from our democratic government? We expect elections to be fair and to represent a true reflection of the will of the voters. If we have to go to court, we expect to find a fair and impartial judge. We also expect our government to make decisions in the open, not behind closed doors.

Unfortunately, our current legislature and statewide elected officials are failing on every one of these accounts. In just the past month our local elected legislators, Heise and Colbeck, have supported a court rigging scheme, designed to prevent citizens from getting a fair hearing when they sue the state to challenge state decisions.

This week, the Legislature rushed to protect the identity of anonymous donors who finance campaign attack ads. When Secretary of State Ruth Johnson dared suggest that the public has a right to know the identity of these donors who fund so-called issue ads, the Legislature quickly moved to protect their identities.

Finally, we have the governor's refusal to reveal secret donors to his NERD Fund, or to reveal conversations and decisions related to putting Detroit into bankruptcy. The governor seems to not understand that the state of Michigan belongs to the people. He is not the CEO of a private company.

The citizens of Michigan deserve better than this. We all want an open and honest government that works for every Michigan citizen. We want an economy that works for all. And we want every citizen to have an opportunity to succeed. If our current elected officials cannot represent these basic premises of a democratic society, it is time for the voters to show them the door.

> Scott Craig Northville

Buy U.S. products

Ready or not, another holiday shopping season is upon us. The stores must be ready as more are opening on Thanksgiving Day. Also, this year there are more made-in-America products available. Shopping for made-in-America is the right thing to do.

While buying made-in-America products is not always possible (or easy, for that matter), it is certainly better for our economy and our country. And while buying made-in-USA can be more expensive, the higher quality is worth the extra cost. Patriotic consumers may want to try some of these websites: howtobuyamerican.com (they maintain a list of made-in-America businesses and links to made-in-USA websites); allusaclothing.com (for those who wish to shop local, they are right here in Oakland County); madeinusaforever.com and allamericanclothing.com are just a few.

Happy shopping and happy holidays.

Chuck Tindall Novi

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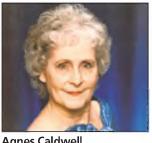


Former Freydl's employee, Agnes Caldwell, finally calls it a career

More than two decades after Freydl's closed it's doors, one of its longtime employees is finally calling it a career.

Agnes Caldwell is retiring at the age of 82 from the Howell Meijer deli. But she will be remembered by many in town from her time employed at Freydl's Mens & Womens Clothing Stores & Dry Cleaners, a longtime downtown Northville business.

"If you remember them, you might remember the lady behind the iron, who worked for 'old Charlie' Freydl, pressing those precious garments



Agnes Caldwell

for the townspeople who frequented Freydl's stores," said Caldwell's daugter Kathy Helmick.

Agnes walked into Freydl's store in January of 1952, on a Saturday, with a letter of recommendation in her hand from her former employer, determined to get a

job in Northville. She wanted to be near her husband, Ray, and baby girl, who were ill and being cared for nearby. Well, ole Charlie Freydl seemed to see her potential right away, and was eager to hire her, telling her, "Why don't we have her start on Monday?"

"Aggie", as Charlie came to call her, started her 40 years of employment with Freydl's on Monday, the next week.

According to Helmick, her mother loved working for Freydl's.

"They helped her with whatever they could as she settled her family in Northville. They treated

her like family and she felt that way about them, too," Helmick said.

Back then, she lived on the outskirts of Detroit and would travel daily to Northville, long before the construction of I-96. She liked to say she helped Charlie Freydl keep the town of Northville looking grand. She and her husband went on to have five children.

For Caldwell, the years rolled by. The town had changed much in those years. Charlie Frevdl died in 1984, and she felt as if she had lost a parent. By then people started shopping at the

malls, and no longer dry cleaned their clothes as in the past. So, the Freydl family decided it was time to close the "shops of yesterday's Northville." In July 1992, a year after she had lost her own husband, Caldwell pressed the last garment on Main Street in Northville, and bid the town farewell.

She needed to work, if only emotionally. So, after a short time unemployed, and trying other work, she decided to apply at the Meijer store in Westland, where she was hired at the age of 62 as a deli clerk. She worked there for 13

years, before she moved to Brighton in 2006 and transferred to the Howell Meijer where she has been since.

For years, her family wondered when she would finally retire, but she would always say she wasn't ready and was still able to work.

"She finally decided maybe she could enjoy some time off to write poetry again," Helmick said. "After all, she's only 82."

Caldwell has even written a book of poetry, "Reflective Moments Dawning," which can be purchased at authorhouse.com.











Peter Prouty, Hugh Maguire and Alysia Kolascz star in Tipping Point's latest production, "Ebenezer."

Tipping Point's 'Ebenezer' a new take on classic tale

With the holiday season now in full swing, Northville's Tipping Point Theatre has the perfect production to get people in the mood.

"Ebenezer", starring Hugh Maguire, Peter Prouty and Alysia Kolascz, kicked off over the weekend and runs through Dec. 31. The play, directed Julia Glander, takes a look at Ebenezer Scrooge some 15 years after the original story, "A Christmas Carol."

"This play will take audiences on a new journey, with the playwright's re-imagining of what becomes of old Ebenezer Scrooge," Glander said. "People should come to see this holiday production because it's a new take and a new story based on the old classic. Most of all, it's the Christmas season, and this production will remind us of the true reason for giving.'

The story begins as the hour slowly approaches midnight, and Ebenezer sets in motion his final charitable deed



Peter Prouty plays Ebenezer Scrooge's nephew, Tim Cratchet.

as his nurse, Miss Poole, and his nephew, Tim Cratchet, come together to reminisce about the past.

"Ebenezer" runs through Dec. 31. The curtain rises at 8 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays, with matinees at 3 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday.

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

There is also a special New Year's Eve event on Dec. 31. The show begins at 8 p.m., and concludes

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Lights, parades, exhibits fill holiday weekend

By Sue Mason Staff Writer

Thanksgiving is a time for families far and near to get together for a festive meal, a bit of shopping, maybe a movie or a holiday parade.

For those so inclined, start Thanksgiving Day with a parade. One of the country's oldest and most celebrated parades happens right here in Detroit. Presented by Art Van Furniture, America's Thanksgiving Parade will step off at 8:45 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 28, on Woodward Avenue and Kirby and end at Woodward Avenue and Congress in downtown Detroit.

Hundreds of thousands of parade-goers will be watching as the parade makes its way down the avenue. But if you're not into crowds, you take the little ones to

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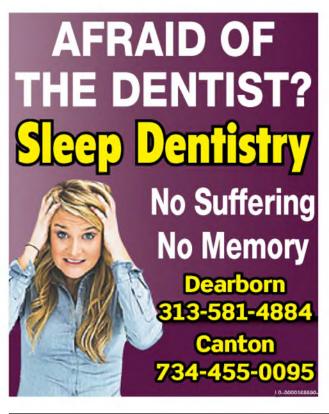
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see a western Wayne County tradition – the 53rd annual Downtown Garden City Santaland Parade on Saturday, Nov. 30. Floats, marching bands, balloons and, of course, Santa Claus will be a part of the parade that starts at 10 a.m. at Garden City High School on Middlebelt north of Ford Road.

The parade will travel south on Middlebelt, turns east on Ford Road and end at the site of the Farmers Market in the Garden City Town Center parking lot, where the Downtown Development Authority holds its highly attended post-parade event. There will be entertainment, hot chocolate and other goodies, and kids will have the opportunity to spend time with Santa and give him their Christmas lists.

Livonia Rec Center

The Livonia Community Recreation Center is having a Rock Wall Homecoming featuring food, dancing and climbing fun 6-11 p.m. Friday, Nov. 29. Pizza and pop will be provided, but attendees may bring a dish to pass. Cost is \$5 for members, \$6 for Livonia residents, \$7 for non-residents. Registration is open now as well as the day of the event. Call 734-466-2900 for more information.

Bundle up the kids and head for Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth where Santa, Mrs. Claus and Christmas Carol will arrive by fire truck at 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 29.

The Salvation Army will be in full force for collections and sharing some hot chocolate. Santa will be welcomed by city officials and will pull the lever to light the Christmas Trees in Kellogg Park. Once the ceremony is finished, he will hold a meet and greet children to his house in the park until 8:30 p.m. For those who can't make it there on Friday to see Santa, have no fear. Santa will be at his house from noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 30, and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 1.

Lightfest

If it's lights you like head for Hines Parks for the 20th annual Lightfest, the largest and longest drive-through holiday light show in the Midwest. It's going on in the park now through Dec. 31, except for Christmas Day.

The 4½-mile long light show that stretched from Merriman Hollow at Warren Road in Westland to the Warrendale area at Telegraph in Dearborn Heights. It's open 7-10 p.m. 6-10 p.m. Friday-Sunday.

And families can stop by Santa's Workshop at Warrendale Park at the end of the Lightfest drive. Santa will be there during Lightfest hours. There also is a giant mailbox where kids of all ages can drop off their letters to Santa.

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

Thinking more like "adventure." The Livonia Community Recreation Center is having a Rock Wall Homecoming, featuring food, dancing and climbing fun 6-11 p.m. Friday, Nov. 29. Pizza and pop will be provided, but attendees may bring a dish to pass.

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More than two million LED lights illuminating trees, buildings and animal sculptures on a half-mile trail through the front of the Detroit Zoo at Wild Lights.

open now as well as the day of the event. The Livonia Community Center is at 15100 Hubbard at Mile. For more information, call 734-466-2900.

Detroit Zoo

You can get even wilder at the Detroit Zoo's annual Wild Lights 5-9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 29-30, and Sunday, Dec. 1.

Wild Lights is a spectacular holiday light display with more than two million LED lights illuminating trees, buildings and animal sculptures on a half-mile trail through the front of the Zoo. There's also live entertainment, arts and crafts, storytelling, ice carving and a Lego® holiday train display to add to the festivities, not to mention seasonal refreshments, Wild Lights souvenirs. Photos with Santa also will be available for purchase.

Go on an extraordinary adventure in the Wild Adventure Zone with The Polar Express 4-D Experience at the 4-D Theater. The 14minute film, featuring Tom Hanks, tells the tale of a doubting young boy who takes a train ride to the North Pole and discovers that the wonder of life never fades for those who believe.

The cost is \$8 per person in advance and \$10 at the gate for ages 2 and up (under 2 free); parking is \$5 per car for all guests, members and non-members. Tickets for each experience are \$5 with Wild Lights admission or a "Bundle Up" price of \$7 for both. Children under 2 are free.

After a Thanksgiving of turkey, dressing, and cranberry sauce with family and friends, stroll over to the Detroit Institute where you'll find Mickey Mouse, Buzz Lightyear, Daffy Duck among some of the stars featured in the exhibition, Watch Me Move: The Animation Show, on view through Jan. 5.

Admission to the DIA is free to residents of Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties. Exhibition tickets cost \$20 for adults and \$10 for ages 6-17 and include admission to one Detroit Film Theatre (DFT) Compilation.

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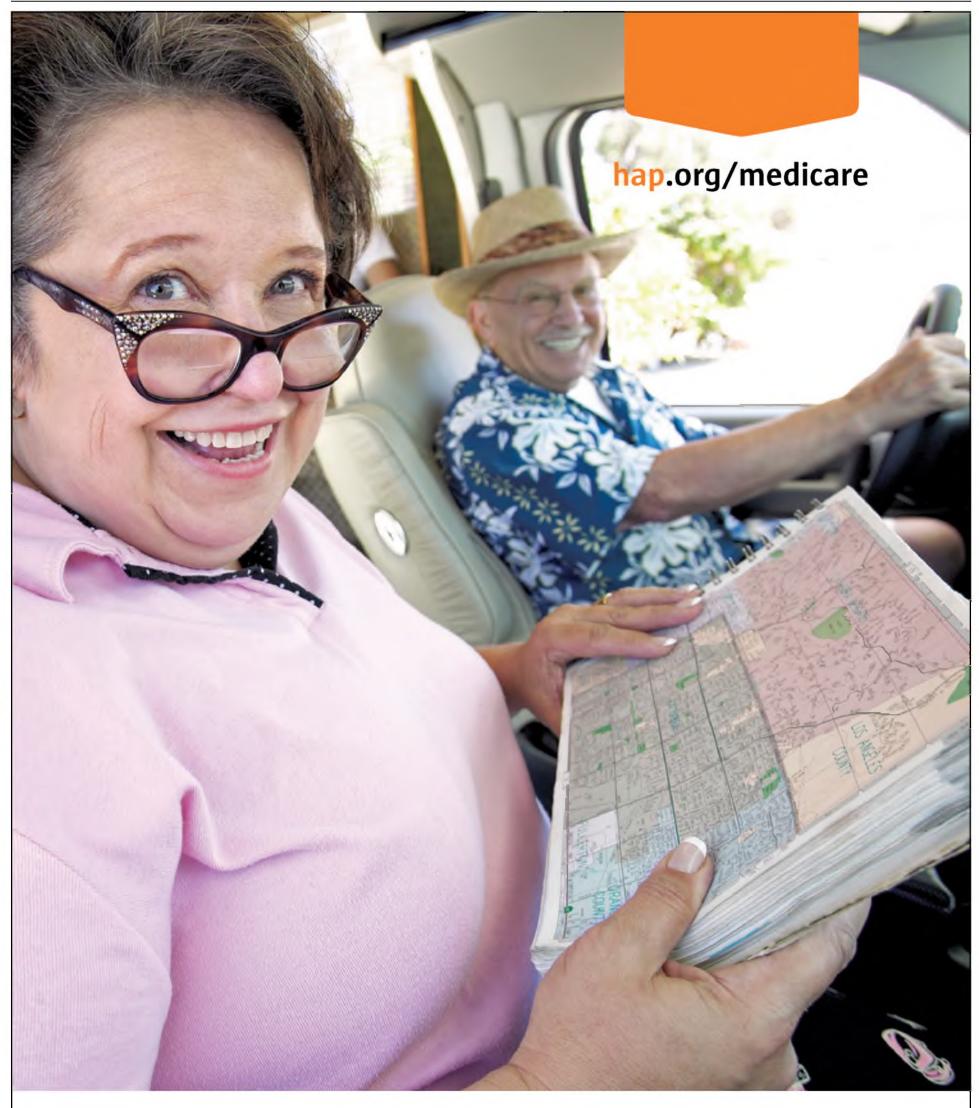


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When Elaine Cash decided it was time to move to a senior community, she found what she was looking for in her own backyard at Abbey Park at Mill River. Born and raised on a farm just three miles away, Elaine watched the construction of Abbey Park and carefully considered the advantages offered by the community.

As the final stages of building were completed "It got me thinking," she said. "I decided, on my own, this was the answer."

Elaine knew it was time for a change; the family home that she and her husband, Jim, built in 1950 was no longer practical. The Cash Family has lived in

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Just minutes from Ann Arbor, Novi and Brighton, Abbey Park's convenient location – on Milford Road across from Coyote Golf Club and just minutes from I-96 – enjoys a beautiful countryside setting, with state of the art amenities in addition to quick access to three major hospitals.

Within just a few days of Abbey Park's opening in January 2009, Elaine and her three children enjoyed a lunch and tour of the facility. She was surprised and "very impressed," with her initial visit. Elaine appreciated the beautiful landscaping of the grounds and courtyards, an elegant lobby featuring fountains, fireplaces, and a grand piano along with the welcoming

smiles of a few old friends and some new neighbors.

With any move there are decisions to be made, and so after offering the family home to her granddaughter, Elaine's first step was to find the perfect apartment in her new community. With nine floor plans ranging from one bedroom/one bath to two bedrooms with two full baths and two walk-in closets, all apartment options at Abbey Park include

"I never thought I would spend my later years in such a lovely home as Abbey Park. I feel like the luckiest person living here."

Lyon Township, a picturesque rural setting noted for the warmth of loving neighbors, for six generations. Moving into Abbey Park keeps Elaine close to friends and family and provides security, support and reassurance to loved ones concerned about her living alone.

While Elaine made the move to satisfy the concerns of her family, she is quick to acknowledge that she is very happy in her new home. "I am blessed to have made a best friend here," Elaine said. "I never thought I would spend my later years in such a lovely home as Abbey Park. I feel like the luckiest person living here."

> a balcony or patio. Monthly rental fees include heat, water, electricity in addition to 24-hour staffing, medical monitoring, daily housekeeping, weekly laundry service, delicious meals served in the beautiful Grand Dining Room, continental breakfast and over 45 activities – including two happy hour events and live entertainment – to enjoy each week.

There were additional surprises, too: the community was luxurious and elegant but also very affordable. The meals served in the elegant dining room by attentive staff and prepared on site, were delicious. "The food is like a nice restaurant," Elaine said, and said that the employees and residents are, "Like another large family." There's a calendar full of weekly shopping trips, monthly casino excursions, Bingo, ice cream socials and destination outings, such as trips



Abbey Park at Mill River resident Elaine Cash enjoying the beautiful grounds of Abbey Park at their annual car show.

to Frankenmuth and holiday shopping trips. Within the community, there is a theater, library, computer center, fitness center, hair salon and physical therapists on

every Sunday, birthday parties, Grandkids Halloween Carnival, Grandparent's Day Luau, Oktoberfest and Abbey Park's Festival of Trees. There's a delicious menu for each holiday and celebration dinners are open to family and friends. Abbey Park at Mill River offers a Facebook page that is updated after each event for the enjoyment of the residents and their loved ones. Soon after her move to Abbev Park at Mill River, Elaine met owners Dr. Benjamin Stein, Joe Norber and Edward Rosenbaum during one of their weekly site visits. "I told them how much I loved it here," Elaine said "I am a walking commercial for Abbey Park." Elaine celebrated her fourth anniversary as a resident at Abbey Park in September and enjoys being part of the Abbey Park family. "I have loved every single day here," she said.

Elaine Cash, Abbey Park resident



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Elaine was quick to credit the leadership of the staff with the spirit of community and a calendar full of celebrations. "To me, [Administrator] Tamra Ward and [Hospitality Director] Charles Duty are 'Abbey Park,' plus of course, their wonderful, friendly, caring staff." Elaine's social calendar is full of parties and events. There's a champagne brunch

Left: Abbey Park at Mill River resident Elaine Cash is surrounded by family at last year's Christmas party.

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Spectacular volleyball season ends in semifinals

Mustangs make deep run, fall to eventual state champion E. Grand Rapids

> **By Sam Eggleston** Correspondent

There's no shame in being beaten by the best and that's precisely what happened last week when the Northville vollevball team took on East Grand Rapids in the MHSAA state semifinals.

The Mustangs found themselves on the wrong side of a 3-0 decision against the Pioneers. But the loss was nothing to hang their heads about, as East Grand Rapids went on to win the state title with a 3-0 victory over Birmingham Marian

The trip to the semifinals

was the second in school history. Last year, the Mustangs also fell in the semifinals.

Their week wasn't all about taking tough losses. In fact, the Mustangs earned quite the tough win in the quarterfinal round, defeating a very solid Traverse City West team in five sets.

"Traverse City is a wellrounded team that played with a lot of heart," Northville coach Amanda Yaklin said. "Hats off to their coach and the team."

The Mustangs took the first two sets, 25-17 and 25-14, but T.C. West made some adjustments and came out and won the next two sets, 27-25 and 25-21

Northville knew they would have to dig deep to pick up the win and the Mustangs worked their way to an intense 15-13

win in the final set to secure

the victory. The key to the win was Northville's ability to control the ball right from the serve.

When we win the serve and serve-receive game, the team

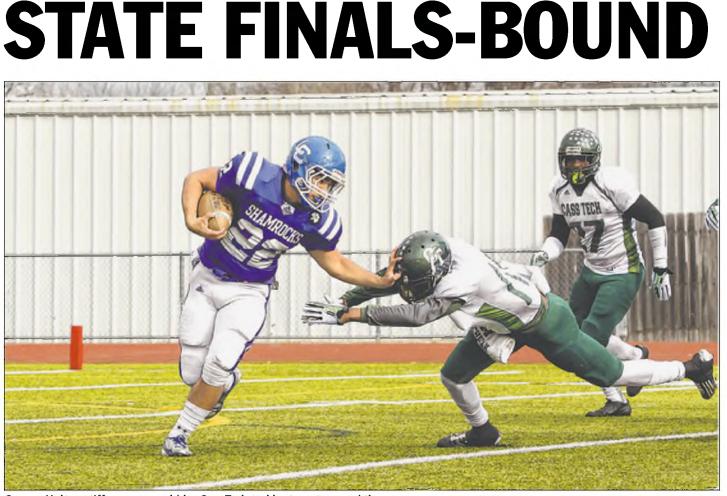
plays in stride," Yaklin said. Against T.C. West, Northville had six team aces (Symone Abbott led with three), 28 perfect serve-receive passes (Cassidy Minghine had 14), one team block and two assisted blocks (Olivia Landis and Abbott, one assisted block each), 63 team assists (Rachel Zawodny had 35), 68 team kills (Abbott had 29) and 45 team digs (Minghine had 16).

Northville ended the season with a 51-14-12 record.

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Chloe Kiple (No. 12) has her eye on the ball as she goes airborne to score a point against Traverse City West. DWIGHT HANSELL



Connor Holton stiff-arms a would-be Cass Tech tackler to get around the corner. DENNIS BARNES

Shamrocks shut out Cass Tech, to face Clarkston at Ford Field



Nakashima leader among local soccer stars

By Chris Jackett Correspondent

As the area's lone first team allstater, Novi senior forward Don Nakashima was regularly double and triple teamed. Despite opposing defenses' best efforts, Nakashima notched 10 goals and one assist this fall, earning all-conference, all-district, all-region and now All-Area Player of the Year to line him up for a collegiate career at the University of Detroit in fall 2014.

Although opponents' defensive focus resulted in an individual stat drop from the 16 goals and six assists he had in 2012, that same focus opened up space for his teammates. Nakashima also has a 3.925 gradepoint average.

"Don's rare combination of size, speed and dribbling skill make him a player that every team has to change their defensive game plan for and it makes it so there is much more space on the field for the rest of our players," Novi coach Brian O'Leary said.

By Sam Eggleston Correspondent

Dylan Roney rumbled into the end zone three times for the Detroit Catholic Central football team, leading the Shamrocks down the path that leads to the Division 1 state finals.

Roney seemed unstoppable as he and the Shamrocks rolled to a 28-0 victory over Detroit Cass Tech, the two-time defending state champ. Both of those championships for Cass Tech had come via wins over Detroit Catholic Central.

"I could tell, right from the get-go," Roney said to the Detroit Free Press. "We hit harder, we played faster. We had a better mind-set."

The loss was the first for the Technicians this season and broke an 18game winning streak, including last year's finals win over the Shamrocks.

"Obviously this was a very satisfying victory, given the history between the two schools," CC assistant coach Michael Mach said. "I would be lying if I said it was 'just another game.' I think it's games like this that make playing at a place like Catholic Central so memorable. Plus, we're moving on to Ford Field to play for the big prize, so it doesn't get any better than that.'

The game was classic Shamrocks football right from the start. As the two teams fought to a 0-0 tie to end the first quarter, it was clear Catholic Central was completely comfortable, while the high-scoring Technicians were already showing some signs of stress. The game was completely different than their typical tactics, which involved scoring fast and scoring often.

But the Shamrocks were built to



Dylan Roney powers into the end zone for CC's second touchdown. DENNIS BARNES

ON TAP

Detroit Catholic Central will play in the Division 1 football state finals against Clarkston at 1 p.m. Saturday at Ford Field.

grind through the game, waiting for a big break. The first chink in the Cass Tech armor showed when senior Zach Bock pounded through the arms of two Technician tacklers on a counter and sprinted 25 yards in the second quarter and then scored on a 7-yard run three plays later for a 7-0 lead.

The score rattled the Technicians, who fumbled the ball on their own 5vard line when Shamrocks safety Jack Van Acker hit quarterback Jayru Campbell.

"I saw him rolling out; I knew I could get to him," Van Acker said. "I knew I was faster than him, so I tracked him down and stripped the ball."

Anthony Turek recovered the ball for the Shamrocks and Roney scored his first touchdown of the day two plays later from 2 yards out for a 14-0 lead with less than a minute left in the first half.

The Shamrocks held strong on Cass Tech's opening drive of the second half, despite a long 55-yard pass play to start the third quarter. After they kept the Technicians out of the end zone, the Shamrocks started marching and went 79 yards throughout nearly the remainder of the third quarter. They ended the drive with a 2-yard touchdown by Roney with 2:30 left in the third for a 21-0 lead.

Roney added his final score of the game with six minutes left when he rumbled in from 6 yards out to put his team up, 28-0.

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First team Noah Kleedtke Catholic Central Jr. M

An all-state second team member, Kleedtke was a handful for most opponents, as he was so often a part of the Shamrocks' offensive and defensive schemes. The play maker helped CC past Novi in the district

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Northville High's Mark Zywiol attempts to keep Novi's Don Nakashima away from the ball during the teams' Oct. 16 game. The Wildcat earned Player of the Year honors. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER





Jack Van Acker sacks Cass Tech QB Jayru Cambell, causing a fumble recovered by CC's A.J. Turek. DENNIS BARNES

SHAMROCKS

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"You've got no idea after losing two years in a row - embarrassing losses, really," Bock said. "To come out here and keep a shutout means the world to us. I couldn't ask for anything more.'

Bock led the Shamrocks' offense, running 13 times for 106 yards.

Linebackers Jordan Jenkins and David Wright had seven tackles each for Catholic Central

The Technicians were led by Campbell, who was 6-of-17 passing for 98 yards. Catholic Central held the Cass Tech ground game to just 73 yards.

The game was coach Tom Mach's 19th state semifinal game in the 38 seasons he has been at Catholic Central. He has a 16-3 record in those contests. It was announced Monday that Mach is part of the 58th induction class of the Michigan Sports Hall of Fame and will be formally inducted at a February event. He has 17 Catholic League titles and four MHSAA championships.

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Shamrocks to play for 12th state title

MAXIMUM EFFORT

The championship game will be the 42nd game that both Zach

of games possible over the course of three years as the Shamrocks have made the state finals - and Roney and Bock have

Bock and Dylan Roney have played in as three-year varsity players. That means they have played in the maximum number

played every game - in all three of those seasons.

Catholic Central will face Clarkston for D-1 championship

By Sam Eggleston Correspondent

In the 38 seasons that Tom Mach has been coaching football at Detroit Catholic Central, he's made a few trips to the state championship game.

In fact, when the Shamrocks take on Clarkston at 1 p.m. Saturday for the state title, it will be Mach's chance to make it an even dozen championships for his Catholic Central family.

This season has been one of tempered expectations from the pundits for the oft-heralded Shamrocks. This season the team was not expected to win the Catholic High School League - nor did it, in fact, as Brother Rice earned that distinction.

And not once were the Shamrocks ranked No. 1 in the state, a ranking held by two-time defending state champion Detroit Cass Tech through-

matters now. Brother Rice will get a chance at its own state title in the Division 2 title game and the No. 1-ranked team will be watching from the stands if it wants to see the championship game after being shut

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20 points Oct. 25 in a field. Their defense isn't

anything to scoff at, either. They've allowed 193 points (14.9 per game) and the most they've

out by the Shamrocks last week, 28-0.

Mach has long believed that rankings don't mean anything and this season proved it. The Shamrocks ended the season ranked sixth in the Associated Press poll. Clarkston was ranked fourth.

The Wolves will come into this game sporting just one loss on the season. That came in the first week against Rochester Adams, 12-7. The Wolves (12-1) avenged that loss in the regional championship game when they demolished Adams, 56-28.

Last week, Clarkston topped Flint Carman-Ainsworth, 61-26, to earn a trip to Ford Field.

The Wolves bring a very high-powered offense to the finals, having scored 516 points over the previous 13 games (39.7 points per game). Besides the first week of the season, the Wolves' lowest total was 20-10 victory over South-

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pate in a pancake breakfast at Northville High School from 9 a.m. to noon, Dec. 14. There will be a pancake eating challenge beginning at 11 a.m.

The event will precede parks and recreation games held through-

allowed in any game has been 28 (Oct. 18 against Lake Orion and against Rochester Adams in the regional championship).

No doubt the Shamrocks will be looking to slow the pace of the Wolves' offense, but that's something CC has specialized in this season. The Shamrocks' defense has allowed just 158 points (12.2 per game) and has recorded four shutouts, including the victory over Cass Tech last week.

The offense may not have the most impressive numbers, but its ability to grind has kept CC in every game, including the two losses to Brother Rice.

The Shamrocks have scored 383 points (29.5 per game) and in the latter weeks have shown their willingness to change their game to include a quality passing attack in addition to their perennial power rushing.

Look for the Shamrocks to rely on their stout defense to control the flow, while their backfield pushes the ball down the field and the passing game prepped to step up when called upon.

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Mustangs finish 13th at state finals

Westphal is state's best in 500 freestyle

By Sam Eggleston Correspondent

The Northville girls swimming and diving team headed into the Division 1 state finals with the hopes of taking home a top 10 finish. Unfortunately, it missed that mark by three spots, but coach Brian McNeff isn't complaining.

"I thought we really swam well this weekend," he said. "We started out a little flat (at the preliminaries) on Friday, but quickly turned it around. I think there were some nerves we had to get rid of."

The Mustangs finished 13th with 77 points. Farmington Hills Mercy was first, scoring 271 points, while Saline finished second and Ann Arbor Skyline was third. The top KLAA team was South Lyon, in fourth.

The most impressive performance on the day for the Mustangs came from freshman Laura Westphal. The young tanker entered the finals as the top-ranked 500 freestyle swimmer in the state and she held that ranking as she swam to first place in a time of 4:57.84, dropping three seconds off her time from the preliminaries. Her nearest competitor was five seconds behind



Freshman Laura Westphal took first place in the 500 freestyle at the state final. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

her. "There were a lot of (school) records broken at the meet on Saturday, but I really think Laura's 500 was the most impressive," McNeff said. "For a freshman to come in to the meet and face all that pressure and still perform as well as she did was something that you don't see all the time."

The Mustangs also had an eighth-place finish in the 100 breaststroke as senior Sarah Lohman finished in 1:07.35, earning her team 11 points in the process. She earned all-state for finishing in the top eight.

"It was a great way to end her career in high school," McNeff said. "I was very proud of her for that.'

Northville picked up points in several events. In the 200 medley relay, the team of Nicki Pumper, Lohman, Kelsey

Macaddino and Westphal finished in 11th in 1:48.79 to earn 11 points.

The 200 free relay team of Macaddino, Lauren Jarzembowski, Gillian Zayan and Alissa Moore took 13th with a time of 1:40.31 for eight points.

Northville also had a 14th-place finish in the 400 freestyle relay, which was good for six points. The team of Pumper, Macaddino, Moore and Westphal finished in 3:36.9.

Individually, Moore had two big finishes. She took 11th in the 500 free with a time of 5:06.43, which was good for six points, and finished 15th in the 200 freestyle in 1:55.9, giving her team two points. Westphal swam to 10th in the 200 individual medley in 2:07.14 to add seven more points to the team total. In the 100 butterfly,

Macaddino took 13th in 58.52 seconds for four points, while Pumper finished in 16th in the 100 backstroke in 59.63 seconds for one point toward the team total.

"Kelsey Macaddino and Nicki Pumper had very impressive swims in the 100 fly and 100 back," McNeff said. "They were not in scoring position headed in and had huge time drops to make it back to the finals on Saturday. Alissa Moore also had a great swim in the 500 on Saturday. She ended up dropping six seconds total in that event, which is a huge drop." McNeff said that he

really couldn't have asked much more from his team.

"I was really impressed with how this team competed," he said. "We had more individuals score than ever before and to get all three relays to score is a very hard thing to do. What was impressive was that most of the team were freshmen and sophomores. They not only gained the experience of being at this meet, but they performed like they have been here all along. It is going to be fun coaching them for the next few years.'

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including one gamewinner, all while being assigned to mark opponents' best player. **Parker Sutton** Novi Sr. D

Moving senior Sutton to center defense helped save Novi's season after the Wildcats gave up 15 goals in their first nine games. The move resulted in just six goals allowed over the final 12 games. Although he spent the bulk of the season at defense after having some success at forward as a junior, Sutton still tallied three goals and two assists this season while maintaining a 3.4 grade-point aver-

age. Jay Kim

Novi Sr. CM Kim provided the

Mustangs get hockey season under way

Northville wins one, ties two in first week

By Sam Eggleston Correspondent

While three wins to start the season would have been nice, the Northville hockey team started the season last week by avoiding any losses on its record.

The squad, coached by Clint Robert, picked up one win and two ties to start the 2013-14 campaign.

The Mustangs' season began with a hardfought 2-2 tie against a strong Macomb Dakota squad as the two teams skated to a 1-1 tie to end the second period and each finished with a single goal in the third. Neither team scored in the overtime.

The Mustangs bounced back Nov. 22 when they toppled North Farmington, 6-0. The Mustangs scored two goals in each period to keep the Raiders off-balance throughout the night. While goals were

ON TAP Northville will be back in action when it plays at 6:30

p.m. Wednesday against Novi at the Novi Ice Arena.

plentiful against North Farmington, they were non-existent as the two teams skated to a 0-0 tie Nov. 23.

So far this season, Buster White is on a tear, scoring three goals to lead his team while Jack Meacham has two goals. Scoring a goal each have been Tim Eis, Alec Morgan and Kyle Dann.

Leading the team in assists is Ĕis, who has three, while both Morgan and Kyle Abraham have two each, followed by Meacham, Cam La-Burn, Sam Bradley, Alex Shuart, Nick Stegmeyer and Alec Melucci with one each.

Leading the team in net is Chance Boutin, who has faced 53 shots so far with 48 saves. Jeremy Onofrio has faced 16 with 16 saves, picking up the win against North Famington in the process.

Catholic Central dominates Port Huron Northern, 9-1

Shamrocks skate to

easy win in season

opener

By Sam Eggleston Correspondent

The Detroit Catholic Central hockey team skated into the 2013-14 season with plenty of gusto as its dominated its first foe.

The squad, coached by Doug Itami, allowed just a single goal in the first period before goalie Michael Ronayne and the defense buckled down to keep Port Huron Northern in check and earn a 9-1 victory.

The Shamrocks started with the first goal of the season just 1:18 into the contest, as Owen Kipke took a pass

ON TAP

Detroit Catholic Central is slated to be back on the ice when it hosts Trenton at 7:30 p.m. Saturday. The team will then visit Upper Canada College in a twoday schedule Dec. 6-7 with games at 7 p.m. and 1:30 p.m., respectively.

Carter Cerretani and Ryan Burnett each tallied a goal to end the first period with a 3-1 lead. Burnett had an assist and Mitchell Ossowski had two on the scores.

In the second period, the Shamrocks scored early and often. Austin Featherstone put in a goal with just 32 seconds off the clock: less than 40 seconds later, Dillon Jones scored to make it a 5-1 game. At the 2:44 mark, David Spiegel II added a goal before Ossowski scored 11 minutes later for a 7-1 lead. Lucas Turner tallied the final goal of the period on a power play with 16:07 off the clock for the 8-1 advantage.

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final and all the way to the regional finals before a loss to Plymouth Salem. **Kellen Scott Michael** South Lyon Sr. GK

A big reason for South Lyon's successes this season, Michael set a school record for career saves with 431 over three seasons while also posting the second-most shutouts in school history with 13. His efforts earned him a place on the all-state third team.

'Scott is one of those players that you can only hope to get at least once in your entire coaching career," South Lyon coach Brian Elliott s "He's a great athlete, student and person. He is a great leader and role model for the younger players on the team. Scott is irreplaceable." **Mitchell Stark** South Lyon Sr. M

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A second-team allstater, Stark had seven goals and 15 assists this fall. His 22-point season put him at third on the Lions' all-time list with 43 points over three seasons. His 15 assists were second-most in a single

season, putting him at second-most over a career with 27 assists. "Mitch has the ability

to control the pace of a game and take it over," Elliott said. "Most coaches look for their players to possess the ball, but Mitch takes this one step further. He has the ability to beat three or even four players from the other team on the dribble, which is extremely rare in a player. Bottom line, Mitch has the best technical ability of any high school player I have ever coached.' **Nick Oakley**

Novi Sr. M

With eight goals, four assists and an all-state honorable mention, Oakley was a centerpiece to the Wildcats' lineup both in physical ability and leadership. He also sports a 3.925 gradepoint average.

"Nick was the glue of our team both on and off the field," O'Leary said. "On the field, he did all the dirty work for us, has great possession skills and was a clutch player with seven of his goals coming when the game was tied or within one goal. Off the field, he is a great person that is a true role model for how all high school athletes should strive to be; he is a team player that wants to use his skills to better the team."

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Matt Kiura Novi Sr. D

As the Wildcats' most dangerous asset on set pieces, Kiura had six goals and nine assists while earning a spot on the all-state third team. He has a 3.6 grade-point average.

"Matt's physical strength allows him to dominate opponents and his ability to take long throw-ins from 40 yards away into the box of the other team was a huge weapon for our offense all season," O'Leary said. Jake Hackman

Catholic Central Sr. M

Hackman was a huge piece of CC's transition play this fall, frustrating opponents with his speed while earning him an all-state honorable mention.

Conrad Bush Northville Sr. D

An all-state honorable mention pick, Bush was a big reason the Mustangs were able to keep opponents at bay in a tough KLAA Central Division. **Alex Pastor**

Catholic Central Sr. GK With Pastor, an all-

state honorable mention pick, Catholic Central powered through to the Division 1 regional finals, upending tough Livonia Stevenson, Novi and Dearborn Heights Crestwood along the way. **Steven Jansen** Northville Sr. GK

Jansen backstopped the Mustangs' season,

earning him all-state honorable mention and helping them to a handful of big victories. Nicholas Kemennu Lakeland Sr. CM/F

Kemennu, who led the Eagles in scoring this season. **Kevin Veeder**

Milford Sr. M

In a tough division featuring KLAA champion Grand Blanc, Veeder kept Milford afloat with 13 goals and nine assists this fall.

"Great midfield player who will be playing at Spring Arbor next year,' Milford coach Tommy Hipple said.

Second team Roddy Green Jr. Lakeland So. M/F

The team leader in assists, Green has combined for 17 goals and 15 assists in two seasons. Noted by coach Robert Kroezen for his ability to set up others for goals, Green proves to be a bright spot for the future of the Eagles' program. Joey Van Houten Northville Sr. M

A big piece of the Mustangs' transition play, Van Houten has given opposing midfields a hassle, allowing him to both get open for and help set up goals. Joe Darish Milford Sr. D

Using bursts of speed from his position as an outside defender, Darish chipped in four goals,

Wildcats with a spark by utilizing his ability to play on both sides of the ball. His speed and ability to help on set pieces earned him three goals and eight assists while maintaining a 3.9 gradepoint average.

Alex Stowe South Lyon Sr. F

Behind eight goals and three assists, Stowe moved up to fifth on his school's all-time career goals list with 19 in his three years on varsity. **Javier Munoz** Milford Sr. GK

Averaging seven saves per game, Munoz averaged 1.2 goals against per game while stopping two penalty kicks this season. **Matt Allain** South Lyon Sr. D

As the heart of the South Lyon defense, Allain shut down many opponents' top scorers while managing to notch three goals of his own. Shane Decker

South Lyon Sr. M

With six goals and three assists, Decker was a big piece of games against Northville, Ann Arbor Huron and Walled Lake Central in just his second varsity season. Tony Asimadu Novi So. F

The speed and quickness of Asimadu helped take some pressure off Nakashima, allowing the Wildcats' offense a strong alternative option when Nakashima was heavily guarded or on the bench.

Jay DeBrabander Northville Sr. M/D

DeBrabander provided a multi-purpose spark for the Mustangs that helped lead to a few big victories, including one over rival Novi.

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

from Alex Kreutzer.

Northern came back iust three minutes later, scoring a goal of its own.

Catholic Central, however, turned the remainder of the game into a scoring clinic as





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County, township honor state champs



Fresh off of its state championship performance, the Northville High School girls cross country team was honored last week by both the Wayne County Board of Commissioners and Northville Township Board of Trustees. Team members traveled Thursday to the Guardian Building in downtown Detroit, where they were recognized by Wayne County Commissioner Laura Cox, R-Livonia. Later that night, they appeared at the township board meeting. "The Northville girls should be proud of what they have accomplished," Cox said. After they were congratulated by Northville Township officials, Supervisor Bob Nix said the girls have set the bar high. "We want to see a repeat next year," he said. Here the girls are pictured with Cox (back row at right) in Detroit. Team members present to accept congratulations from Cox included (front row, from left) Taleen Shahrigian, Nicole Mosteller. Emma Herrmann and Cayla Eckenroth and (back row, from left) coach Nancy Smith, Alison Robinson, Rachel Coleman, Lexa Barrott and Erin Zimmer.

WINTER SPORTS SCHEDULES

Catholic Central

Basketball

All games at 7:30 p.m. unless noted 12/9 at Taylor Kennedy 7 p.m. 12/11 at Lincoln Park 7 p.m. 12/21 at Divine Child 1/3 Detroit Loyola 1/7 at Notre Dame Prep 1/10 at U of D 1/14 O.L. St. Mary's 1/17 Brother Rice 1/21 at DeLaSalle 1/24 at AnnArbor Gabriel Richard 7 p.m. 1/28 U of D 1/31 at O.L. St. Mary's 2/ 4 at Brother Rice 2/7 DeLaSalle 2/15 CHSL Quarterfinal 2/18 CHSL Semifinal 2/19 CHSL Semifinal 2/23 at CHSL Championship 2/25 at Dearborn Fordson 7 p.m 2/28 Robichaud

Hockey

11/27 Brother Rice 7 p.m. 11/30 Trenton 5:30 p.m. 12/6 at Toronto/UCC 7 p.m. 12/7 at Toronto/UCC 1:30 p.m. 12/13 Cranbrook 7:15 p.m. 12/14 Grosse Pointe North 5:30 p.m 12/21 Port Huron North 5:30 p.m. 1/3 Wyandotte Roosevelt 7 p.m. 1/4 Plymouth 5:30 p.m. 1/8 at Brother Rice 6:15 p.m. 1/11 Cranbrook 5:30 p.m. 1/17 at Culver Academy TBD 1/18 at Culver Academy TBD 1/24 at O.L. St. Mary's TBD 1/25 O.L. St. Mary's 5:30 p.m. 1/29 at Trenton 7:30 p.m. 2/1 Livonia Stevenson 5:30 p.m. 2/5 at MIHL TBD 2/7 at MIHL TBD 2/8 at MIHL TBD

Swimming

2/22 at CHSL TBD

2/14 at U of D 6:30 p.m.

2/19 DeLaSalle 7 p.m.

12/12 at G.P. North 6 p.m. 12/20 at Saline Quad 6 p.m. 1/4 at Schack Invitational 9 a.m 1/11 at Rockford Invite 9 a.m. 1/16 at Liv. Stevenson 6:30 p.m. 1/18 at East Grand Rapids 12 p.m. 1/25 at A.A. Pioneer 12 p.m. 1/30 at DeLaSalle 7 p.m. 1/31 at Oakland County 5 p.m. 2/1 at Oakland County 1:30 p.m.

2/4 at Brother Rice 6:30 p.m. 2/7 at MISCA Diving TBA 2/8 at MISCA Swimming TBA 2/13 at Cranbrook 7 p.m. 2/18 at Notre Dame 6:30 p.m. 2/28 at CHSL Championship 5 3/1 at CHSL Championship 9 a.m.

Wrestling

12/7 St. Edward/Cuyahoga Valley 11 a.m. 12/11 Davison (Assembly Match) 1:45 p.m. 12/14 at Tim Horn Invitational 9 a.m. 12/20 at Oakland County Championship TBA 12/21 at Oakland County Championship TBA 12/27 at Medina 8 a.m. 12/28 at Medina 8 a.m. 1/4 CC Invitational 9 a.m. 1/11 CC Super Duals 10 a.m. 1/18 at Holt Invitational 9:30am 1/22 at Lowell Assembly Match 1:30 p.m. 1/25 Cincinnati Moeller/Marmion Academy 1:30 p.m. 1/29 at Oxford 6 p.m.

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Invest maximum in your 401(k) plan

Q: Dear Rick: I have worked for a publicly listed company for about 20 years. The bulk of my retirement savings is in my 401(k) plan. Typically, I keep about 50 percent of my money invested in company stock. The other 50 percent is spread out in other funds. I have been putting the max into the 401(k) plan.

However, I wonder if I should continue to do so. The company has just stopped its matching program. Does it make sense to invest in the 401(k) plan even though the company is not matching? I am thinking about lowering the percentage of my company stock from 50 per-

Rick Bloom MONEY MATTERS

cent to 25 percent - what do you think?

A: If you have the opportunity to use a salary deferral program such as 401(k) or a 403(b) plan, it makes sense to invest the maximum, whether the company is matching or not.

When a company matches, it is a no-brainer – you have to take advantage of it. After all, it's sort of like getting free money. Even though you're not getting a match, it still makes sense to invest the maximum possible. Not only are there tax breaks associated with salary deferral programs, it is an easy and somewhat painless way to invest for your retirement.

You cannot have too much money invested for retirement and that is why I encourage people to put the maximum in their 401(k) plan.

As I've mentioned many times in the past, retirement is a brand new concept in the history of mankind and, in order to have a comfortable retirement, you need resources. The only way most people are going to be able to obtain those resources is to invest on a regular basis and there's no easier way of doing it than with a salary deferral program.

If your company offers a Roth option, you may wish to use it. The downside of the Roth 401(k) is that you're putting after tax money into the plan vs. a traditional 401(k) plan where you invest pretax money. However, the benefits are that when you

withdraw the money from the Roth 401(k) it is tax-free. When you withdraw money from a traditional 401(k) plan, you're taxed at that point in time. In addition, money in a Roth 401(k) is not subject to the rules regarding required minimum distributions

As to your allocation in company stock – I think 50 percent is too high and I also think 25 percent is too high. In today's world, I prefer most employees not have any allocation to their company stock. It has nothing to do with the company or being a loyal employee.

My view is purely based on what's good for you as an investor. It's important to keep in mind that when you invest in company stock you are taking a greater risk. After all, if something went wrong with the company, not only would your investments be at risk, it is possible that your job could be impacted.

prefer to keep one's investments and job separate. Therefore, when you look at reallocating your 401(k) plan, other than the amount that you may have to leave in company stock. I recommend zero allocation in company stock.

Look at the situation not too long ago with General Motors. If you were an employee and an investor in GM stock, you took a double whammy when it went into bankruptcy. There were many cases where people lost their jobs and a substantial portion of their 401(k) plan evaporated.

If it could happen to General Motors, it could happen to just about any other company.

If you feel that for loyalty or other reasons you should own company stock, my recommendation would then be to keep your allocation at no more than 5 percent.

Remember, as an investor we wear different hats than when we're employees. As an employee, you should be loyal to your employer; however, as an investor you shouldn't have loyalty to the investment. Rather, you should have loyalty to your portfolio and achieving your specific goals and objectives.

Good luck.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. His website is www.bloomassetmanagement.com. If you would like him to respond to your questions, email rick@bloomasset management.com.

Rocky's fundraiser



The team of Northville Rocky's, including owner Rocky Rachwitz (from left), general manager Penny Zywick and Chef de Cuisine Joe Gardner, have been extremely generous at spreading goodwill and great food throughout the land. First, they served up guests at the Lights, Camera, Auction annual fundraiser to support Variety the Children's Charity at the Novi Emagine Theatre. Next, they sponsored and catered the Nov. 23 opening night afterglow of Ebenezer at Tipping Point Theatre. Though it's their busy holiday season, Northville Rocky's, as the Tipping Point opening night sponsor, promises a delicious New Year's Eve at Tipping Point Theatre. Your \$75 ticket (\$50 is tax-deductible) includes an 8 p.m. performance of "Ebenezer" by Joseph Zettelmaier, live music, strolling hors d'ouevres by Rocky's, raffle ticket for Orin Jewelers and a champagne toast to ring in 2014. To reserve tickets, call 248-347-0003 or go to www.tippingpointtheatre.com. JULIE YOLLES

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Dentist inducted

William S. Demray of Northville's Preservation Dental was inducted as a fellow of the International College of Dentists at its 84th annual

convocation in New Orleans on Nov. 1. The honorary organiza-

tion recognizes outstanding and meritorious service to the dental profession and worldwide community. The college presented Demray with a

membership plaque, a gold lapel pin and a gold key symbolic of this fellowship for his distinct service rendered in the art and science of dentistry.

At the cap and gown ceremony, 300

Demray

dentists from the United States were inducted into the college at this year's ceremony witnessed by hundreds of members and guests. The college, with representative chapters in more than 80 countries, has more than 11,000 members, including about 6,500 in the United States.

Demray grew up in Detroit, received his Bachelor of Science Degree from Wayne State University and his Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) from University of Detroit (now University of Detroit Mercy - UDM). He opened his private practice in 1977 in downtown Northville's historic district. His office is located at 371 E. Main Street.

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Yule trees can dry out, pose fire hazard

By Julie Brown Staff Writer

Capt. Ken Hamilton of the Wayne-Westland Fire Department hasn't seen a huge number of Christmas tree fires

"We don't seem to have that issue," Hamilton said during a break at the fire station by Westland City Hall on Ford Road. "The new lights are not as hot.'

Many people use the LEDs now, which helps keep trees safer, he added.

"It's really important," Hamilton said of holiday fire safety. At home, he gets a surge protector for the tree: "Then it shuts off the power so it doesn't overload the circuit." Hamilton said.

While the winter months are the leading time of year for home fires, the National Fire Protection Association says the post-holiday season presents its own set of fire hazards. Dried out Christmas trees and holiday lighting are among the leading culprits.

'As time goes by, Christmas trees continue to dry out and become increasingly flammable," said Lorraine Carli, vice president of Communications for NFPA. "For trees decorated with holiday lights, the risk increases because they're in direct contact with an electrical source."

Although Christmas tree fires are not common, when they do occur, they have a higher chance of being deadly. On average, one of every 66 reported home structure Christmas tree fires resulted in a death compared to an average of one death per 144 total home structure fires.

According to Carli, you can tell when the tree is drying out by the number of



needles that drop each day. "Once you start to see more fall, the tree is no longer fresh, and it's time to get rid of it.

Hamilton and Wayne-Westland firefighter colleagues emphasize never having a heat source by the tree, or leaving a candle unattended. The Yankee Candles are better, they noted, more bottom heavy and with the wax staying in the jar, but caution's still called for.

Dried trees should not be kept in the home, garage, or placed outside against the home. Check with your local community to find a recycling program. You need to

watch for gift wrapping piles igniting, Hamilton agreed.

"Keep it hydrated," he said of the tree.

People get together to celebrate at the holidays. "We see a lot of cooking fires all the time. I wouldn't say the holidays are any more," Hamilton said. He and colleagues said you should heed all regular cooking safety tips.

In 2006 to 2010, holiday lights and other decorative lighting were involved in an annual average of 160 home fires, nine civilian deaths, 13 related injuries, and \$9 million in direct property damage. To reduce the risk of

holiday light fires and keep equipment in good condition for next year, follow these storage suggestions:

» To unplug electric decorations, use the gripping area provided on the plugs. Never pull the cord to unplug a device from electrical outlets. Doing so can harm the cord's wire and insulation and even lead to an electrical shock or fire.

» As you're putting away electrical light strings, take time to inspect each for damage. Throw out light sets if they have loose connections, broken sockets or cracked or bare wires.

» Do not place a damaged set of lights back into the storage box for next year's use.

» Wrap each set of lights and put them in individual plastic bags, or wrap the lights around a piece of cardboard.

Store electrical decorations in a dry place where they cannot be damaged by water or dampness. Also, keep them away from children and pets.

NFPA is a worldwide leader in fire, electrical, building, and life safety. The mission of the international nonprofit organization founded in 1896 is to reduce the worldwide burden of fire and other hazards on the quality of life by providing and advocating consensus codes and standards, research, training, and education. NFPA develops more than 300 codes and standards to minimize the possibility and effects of fire and other hazards. All NFPA codes and standards can be viewed at no cost at www.nfpa.org/freeaccess.

The NFPA website contributed to this report.

Negotiate, find good professionals overseas

Q: I am with an insurance company that is transferring me to Zurich or Lucerne, Switzerland. Can you give me some idea what it is going to cost to have an apartment with a view of a

lake, the river and/ or the mountains? A: Zurich is a

beautiful city, but you will pay the price, as with most anything else in Switzerland. You can expect to pay \$15,000 per month for an apartment with a



Robert Meisner

view of the lake and mountains. If you want to buy a house there, you are going to have to pay at least one million, but most of the financial service people rent their apartments in Zurich, particularly for a short period. Don't count on using your euros as the Swiss franc is the currency which is frequently traded worldwide on exchanges as a commodity. Lucerne is much smaller and even more expensive, especially on the lake, but it is less expensive in the mountain regions around the city. Check with several local brokers

before picking one to help you. Q: I know that Cologne is a beautiful European city with many parks. Do you have any idea what it would cost to buy a whole house near a park in Cologne?

A. Based on my observations and discussions with locals, it would cost approximately Two Million Euros to buy a whole house as opposed to a flat in a two unit house near one of the many parks in Cologne, which is close to \$2.5 million. If you want to rent a house for a month, that can range from \$700 to \$800 a month to rent a flat, but if you want to live on the Rhine or near the famous Cathedral, you will, obviously, pay more. Again, it is also always important to negotiate, if possible, and find a good Realtor and local lawyer to assist you in the purchase.

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 & Staving 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 hmeisner@meisner-law.com This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

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These are the area residential real 1187 N Cranbrook Rd estate closings recorded the week

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	42995 Ambridge Ct
\$100,000	19646 Aqueduct Ct
\$50,000	46187 Bloomcrest Dr
\$165,000	600 High St
\$105,000	47504 Manorwood Dr
\$141,000	725 Randolph St
\$186,000	48739 Running Trout Ln
\$74,000	48619 Stoneridge Dr
\$125,000	537 W Main St
\$169 ,000	PLYMOUTH
\$224,000	11891 Fox Ridge Dr
\$86, 000	1464 Hartsough St
\$138, 000	618 Kellogg St
\$135,000	12900 Naples Dr
\$165,000	40808 Newport Dr
\$194, 000	11732 Priscilla Ln
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\$128, 000	1085
\$115,000	641 Wing St
\$310,000	REDFORD
\$201,000	13540 Farley
\$170,000	17240 Inkster Rd

\$67,000	26740 Joy Rd
	17706 Norborne
\$340,000	9085 San Jose
\$94,000	14885 Seminole
\$440,000	WAYNE
\$590,000	31422 Annapolis St
\$745,000	37037 Bendix St
\$99, 000	3312 Clark St
\$500,000	4324 Newberry St
\$620,000	4826 Niagara St
\$48 5,000	3022 Rivers Edge Dr
	WESTLAND
\$370,000	29235 Badelt St
\$255,000	7464 Carrousel Blvd
\$135,000	7400 Central St
\$470,000	108 Daniel Ave
\$9 5,000	35214 John Hauk St
\$180,000	30128 Julius Blvd
\$148, 000	32840 Merritt Dr
	5817 N Parent St
\$148, 000	35082 Nancy St
	1286 S Carlson St
\$269,000	1515 S Schuman St
	31105 Stephen Ave
\$50,000	
\$65,000	

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. Many sellers are misinformed or not sure about how the procedures work. Organizers will also discuss the internal workings of short sales and the different steps involved.

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

Additional parking across the street in back. Please call the office at 248-782-7130 or email june.quantum@gmail.com for your reservation or additional information.

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Car Report

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F-Series Holds Strong for Ford Despite Improved Rivals



Ford has returned to such stability in its current sales efforts that it has the breathing room to boast of both old and new products and developments while it keeps on posting strength in day-in day-out results

By Dale Buss

day-in, day-out results in dealer showrooms.

Such is the case with the venerable Ford F-Series pickup trucks, which remain America's best-selling vehicles even though they haven't been greatly overhauled in a few years – and both Ram and Chevrolet competitors have been.

Ford reported that F-Series sales already, for 2013, surpassed 645,316 units, which was as many trucks as Ford sold for all of 2012. That meant one F-Series pickup was selling every 42 seconds, on average. So the truck remains on track to be the best-selling vehicle in the United States for the 32nd straight year, and the best-selling truck for 37 straight years.

Ford continues to outpace the competition in a growing sales gap over the Chevrolet Silverado and Ram 1500.

In October, F-Series sales of 63,803 trucks were up 13 percent, the sixthstraight month above the 60,000-vehicle mark. The last time Ford sold more than 60,000 trucks for six consecutive months was 2006.

"If our truck business continues at this rate through the end of the year, we will reach 60,000 F-Series sales for eight straight months, putting us on par with 2006, before the economic downturn," said Erich Merkle, Ford sales analyst.

F-Series continues to outpace the segment, even as key competitors have launched new products, according to Doug Scott, Ford truck group marketing manager. "Through October, our



The Ford F-150 just keeps on truckin'.

leadership margin is nearly 220,000 units over Chevrolet Silverado and 67,000 over Silverado and GMC Sierra combined," said Scott.

"F-Series has outsold Ram by more than 330,000 units in the first 10 months of 2013, almost 50,000 more trucks than the gap a year ago. "Despite new entries from our competitors, truck consumers continue to vote us No. 1 – day in and day out – with their checkbooks," said Scott.

Meanwhile, Ford also was at the Los Angeles Auto Show in November, touting how its sustainability efforts have entered a new phase in a unique partnership with Coca-Cola that has employed Coke's vaunted PlantBottle technology to make seat cushions, seat backs, head restraints, door-panel inserts and headliners in a new concept vehicle for the Ford Fusion Energi plug-in hybrid.

The car demonstrates the first use of PlantBottle technology beyond packaging and is the initial step in what the two brands say is a joint commitment to develop innovative new products from renewable materials.

"It's important to realize that PET resin" from which PlantBottles are made, partly from plant components, "is part of the broader polyester family, so this is clearly the most significant partnership we have so far as we look at the broader impact of the potential for the PlantBottle," Scott Vitters, general manager of the PlantBottle packaging platform for Coke, told me.

For its part, Ford has been working for years with a wide variety of renewable and recyclable materials for some of its interior needs, some of which also have derived from plants. Amy Marentic, global car and crossover group marketing manager for Ford, told me that the PlantBottle interior for Energi "has huge potential. It's a nice next step after what we've done already with recycled materials in the car." Marentic noted that these particular applications of PlantBottle "are only a start" for the automaker in figuring out whether the PET derivative ever could make the grade in production vehicles. "We'll show it at the LA show and get customer feedback," she said. "And through our development process, we'll want to make sure that it will hold up to people getting in and out, and to the wear caused by blue jeans, and to mik-shake spills.

"That takes a while. And once we're there, we'll have to make decisions on where to go first [in production vehicles] and where to migrate the technology ... This is the first toe in the pool."



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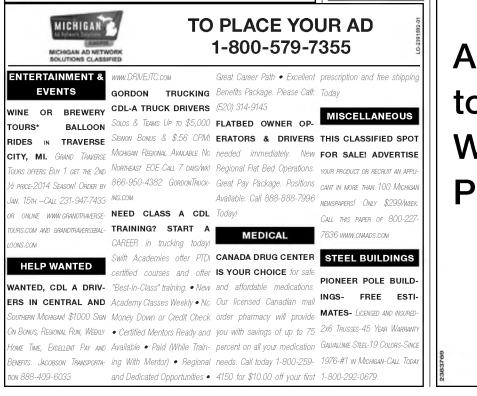
For Coca-Cola, however, its first significant use of PlantBottle outside packaging already comprises a major step. "It will spur greater investment in the technology platform as well as catalyze greater environmental change," Vitters said.

Marentic and Vitters agreed that the biggestimpact from the partnership could be on Generation Y consumers who, to one degree another, are warier of buying both cars and sugary soft drinks than older generations.

"Consumers — and particularly Millennials — are looking for companies to be working together on sustainability solutions," Vitters said.







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"I know when a candidate doesn't know the current news about our company," says Chris Brabec, director of leadership talent acquisition for Western Union. "If you don't know the CEO is retiring, or if a company made a big acquisition recently, that's not a good sign. If a candidate can't tell me what the company does (or thinks Western Union still does telegrams), that's another sign she hasn't done her homework."

In a job market where applicants frequently cast a wide net with the hope that anybody will respond, job seekers sometimes cut corners by not thoroughly checking out potential employers. But failure to know about the place you claim you want

to work at can make you seem unprepared and disinterested and cost you a job offer.

Here, experts weigh in on things you should learn before seeking employment and how to find that information.

What to know

"Companies have told us that one of the things they use to weed out candidates is that the student didn't know anything about the company," says John M. Thompson, executive director of career services at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, Texas

Among the things Thompson encourages his students to find out are:

- What does the company do?
- What are its products?
- What is the company's mission?

- Where are its offices?
- How big is the company in terms of employees/revenue?
- How is it positioned in its industry?

"Everyone, but particularly for more senior-level roles, should know our stock price," says Yolanda Bush, director of human resources for Western Union. "Research the company's leadership team and the company's efforts around corporate social responsibility. This will help candidates position themselves to discuss how their skills and experience will help us succeed in the marketplace."

Julie Rulis, a senior recruiter for Western Union's talent acquisition team, agrees with her colleague's advice and adds, "If you are doing an interview

at a company, find out if it's in the Fortune 500 and where it is on that list. Even better: Find out where it was a year ago, and if it's different, maybe ask why. It shows you've done your homework. A job candidate should know our products and services beyond just the basics. With all the tools available nowadays, there's no excuse not to know."

How to play detective

The "tools" Rulis is referring to are all the different ways a job seeker can find information. Abby M. Locke, master resume writer and personal brand strategist for Premier Writing Solutions in Seattle, offers these suggestions:

- Review the company's website.
- Read press releases.
- Pay attention to industry publications
- Use Google alerts to stay on top of current company news.
- Do an informational interview with past or current employees.
- Talk to a representative at a career fair or trade show.
- Follow key decision-makers on Twitter.
- Use LinkedIn groups and other online social media tools.

Online directories such as Bloomberg and Standard & Poor's also give information on many businesses. For additional help in finding appropriate databases, job seekers may want to consult

their local library or the college career center of their alma mater.

Show what you know

Finally, while you don't need to be a walking fact book, be ready to incorporate your knowledge of the company into correspondence and conversation when opportunities arise.

"I ask job candidates questions like what they know about the company beyond what's on the website, how they feel they fit in with our overall values and corporate culture, or what they found out about the company in their research that they didn't know before," Rulis says. "This is a great opportunity to show off your preparation -- talk about our competitors or the fact that you read that we're entering an entirely new business segment."









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