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CITY REACHES NEW AGREEMENT WITH ITS TWO POLICE UNIONS

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

The City of Northville has reached a new contract with its police patrol (POAM) and command (COAM) unions. The new deal calls for a modest wage increase over the next three years, which is offset by significant health care savings for the city.

"In order to meet the chal-

lenges of rising health care and legacy costs, the city and our police bargaining teams have been meeting in order to reach an agreement that would provide a modest wage increase, and significant health care savings," said Northville City Manager Pat Sullivan.

"This new agreement accomplishes that by incorporating many of the provisions negotiated in the previous AFSCME

contract extension and MAPE (clerical employees) contract, which Council ratified in March and August."

On Monday, the City Council ratified the agreement by a 5-0 vote, which will be in effect until the end of 2016.

The last negotiated contracts between the city and POAM/COAM personnel were set to expire in 2011. Sullivan said due to the city's challenged finan-

cial position in 2010, all four collective bargaining units in the city, including POAM and COAM, agreed to forego a wage increase which was scheduled to take effect on July 1, 2010 and extend the contracts with a wage freeze until June 30 of this year. Other concessions were also granted by the unions at that time.

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The Rev. Teodor Petrutiu proudly shows the certificates of naturalization after he and his wife Roxana took the oath of citizenship. TOM BEAUDOIN

Priest becomes U.S. citizen before congregation

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Taking the Oath of Allegiance to become an American citizen Sunday, the Rev. Teodor Petrutiu shared that milestone with his congregation at Sts. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church.

"Taking the oath in front of the parish

community, I think it was a special touch," said the Northville resident, who was joined by his wife Roxana in becoming U.S. citizens. "It was a tribute not just to me and my wife but to all the immigrants who built their homes and the church."

Parish priest at Sts. Constantine and Helen in Westland since 2007, Petrutiu and Roxana, whose has the title pres-

byter as the priest's wife, are both natives of Romania. The couple came to the United States in 1998 when Petrutiu served in a Romanian Orthodox parish in Cleveland.

In 2001, Petrutiu was accepted in the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese, where he served as deacon to the Metropolitan and

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Allen Terrace getting new
fire alarms so residents
can actually hear them

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

Allen Terrace was planning on using Community Development Block Grant funding on new bath fixtures, however a bigger need has arisen over the last several months and that's faulty emergency alarms.

"I am recommending that in lieu of renovating the showerheads, faucets, etc. that we up-

grade the emergency alarm system," said Sherry Necelis, Northville's Housing Director.

According to Necelis, earlier this year Allen Terrace received approval from Wayne County's Community Development Block Grant program to upgrade its bath fixtures.

"However, on September 25, the building's water suppression system malfunctioned, activating the fire alarm," she said. "Since that time we have had three separate issues with the fourth floor west attic heat detectors that set the alarm off as well. Police and fire personnel responded and it was deter-

mined there was a malfunction and there was no danger to residents."

However, she added, "Afterward, staff was told that numerous residents never heard the alarm in their bedrooms."

The City Council approved her recommendation to reprogram the Wayne County CDBG allocation from the faucet/showerhead project to an enhanced alarm system, which is also eligible for this funding.

"Safety before faucets," said council member Nancy Darga on why this reprogramming is important.

It's not known yet what the

exact cost of the enhancement will be, but the city will redirect up to \$89,000 in funds from the years 2011-2014 toward it. The balance of the project would come from the Allen Terrace general fund.

In 2014, Northville is expected to receive \$45,736 from the Wayne County CDBG program and \$5,191 from Oakland County. It's scheduled to be used on local senior services, Allen Terrace renovations and general administration.

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Go to our website, Hometownlife.com on Dec. 24 to track Santa as he circles the globe. Children in these parts will want to know when he gets to North America so they can set out milk and cookies or whatever goodies are planned to welcome Santa. Just look to the right side of our site for the NORAD Santa Tracker, click on the link and be prepared for fun.

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Woman's Club

The Northville Woman's Club will meet at 12:30 p.m., Friday, Dec. 20 at the First Presbyterian Church in Northville. It is the group's annual Christmas program, and will be introduced by Judy Prain. Janice Rath-

man, who is a composer and musician, will perform "Creating Music". This day is also a guest day and the introduction of the group's new members.

An executive board meeting will follow at 1:30 p.m.

MILL RACE MATTERS

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Contact: 248-348-1845

Weekly Events

Thursday: Office and archives closed for the holidays; 11 a.m. Weaver's Guild Meeting; 7 p.m. NHS Board of Directors meeting

Friday: Office and archives closed for the holidays

Saturday: 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Eagle Court of Honor in church; 5 p.m. rehearsal

CITIZEN

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Registrar of the Metropolis of Detroit. Petrutiu served in that role until being appointed to serve the Sts. Constantine and Helen parish.

"Most of the people here (Sts. Constantine and Helen) are immigrants or descendants of immigrant," said Petrutiu. "That determination is what this country was built on. It's a tribute to all those immigrants. People were extremely happy (about the citizenship ceremony)."

When a Romanian was appointed as parish priest for a Greek Orthodox church, Petrutiu said some parishoners might have wondered what the Metropolitan was thinking.

U.S. District Court Judge Sean Cox administered the oath to the Northville couple, whose daughters Nicole, 9, and Irene, 7, were both born

in the U.S.

"We just had a green card for awhile. It's lets you be in the country but not full rights - you can't vote or serve on a jury," said Petrutiu, adding he was most looking forward to voting. "We thought it was time to apply (for citizenship). What's important about this country is that it embraces you."

Along with Cox, judges from the parish community attended the ceremony, including Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Gregory Bill, Family Court Judge Eric Cholak and Plymouth 35th District Court Judge James Plakas.

"I'm a very proud American citizen. It's the greatest country in the world," said Petrutiu. "It was built on Christian principles. It's where Christian ministry is needed and appreciated."

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Metropolitan Nichols of Detroit tells of how proud he is of the Petrutiu family, including daughters Nicole, 9, and Irene, 7, before the ceremony begins. PHOTO BY TOM BEAUDOIN

CONTRACT

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This new agreement will phase in higher employee contributions for health care, which would increase to 20 percent of costs for the Blue Care Network Plan (HMO) plan by 2016 and implement a high deductible/Health Savings Account (HSA) plan with the employees sharing the

cost of both premiums and HSA contribution.

In addition, it allows the city to switch insurance carriers if equal coverage can be provided for the same, out of pocket cost to the employees and reduces payments to employees who opt out of health insurance and caps the monthly payment at a fixed amount.

Finally, it also provides a contract "re-opener" in 2016 to bar-

gain the subject of retiree contributions toward health care.

City council members Ryan McKindles and Nancy Darga said this was a win-win for both sides.

The council thanked Sullivan for his work in getting the contracts worked out.

"I want to thank Pat for working so hard on protecting the benefits of our employees while keeping the costs down,"

said Darga.

The city council also approved a plan for non-union employees increase their health insurance contributions consistent with the second year levels of the MAPE (clerical union) contract, and that a 1-percent wage adjustment be granted.

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Honing their skills

Developer lets firefighters train in homes planned for demolition

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

Through the help of a local builder, Northville City firefighters are getting the chance to train for real-life emergency situations.

Training is an essential to being a firefighter, so the Northville department was ecstatic when the opportunity came along to train in a home that was going to be torn down.

“By being able to use a structure where structure damage was not a concern, it gave our firefighters the opportunity to practice certain tactics they might need to use in a real emergency,” said Fire Chief James Allen.

Mike Miller, whose company has built many homes in the community, has been doing this for some time with projects he’s worked on, including homes in the Northville community.

“It just seemed like such an easy way to give back to the community,” Miller said. “Allowing the fire department to come into the house, which is empty, lets them experience a real-life emergency in a controlled way. It’s a chance to try new techniques and hone their skills so they are even better prepared when they get an actual call.”

This allows the firefighters to practice a variety of measures, from search and rescue, ventilation, ladder use, hose line deployment and



Northville firefighters train at one of the homes developer Mike Miller demolished.

“It’s a chance for our team to go in and fight fires and practice rescues in real homes instead of the training towers we normally use.”

JAMES ALLEN
Northville City Fire Chief

advancement. In addition, they train for crew rehab and medical monitoring, salvage/overhaul, building construction and incident command system.

“This training covered a multitude of skills that are needed during an actual incident and how to put all these skills together for the best outcome,” Allen said.

One of the most recent ones was at a home purchased by Northville resident and attorney Jason Waechter. Miller told him about the training and Waechter jumped at the idea of helping out in a big way.

“When Mike asked if I was willing to give them access to the house, I didn’t hesitate. This could save somebody’s

life. How could I say no?” he said.

The department is happy to know that Miller will continue to look to help them out whenever he gets a home that is slated for demolition.

“It’s a chance for our team to go in and fight fires and practice rescues in real homes instead of the training towers we normally use,” Allen said. “It keeps us on our toes and helps us to develop new ways of dealing with surprises and obstacles we might encounter in one of the typical types of residential structures in the city we serve ... its great training.”

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Local builder Mike Miller (left) and homeowner Jason Waechter teamed up to give the firefighters this training opportunity.



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Ridge Wood Elementary going green

School taking steps to be friendlier to environment

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

Ridge Wood Elementary School is going green.

In an all out school effort to become more environmentally conscious and certified as a Michigan Green School, Ridge Wood has taken the initial steps in successfully completing its application to become a Green School.

"We've been doing a lot of these things already, so why not take it to the next level," said Ridge Wood teacher Heather Hooper, who along with a group of other teachers spearheaded the idea. "It's a good thing for the school and community, and it's a cool, exciting thing for the students to do."

Under county recognition, Ridge Wood must meet the standards set forth by the Wayne County Department of Public Services (DPS) and its partner Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency (Wayne RESA), which has annually implemented this program and recognized schools that achieve 10 or more energy saving and environmental activities in an academic year.

This is the first year the school has done this. Other Northville schools, like Amerman Elementary, have also been

working toward being environmental stewards each year. For Ridge Wood, one of the bigger steps toward certification came with its decision to adopt an animal.

After a school-wide vote, Ridge Wood has "adopted" a meerkat at the Detroit Zoo as part of its Animals Depend on People program through the help of donations made by school families.

This initiative, along with daily recycling activities as well as habitat building with bird houses and yearly Earth Day events, will hopefully help get the school its deserved recognition.

Students couldn't be happier about the goal. For them it's an opportunity to help the community.

"It feels good to help out the meerkat," said fourth-grader Lauren Molnar. "It's important to our school to do this."

All schools recognized as a Green School receive a large indoor/outdoor Michigan Green Schools banner and a certificate signed by the county CEO to proudly display. Hooper said they will know in the coming months if they succeed.

Considering how quickly the school has jumped on the idea, it's a good chance they will have that banner up before the year is over.

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Ridge Wood fourth grader Michael Chimienti does his part to help adopt an animal at the Detroit Zoo, as a step in the school's effort to be designated a Green School.



Fourth grader Sophie Catalona voted for the Meerkat, the winner of Ridge Wood's adopt an animal project.

Northville HS dance teams earn top honors at state

The Northville High School varsity and junior varsity competitive dance teams competed in the 2013 Michigan State Spirit Showdown on Dec. 14 and received top honors. The varsity team earned 1st place for their jazz performance in the High School Dance division and 2nd place in the High School Hip Hop category. The JV team earned 1st place honors for their jazz performance in the JV Dance division and 2nd place in JV Hip Hop.

The teams will host their second annual dance clinic for

dancers age 8 through 13 on Jan. 11, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Performers Edge Dance Company in Northville. For more information about the clinic, visit the NHS Dance Team website at www.northville-danceteam.com.

Also, on Jan. 17, there will be a showcase of performances by dance team members, dance clinic participants and special guests. The showcase begins at 6:30 p.m. in the Northville High School auditorium. The public is welcome to attend the show.



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Groups offer comfort when holidays get tough

By Jill Halpin
Correspondent

Despite the brightly colored lights, festive decorations and wishes of good cheer, the holidays are not always happy – especially for those experiencing some type of grief.

Glad tidings aside, the feelings of loss – of a loved one, a job, housing or other tragedy – are often intensified during this stressful season, leading to anything but a “Merry Christmas” or “Happy Holiday.”

“It is not always a joyful celebration – for many, it’s a really tough time,” said the Rev. Michael Horlocker of the First Presbyterian Church of South Lyon.

“Christmas can be a really tough time: in addition to your own personal issues, you now have the added stresses and expectations that traditionally surround the holidays. Whether you’re are experiencing a



loss or dealing with addictions or even just feeling broken – this time of year can be very rough,” Horlocker said.

Suicide rates are highest during the holidays, noted Horlocker, adding that he believes that feelings of grief and loss throughout the holidays may be more common than most people realize.

That is one reason that his church, along with others in the area, are offering special services designed to address the needs of those anticipating the holidays with dread. The First Presbyterian Church of South

cause grief – can be acknowledged and addressed with hope, Webber said.

“Our lives are always going to be changed and different – but that does not mean they are ended. We can look with hope for God’s gracious love to be with us as we journey through our grief to a time of hope and resolution,” Webber said.

Karen Laing, executive director of the Northville-based New Hope Center for Grief Support, knows firsthand the pain that can surround the holidays following the loss of a loved one.

“The holidays can be extremely difficult,” acknowledges Laing, a Northville mother of two college-aged children who lost her husband, Keith, in 2009.

“Everyone is saying ‘Joy to the World’ and you feel anything but joyous. It presents a difficult situation. You miss the person and the traditions they created or were a part of, and the holidays themselves can be overwhelming. It just adds to the sense of loss – it is exhausting,” she said.

Attending special services that provide a quiet, special place to grieve can be very helpful in coping throughout the holidays, Laing said.

“It also helps to be able to talk about your loved one,” Laing said, “Saying things like, ‘I remember when ...’ can be very healing.”

Taking time to memorialize your loved one by participating in special volunteer work of making a donation in their name can also be helpful, she said.

“This year, we adopted a family for Christmas this year in honor of my husband,” she said.

Laing said that often, the anticipation of the holiday is much worse than the holiday itself. Keep this in mind, and try to plan for the holiday in advance.

“Think about the things you are going to keep on doing, the things you are not going to do anymore and the things you may change,” she advises, “For instance, instead of a sit-down family dinner, try it buffet-style. I have even heard of a family that barbecues.”

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forward to the opportunity to offer comfort to those in spiritual need.

“We’re all expected to be happy and celebrate and we feel like something is wrong with us when we can’t,” Horlocker said.

“People need to be lifted up and reassured they are OK, and that there is hope,” he said.

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Seniors helping seniors



Many of the residents at Oakmont Northville participated in the senior living facility’s recent Seniors Helping Seniors campaign. The group collected 15 large boxes of personal hygiene products to be distributed to local seniors. To celebrate, the group went to the 5ive restaurant at St. John’s in Plymouth Township. “Our residents are always very generous with charitable organizations we support each holiday season,” said Marie Rumbley, activity director at Oakmont Northville.

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Association offers tips for safe walking in snow, ice

Falls account for more than one million injuries in the U.S. annually. There are four types of walking accidents with the most common being the slip and fall. That's the type of fall that happens when you fall due a surface not cleared of snow or ice.

"Every winter the hazards of driving in snow and icy conditions are noted, but rarely is walking on snow and ice addressed," stated Martin B. Tirado, CAE, executive director of the Snow & Ice Management Association. "Slipping and falling while walking

accounts for a large number of winter-related injuries and can have an impact on the quality of life for the injured person."

SIMA, the national nonprofit organization representing the snow removal industry, has some tips on safe winter walking.

» **Wear proper footwear.** Proper footwear should place the entire foot on the surface of the ground and have visible treads. Avoid a smooth sole and opt for a heavy treaded shoe with a flat bottom.

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and be seen. Wear sunglasses so that you can see in the reflective light of the snow. Also, wear a bright coat or scarf so that drivers can easily see you.

» **Plan ahead.** While walking on snow or ice on sidewalks or in parking lots, walk consciously. Instead of looking down, look up and see where your feet will move next to anticipate ice or an uneven surface. Occasionally scan from left to right to ensure you are not in the way of vehicles or other hazards.

» **Make sure you can hear.** While seeing the environment is important, you also want to be sure you can hear approaching traffic and other noises. Avoid listening to music or engaging in conversation that may prevent you from hearing oncoming traffic or snow removal equipment.

» **Anticipate ice.** Be wary of thin sheets of ice that may appear as wet pavement (black ice). Often ice will appear in the morning, in shady spots or where the sun shines during the day and melted snow refreezes at night.

» **Walk steps slowly.** When walking down

steps, be sure to grip handrails firmly and plant your feet securely on each step.

» **Enter a building carefully.** When you get to your destination such as school, work, shopping center, etc., be sure to look at the floor as you enter the building. The floor may be wet with melted snow and ice.

» **Be careful when you shift your weight.** When stepping off a curb or getting into a car, be careful since shifting your weight may cause an imbalance and result in a fall.

» **Avoid taking shortcuts.** Shortcuts are a good idea if you are in a hurry, but may be a bad idea if there is snow and ice on the ground. A shortcut path may be treacherous because it is likely to be located where snow and ice removal is not possible.

» **Look up.** Be careful about what you walk under. Injuries also can result from falling snow/ice as it blows, melts, or breaks away from awnings, buildings, etc.

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Scouts collect food for Civic Concern



The Boy Scouts in Northville's Pack 903 collected 305 bags of food during their recent Scouting for Food campaign. The boys, approximately 70, went door-to-door in several local subdivisions and collected the food, which was donated to Northville Civic Concern, which always has a greater demand during the holiday season. Great job boys!

Special time for the toddlers



Jennifer McBride pushes her son around the floor of the Northville Community Center gym on Dec. 10 during its weekly Toddler Time. The activity, every Wednesday at 10 a.m., features lots of things to scoot around on for kids, as well as other toys. The cost is \$3 a session. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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Michigan-made holiday gifts boost economy, warm local hearts

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Bob Benefiel of Plymouth Township was out shopping on a recent Tuesday evening for a gift for wife Lynn's birthday. He came to the Art Is In Market at Livonia's Laurel Park Place.

"Just something unique, something made by an individual, not mass-produced, something that reflects Michigan or Detroit," said Benefiel, a retired lawyer. As he looked at artists' wares, Benefiel noted he had a brother-in-law, father to 12, who delivered Faygo pop.

Benefiel's attitude is music to the ears of Deb La Pratt of Walled Lake, owner of the Art Is In Markets with locations in Twelve Oaks in Novi and the newest at Partridge Creek in Clinton Township, as well as Laurel Park Place.

"I think it's great for the economy, it's great for Michigan," La Pratt said of the growing popularity of made in Michigan gifts. She eschews high-end box stores for shopping.

"I always say it's touched by the artist's hands," said La Pratt, an artist who uses old found



Lisa Diggs of Livonia shows off some Michigan-made products at Northville's State of Mind gallery. Diggs, who heads up the Buy Michigan Now festival in downtown Northville each summer, says the demand for products made in the state is growing. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

objects, focusing on Detroit, for such works as ceramic tiles and mantel covers.

A walk through the Laurel Park Place store reveals pencil drawings of scenes from Livonia, Plymouth, Northville and elsewhere.

There are such items as metal garden art pieces, organic spices, women's clothing, jewelry and pottery. Monte Nagler, a Farmington Hills photographer, has his work displayed for sale.

There are also books by Michigan authors.

'Artists and talent'

"We have such a range of artists and talent," La Pratt said. "I love helping young artists out." She's done this work some 35 years.

A neighbor who worked for Laurel Park Place got La Pratt in there some eight years ago. "She's so proud of me," the business owner said. "It's all because of one person believing in me."

The Laurel Park store was originally planned to be a November and December holiday market. "The customers kept saying, 'No, you can't

close,'" she said. "It has just blown up, which I'm so excited about."

There are some 40-45 artists at Laurel Park Place's Art Is In Market and about 65 each at Twelve Oaks and Partridge Creek. "I look at it as a win-win situation for everybody," she said of the buy Michigan trend.

"I think we're on a huge buy Michigan, buy local push," La Pratt added. "I think it's great. We're keeping it in our own country."

Lisa Diggs of Livonia is also a big advocate of Michigan-made gifts. Diggs heads up the Buy Michigan Now campaign, which includes the August festival in downtown Northville, set for Aug. 1-3, 2014.

Her effort started the day before Thanksgiving in 2007 with an emphasis on Michigan shopping.

"We could really make an impact on our economy," Diggs said. "It's been very successful."

The Northville festival has grown and there are 7,400 people committed on the website BuyMichiganNow.com to Michigan shopping. She has some 5,000 businesses on board of many types.

"That's growing all

the time. It's been great," Diggs said. This time of year, she helps smaller businesses with local TV appearances highlighting gifts.

She has a holiday gift guide in November and December, currently available online, focusing on Michigan gifts with about 100 and links to their websites for other gift ideas. A grocery guide is available through the website year-round.

Diggs cites Kelly's Karamels in Troy as having a great product. Poof-Slinky makes soft toy balls in Plymouth, while Walled Lake's American Plastic Toys produces beach toys to kitchen sets.

Diggs agreed local artists have much to offer. "A lot of times, it's a one-of-a-kind item," she said. "We've got a great blossoming art community and they deserve our support."

Diggs cited the Art Is In Markets, as well as the Yellow Door Art Market in Berkley and Rust Belt Market in Ferndale, for artists' gifts made in Michigan.

Food's local, too

Stella Delap, owner of Basket Kreations in

downtown Plymouth, said at least 80 percent of foodstuffs in her store are Michigan products. She finds many customers eager to buy Michigan gifts.

"Once they see all of it, that really gets them excited," said Canton resident Delap, whose 24-year business began in Canton and moved to Plymouth in 1999. "They like it very much."

She carries work by local artists, including Pewabic Pottery. "They love the idea that we do represent a lot of local artists," Delap said.

Basket Kreations carries recycled license plate artwork, including a Michigan cutout of a Florida plate ideal for snowbirds.

The store also carries mittens recycled from sweaters.

Basket Kreations carries books on the Daisy Air Rifle Co., based in Plymouth until its 1958 departure for Arkansas. "We just really love our made in Michigan items," Delap said. "It really does help our state. I'm very pro-Michigan."

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Game on: Dave and Buster's opens new location

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

It's been a long time coming, but area residents will be able to have their first chance at playing games and hanging out at one of the hotter

places to be.

Dave and Buster's, located at 19375 Victor Parkway (near Seven Mile and I-275 in Livonia), opened on Monday. The 40,000-square-foot combination sports bar, restaurant and arcade

can accommodate more than 1,800 patrons, including many who have waited for months for the business to open.

General manager David Rogan is excited at the opportunity to serve the area.

"We want to be a part of the community," he said.

Guests will be able to enjoy a wide array of entrees, including bacon-wrapped beef medallions, grilled shrimp, burgers and signature cocktails. The restaurant, the 66th in the United States for the Dallas-based company, also has a sports bar area complete with big-screen televisions and a variety of alcoholic beverages, including some Michigan craft beers.

The bar area has some touches of local flavor as well, with the names of Michigan-area sports teams printed on the wall, along with other images, such as Motown Records and the front end of a Ford Mustang.

The restaurant also has several separate dining rooms that can be used for parties or other events.

170 interactive games

Patrons have a wide array of arcade-style games to enjoy as well. About 170 interactive games will be available to play, including ones based on popular iPhone



Video screens are everywhere in the sports bar. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

and Android apps like Doodle Jump and Temple Run. Success in many of the arcade games can yield users tickets, which can be redeemed for prizes such as board games, tablets and other goodies.

Emily Profit, the senior manager at the restaurant and a Livonia resident, said she's been involved with two other major openings of Dave and Buster's locations in Kansas City and Orlando and said the hype surrounding the opening of the location in Livonia shows it will be a busy place.

"The buzz that surrounds this opening com-

pares to our Orlando opening," she said. "No matter what time of year, we're always very, very full and very busy."

The restaurant will be the second one in the Metro Detroit area and first in Wayne County. The other one is in Utica near Hall and the Van Dyke expressway.

Mike Gold, assistant general manager, said he worked at the Utica location for several years before coming to the Livonia restaurant. He said patrons used to the location in Macomb County will see some differences in decor, but the experience will remain the same.

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Northville man gets run over during filming project

By Beth Jachman
Staff Writer

A filming project went terribly wrong when a 22-year-old Northville man was run over by a hit-and-run driver in the parking lot at the Redford Grill on the night of Dec. 8, according to police reports. The victim suffered a broken rib and contusions and was transported to Botsford Hos-

pital, Redford Police Sgt. Duane Gregg said. He was later released and his injuries are non-life threatening. Police were unable to locate the driver that night, but arrested him the next day, Gregg said. Four young men told police they were in the process of making a film for a class which involved having one of the men lying face down in the driveway of the Red-

ford Grill restaurant, at around 11 p.m. Sunday, Gregg said. A man in a silver Ford drove into the parking lot of the restaurant, located at Five Mile and Beech Daly, and ran over the man who was lying in the parking lot before his friends could stop the driver, according to reports. The vehicle ran over the man's chest and leg area before stopping

with the man underneath the vehicle, according to reports. Multiple people from inside the restaurant came outside and attempted to lift the car off of the man. The driver then backed up, drove through the parking lot and into the alley behind the restaurant, according to police reports. A witness who was across the street at the

gas station heard the commotion and saw the car and was able to get a partial license plate number, according to police. Witnesses said they had seen the driver in the restaurant before and that he was a regular there, according to reports. A 43-year-old Redford man was charged Tuesday with leaving the scene of an injury acci-

dent causing bodily impairment, a five-year felony, according to Gregg. The manager of the restaurant told police he did not give anyone permission to film in the parking lot and did not see them filming until after the incident, according to reports. The vehicle was impounded, according to reports.

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Monday, June 23, 2014
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS: Meetings begin at 7:00 P.M.
Tuesday, January 21, 2014*
Tuesday, February 18, 2014*
Monday, March 17, 2014
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Monday, May 19, 2014
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2014 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE - OFFICES ARE CLOSED
January 1, 2014 - New Year's Day
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February 17, 2014 - Presidents' Day
April 18, 2014 - Good Friday
May 26, 2014 - Memorial Day
July 4, 2014 - Independence Day
September 1, 2014 - Labor Day
November 11, 2014 - Veterans Day
November 27, 2014 - Thanksgiving Day
November 28, 2014 - Day after Thanksgiving
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December 25, 2014 - Christmas Day
December 26, 2014 - Day after Christmas
December 31, 2014 - New Year's Eve
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POLICE BRIEFS

Tractor goes missing

Asleep at the wheel

Purse stolen

At this time.

An employee of the Bushwood Golf Club on Dun Rovin Drive called Northville Township Police on Dec. 13 to report someone had stole a John Deere tractor. According to the police report, the theft took place sometime between 2 p.m. on Dec. 12 and 1:15 p.m. on Dec. 13. The tractor had been parked inside a fenced-in area behind the clubhouse. The reporting police officer observed the fence had been torn away to allow the tractor to be driven off. The employee said he had the only two keys for the tractor. A Fenton woman eating at a restaurant in downtown Northville reported her purse was stolen from her parked car. The incident happened on Dec. 14 while the woman and a friend ate at Koji. There was no reported damage to the car, but the woman said she stored her purse in the center console of her car that was parked on Mary Alexander Court. She noticed it missing after dropping her friend off in Brighton. There are no suspects

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Celebrate Recovery
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Church of the Holy Family

Location: 24505 Meadowbrook Road
Contact: 248-349-8847 or visit holyfamillynovi.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. Beto Espinoza, associate pastor
AA: 8 p.m. Wednesdays

Crosspointe Meadows Church

Location: 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile
Contact: 248-669-9400, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Thursday or visit www.crosspointemeadows.org.
Sunday worship: 11:15 a.m.
Bible study classes: 10 a.m. for all ages
Details: Nursery and older children programs available. Worship blends traditional and contemporary elements resulting in a multi-sensory worship experience.

Destiny Worship Center

Location: Ridge Wood Elementary School, 49775 Six Mile, Northville
Contact: DestinyW3C@Gmail.com or visit www.DW3C.org.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

Location: 34567 Seven Mile, Livonia
Web: www.emmanuel-livonia.org
Contact: 248-442-8822

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

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

Youth group: 7 p.m. Wednesdays

Women's Coffee Break Bible Study Advent Stuedy: 10-11:30 a.m. Mondays; "Advent Reflections, Making All Things New"

Christmas Eve: worship, candle lighting and holy communion at 5 (family worship), 7 and 11 p.m.
Sunday Dec 29: one service at 10 a.m.

Faith Community Presbyterian Church

Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile
Contact: 248-349-2345 or visit www.faithcommunity-novi.org
Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.
Women's Bible Study: 9:15-10:30 a.m. Saturdays

First Baptist Church of Northville

Location: 217 N. Wing
Contact: 248-348-1020
Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m. and 5:45 p.m.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Ladies Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesdays
Men's Bible Study: 9 a.m. first Saturday of every month

First Church of the Nazarene

Location: 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile
Contact: 248-348-7600 or visit dfcnazarene.org
Sunday Schedule: 9:30 a.m. Classic worship service, Adult Bible Fellowship classes and Children's Sunday School; 11 a.m. Contemporary worship service with Kids Church, Teen Worship Service and Adult Bible Fellowship classes. Café is open from 9:15-11 a.m. Refreshments at 10:30 a.m.; 6 p.m. Evening Traditional Service
Tuesday: 9:25 a.m. Women's Bible Study (Women of the Word) studying Luke
Thursday schedule: 6 a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer Group and Bible Study
Friday: 9:30 a.m.; Sweet Fridays on the second and fourth Fridays -- A Ministry for Moms of All Ages

First Presbyterian Church of Northville

Location: 200 E. Main
Contact: 248-349-0911 or visit www.fpcnorthville.org
Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.

First Presbyterian Church

Location: 205 E. Lake Street (corner of Wells and 10 Mile), South Lyon
Contact: 248-437-2875

First United Methodist Church of Northville

Location: 777 W. Eight Mile, Northville
Contact: 248-349-1144 or www.fumcnorthville.org
Summer Sunday Worship (Memorial Day-Labor Day): 8:30 and 10 a.m.
Summer Sunday School (Memorial Day-Labor Day): 8:30 a.m. - Nursery; 10 a.m. - Nursery - sixth grade
Sunday Worship (September-May): 8, 9:15 and 11 a.m.
Sunday School (September-May): 8 a.m. Nursery; 9:15 a.m. Nursery 12th grade; 11 a.m. Nursery sixth grade

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Location: 41415 Nine Mile, corner of Meadowbrook Road, Novi
Contact: 248-349-0565
Sundays: 8:45 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Study; 10 a.m. Worship

Holy Cross Episcopal Church

Location: 40700 W. 10 Mile
Contact: 248-427-1175 or holycrossnovi@gmail.com; visit holyCROSSnovi.org
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.

Legacy Church (formerly First Baptist Church and Orchard Hills Baptist Church)

Location: 23455 Novi Road, Novi
Contact: Pastor Jon Hix 248-349-5665 or visit www.legacychurch.us
Sunday School/Small Groups for all ages: 9:45 a.m.
Worship Services: 11 a.m.
Bible Study/Prayer: 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
Christmas Eve Candlelight & Story Service: 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 24
Details: The Meadowbrook Handchime Choir will be making its debut. Rev. Ritter's sermon title is "Fear Not". The service will end with "Silent Night" and candles. The 9 p.m. Christmas Eve service of candlelight, music and word will include guest violin and harp along with sopranos Stephanie Rose Kanak and Maren Ritter. The sermon title is "Godsnowhere". Nursery care is available at both services.

Northville Christian Assembly

Location: 41355 Six Mile
Contact: 248-348-9030; ncalife.org
Sundays: 9-10 a.m. Sunday School for adults / youth / children; 9 a.m. Contemporary service in multipurpose gymnasium; 10:15 a.m.: Contemporary service in worship center; children's super church on the second level (208/210)
Wednesday Family Night: 7 p.m.; Adult elective classes; junior and senior high ministries; children's programs, Nursery and Preschool Program on Sundays and Wednesdays Home of Northville Christian School (day

care; preschool through eighth grade); call 248-348-9031.

Novi-Northville Center for Jewish Life

Details: Events, programs and activities for all ages throughout the year -- children's programs, Sunday school, adult Jewish classes, youth clubs, holiday services and programs, community social events.
Contact: Rabbi Avrohom & Leah Susskind at 248-790-6075 or rabbim@novijewishcenter.com; www.novijewishcenter.com

Novi United Methodist Church

Location: 41671 W. 10 Mile
Contact: 248-349-2652 or visit umcnovi.com
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Novi-United-Methodist-Church/59782031433>
Sunday Worship: 9:45 a.m.
Healing Service and Holy Communion: 9:45 a.m. first Sunday of every month
Peace Vigil: noon, first Sunday of every month in front of the church. Members of the congregation and the community will stand united in prayer for peace.

Oak Pointe Church

Location: 50200 W. 10 Mile Rd., Novi,
Contact: 248-912-0043
Web: www.oakpointe.org/lifegroups
Worship Services: 5:15 p.m. Saturday; 9:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m. Sunday
ReNew Life Group Ministries: 7-9 p.m. Monday (groups meet weekly)
Women's Life Groups Ministries: 7 p.m. Tuesday; 9:30 a.m. Wednesday
Men's Life Groups Ministries: 6 a.m. Friday; at the church and various locations

Orchard Grove Community Church

Location: 850 Ladd Road, Building C, Walled Lake
Web: www.orchardgrove.org
Contact: Amanda Rehm at 248-926-6584 or amanda.rehm@orchardgrove.org.

Our Saviour Apostolic Lutheran Church

Location: 54899 Eight Mile, Northville
Contact: 248-374-2268
Children (5-10) & Adult Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Bible Study: Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

Orchard Grove Community Church

Location: 850 Ladd Road, Walled Lake
Contact: 248-926-6584; www.orchardgrove.org

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 olv-northville.org
Saturday Worship: 5 p.m.
Sunday Worship: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m.

Our Shepherd Presbyterian Church

Location: 1200 S. Sheldon Road, Plymouth
Contact: pastor Bill Burke at 734-927-0891
Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.
Sunday Bible Study: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m. with fellowship and food after service

Our Savior Apostolic Lutheran Church

Location: 54899 Eight Mile, Northville

Pentecostals of Novi

Location: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile
Contact: 248-697-8158 or visit www.thepentecostalsofnovi.org

Plymouth St. John's Episcopal Church

Location: 574 S. Sheldon in Plymouth
Contact: 734-453-0190, Ext. 16, or visit www.stjohnsplymouth.org

Praise Baptist Church

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

St. James Catholic Church

Location: 46325 10 Mile, Novi
Contact: 248-347-7778
Pastor: Monsignor John Kasza
Mass Schedule: 8, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday-Tuesday; 7 p.m. Wednesday; 5 p.m. Saturday

St. John Lutheran Church

Location: 23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills
Contact: 248-474-0584 or visit stjohn-lutheran.com
Saturday Worship: 5:30 p.m.
Sunday Worship: 9, 11:15 a.m.
Sunday School: 10:15 a.m.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Location: 201 Elm St., Northville
Contact: 248-349-3140

Unity of Farmington Hills

Location: 32500 W. 13 Mile, Farmington
Contact: 248-737-9191; AdministrativeDirector@unityfh.com

Unitarian Universalist Church of Farmington

Location: 25301 Halsted Road, Farmington Hills
Contact: www.uufarmington.org
Youth Interfaith Journey: 9:30 and 11 a.m. Sundays
Details: This religious education program is open to the public and currently enrolling new students. Classes are grouped into grades K-5, 6-8 and 9-12 with age-specific education materials for all.

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

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

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

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

Multi-Generational Services: 6:45 p.m. Fridays

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

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TUCK, PAUL
 Age 69, of Honor, passed away on December 10, 2013. No services have been planned at this time. Arrangements have been entrusted to Covell Funeral Home of Traverse City.

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BERCHEM, VIOLET M.

Age 83, formerly a 35+ year Northville resident, passed away December 13, 2013. She was born on September 1, 1930, in Detroit, daughter of the late August and Margaret Kunz. She is survived by her children: Susan (Stephen) Ackman and Jeffrey Berchem; six grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and her sister Emily (Buck) Marriott. She was preceded in death by her husband Jack in 1992 and her son Daniel in 2011. Visitation was held on Monday, December 16, from 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. A Funeral Service was held on Tuesday, December 17, at 11:00 a.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Interment followed at Rural Hill Cemetery. Online guestbook at: www.phillipsfuneral.com



BUSSELL, PHYLLIS

Age 93, of Farmington Hills, passed away Dec. 11, 2013. Full obit and online condolences at www.casterlinefuneralhome.com

May peace be with you in this time of sorrow.

FREELAND, MARILYN ELIZABETH (BRUCE)

Of Beulah and Bonita Springs, Florida, passed away on Friday, December 6, 2013 at Okemos Health and Rehabilitation Center. Marilyn was born on December 19, 1927, in Frankfort, Michigan, the daughter of Helen (Dougherty) and Guy Bruce. Nothing was more important to Marilyn than her family and she was its heart. She is survived by her daughters, Mary (Joseph) Thompson and Patricia (Jay) Trost, both of DeWitt; sons, Thomas (Catherine) Freeland of Coopersville and Michael (Ronna) Freeland of Milford; grandchildren, Sara (Jared) Bennett, Joel (Shanna) Trost, Jared Trost, Heather Freeland, Joshua Freeland, Hailey Freeland, Dayna Freeland, Devon Freeland; great-grandchildren, Kenyth Schultz and Jack Trost; and niece Susan (Dale) Westcott, who she loved like a daughter. She is also survived by her sisters-in-law Evelyn (Don) Kirby, Delores Smith and Evon Freeland; many nieces, nephews, lifelong friends; and loyal companion, her dog Max. Marilyn was preceded in death by her husband, Ken; her parents; and sisters Helen Mary Gifford and Bonnie Bohnow. A Memorial Service was held at the Frankfort United Methodist Church on Saturday, December 14, where family and friends celebrated her life.



HEGLE, DONELDA

Age 89, died December 10th, surrounded by her family. Beloved wife of Carl Hegle of 73 years. Mother to Carlene Moule, Sandy Suttle, Greg Hegle, Kim Pence and preceded in death by son Phil Hegle. Grandmother to 34 grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Forever in our hearts. Private memorial for family only.



JENKINSON KENNETH DEE

age 69 of Milford, passed away peacefully at his home on December 11, 2013. Ken was a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity at Adrian College from which he graduated in 1966. Ken was a teacher of the Huron Valley School System 1967-1997, primarily at Milford High in the English Department and taught Driver's Education and was the Student Activities Director. Ken also coached 9th grade girls' softball and basketball. In addition to Marcia Lee Jenkinson, his beloved wife of 47 years, Ken is survived by his sons Paul Dee (Sheila) Jenkinson and David Lord (Valerie) Jenkinson; granddaughters Hannah Jenkinson and Hope Jenkinson; grandson David Kenneth Jenkinson; mother Irene Jenkinson; sister Mary Dee (J.R.) Polio and nieces Julie Haapala and Lisa Lemieux. Funeral Service was held at Oak Pointe Church Milford on December 16th, 2013. For further information, phone Lynch & Sons at 248.684.6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

McCURDY AMY M. (PRIEST)

Died suddenly Dec. 13 2013, age 43 of Livonia. Beloved wife of Jerome McCurdy. Loving daughter of Brenda Priest and Michael (Diane) Priest. Dear sister of William (Debby) Priest. Cherished granddaughter of Mary Miller. Proud aunt of Kaylee and Ryley Priest. Loved by aunts, uncles and cousins. Gathering Thursday December 19, 10 a.m. until the 11 a.m. Memorial Service at Praise Baptist Church, 45000 N. Territorial Rd, Plymouth. Memorial contributions may be made to Michigan Humane Society, 30300 Telegraph Rd. Suite 220 Bingham Farms, MI 48025

May you find comfort in family and friends

Bill would spur sale of old DeHoCo site

Heise introduces legislation that would force state to clean up, sell former prison site

State Rep. Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth Township, announced the introduction of House Bill 5179 that will transfer the state-owned Detroit House of Corrections prison site in Plymouth Township to the Michigan Land Bank Author-

ity. "It's time for this eyesore to go. Our residents deserve to see it developed and the state has a duty to make it happen," Heise said. "The DeHoCo site is the heart of the Five Mile corridor between Plymouth and Northville townships and the Michigan Land Bank is the proper agency to see that it's cleaned up and marketed for jobs and economic development."

Heise has worked with leadership from Plymouth and Northville townships and Wayne County since 2011 on the development of the Five Mile corridor from Napier to Sheldon roads. Heise successfully led the legislative effort to sell the former Scott Prison site at Five Mile and Beck to Northville Township, which now plans to develop the vacant site. The DeHoCo site,

formerly owned by the city of Detroit as a jail facility, was purchased by the state of Michigan in 1979 as part of a regional prison reform effort. The state built additional prison buildings on the site, which was eventually closed by the state in 1986. Studies done in 2004 confirmed that substantial environmental contamination is prevalent at the site, which will

need to be cleaned up as part of a sale to a private developer or prior to a sale taking place. "The Michigan Land Bank Authority are the experts at turning around old, contaminated sites like DeHoCo," Heise said. "They know how to leverage grants, tax incentives and market these sites for development and jobs. While the property will not be turned around as quickly

as Robert Scott Prison, it's critical that we get started and get the right people on board now." Plymouth Township Supervisor Richard Reaume said he strongly supports the bill. "Plymouth Township has been asking the state for years to clean up and market this site as part of our Five Mile development efforts," Reaume said.

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Forgotten Harvest’s work benefits from donated office space

By Pamela A. Zinkosky
Correspondent

‘Tis the season to remember that gifts come in all forms. Forgotten Harvest, our region’s only food rescue organization, received an early holiday gift last month in the form of 8,000 square feet of fully furnished office space.

The gift-giver was Grant Thornton LLP, an audit, tax and advisory firm with offices in the Southfield American Center building on Franklin Road. Grant Thornton consolidated its offices and wound up with an entire floor of unused space, so the company subleased half of it and gave the other half to Forgotten Harvest for use through November 2017.

The nonprofit company runs lean, with 80 employees responsible for collecting 875,000 pounds of unused food each week from manufacturers, grocery stores, restaurants and other sources, and distributing it to emergency food agencies throughout metro Detroit. Nevertheless, Forgotten Harvest’s staff had far outgrown the available space in its Oak Park warehouse and distribution center.

“We were bursting at the seams,” says Forgotten Harvest President and CEO Susan Goodell, a resident of Birmingham. “There were so many people crammed into a small space. We couldn’t even think. There were often literally several meetings going on at once in the same room.

“We have individual work spaces now. Having this space is really allowing us to work more efficiently.”

What’s more, Goodell says, it’s a luxury for a nonprofit to have such nice offices. “It’s absolutely beautiful,” she says. “There’s even art-



Susan Goodell is leading the way to help feed the needy as CEO of Forgotten Harvest. MANDI WRIGHT | GANNETT MICHIGAN



John Owens, communications director at Forgotten Harvest, settles into his new office on the ninth floor in the Charter One Building. JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

work on the walls.”

Generous donation

Since the offices are so beautiful, and since Forgotten Harvest is so committed to efficiency — 96 cents of every dollar donated to the organization goes directly toward food rescue — Goodell felt the need to let visitors know where the office space came from. The Forgotten Harvest sign includes an “offices generously donated by Grant Thornton” note.

Goodell says she met a former Grant Thornton partner a few years ago, and since then the organization has provided continued support in the form of volunteers. “Grant Thornton really wrapped their arms around us,” she says.

Jim Trouba a partner at Grant Thornton and

Forgotten Harvest board member, says his organization chose to get involved with Forgotten Harvest through its GT Cares program.

“We were impressed by not only the mission of Forgotten Harvest, but with the commitment of its people and the significant number of people in our community that they help,” he said.

The donation, Trouba says, just made sense, especially in light of Forgotten Harvest’s mission to reduce waste.

The Southfield office frees up a good deal of space in the Oak Park warehouse, which provides food storage, houses the organization’s fleet of 35 refrigerated trucks and provides work space for logistics staff.

From the warehouse, Goodell explains, local





The development and finance committee gather in the Superior room of the new Forgotten Harvest offices. JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

trucks depart with some of the food on hand in storage such as repackaged items that were cast-offs from manufacturers and donated nonperishable goods. The truck then picks up donated food from 10 to 12 businesses and then drops off food at three different emergency food providers.


To donate or volunteer, visit www.forgottenharvest.org and join the fight against hunger in metro Detroit.

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OUR VIEWS

Remember the true meaning of Christmas season

Christmas is a time to celebrate humanity. As you can tell by the bitterly cold weather this week, the first major snowstorm last weekend, the increased traffic on the roads and the crowds at your favorite mall, the Christmas season is upon us.

But those are the tangible — to some, distasteful — trappings of the seasons.

For people of the Christian faith, it is one of the most significant times of the year. It marks the coming of the Messiah — the birth of Jesus Christ. Christians all over the world celebrate this great milestone with prayer and reverence.

But this time of year is also important to the followers of other religions. Jews, for example, recently finished celebrating Hanukkah, the eight-day “Festival of Lights,” which ended Dec. 5. The season is marked by the candles of the menorah, and Jews celebrate their ancient heroes and the survival of their culture with festive foods, games and blessings.

Although Hanukkah is considered to be a minor holiday on the Jewish calendar, it has taken on more significance, especially in America, because of its proximity to Christmas.

It is also at this time of year that many African Americans begin to celebrate Kwanzaa. Although not a religious holiday, Kwanzaa, which runs from Dec. 26 through Jan. 1, is a time when followers come together and celebrate family, community and tradition.

So in reality, the Christmas season means different things to different people, especially in America, where so many different cultures have been thrown together. The common denominator seems to be that it is a time of celebration, to hold dear the things that we might take for granted the rest of the year.

In recent years, some people have complained that there has been a war on Christmas. A debate has raged about whether the meaning of Christmas has been watered down by huge department stores or the political correctness police.

It's an unfortunate debate, particularly at this time of year, because it seems to run counter to all the virtues that are celebrated during Christmas.

It is supposed to be a time of rejoicing, and a time to reflect on the common bond of humanity. There are so many people around the globe, including right here in our own back yard, who are not as fortunate. Many are dealing with poverty, hunger or war.

In America, we are fortunate to have the freedom to celebrate Christmas or Hanukkah or Kwanzaa. That in itself is reason enough to celebrate this holiday season.

So whatever Christmas means for you, please take a few moments during this wonderful season to think of those in the world who are not as fortunate. And give thanks for all that we are blessed with here in America.

Merry Christmas.



Northville resident Bob Sochacki played St. Nicholas during a recent Christmas event at Mill Race Village. St. Nicholas, who died in AD 343, was known for his generosity to those in need, as well as his love of children.



Rick Callaway gets a photo of his kids Archer, 4, and Sienna, 7, right as they pose with Santa in his sleigh at Northville Township's Thayer's Corner Park on Dec. 7. While Christmas is the time to welcome Santa, it's also a time of rejoicing, and a time to reflect on the common bond of man for not only Christians, but people of all faiths. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

COMMUNITY VOICE

What's the one thing you really want for Christmas?

This question was asked in downtown Northville.



“For everybody to get along and to enjoy each others company.”
Santa
Northville (visited town square on Dec. 14-15)



“To see all the soldiers brought home from war.”
Isabelle Rios
Northville



“For people to be happy.”
Olivia Boisineau
Northville



“For someone in my family to win the lottery.”
Christina Zitkus
Northville

LETTERS

Stop sign needed

As somebody who drives into downtown Northville everyday, I would say yes, there definitely needs to be a stop sign at Main and Wing streets. Every time I go south on Wing I can't see past the parked cars on Main and just “guess” when to go. It's not a safe situation. For that matter, there also needs to be a 4- way stop at Wing and Dunlap. People stop when they don't have a sign and don't know why those who have a stop are waiting for them. Ugh! These should have been changed years ago.

Barb Hayes
Northville Township

Remove parking spaces

I'm writing in response to the article regarding the Main and Wing intersection.

I think removing a few parking spaces on Main Street east of Wing would improve the situation. Vehicles parked close to Wing block the view of oncoming traffic to drivers on Wing. This makes it difficult for drivers trying to enter or cross Main to determine when it is safe to do so, except for northbound vehicles turning right.

The vehicles parked on the north side also block the view of the intersection for westbound drivers on Main Street. Those going westbound who are not familiar with the intersection may not be able to see if there is a stop sign until they reach the intersection. I suspect that many of the stops by westbound drivers may not simply be as a result of an assumption that they should stop, but because they can't see if there is a stop sign and may not be able to see cross traffic and pedestrians until they are near the intersection.

Both these situations are particularly true if the vehicle(s) are trucks or SUVs. The downhill slope toward Center Street can result in the Main Street traffic being lower than the vehicles on Wing making the vision obstruction worse when larger vehicles are parked.

Over the years, I've noticed more “confused driver” stops by westbound vehicles than eastbound vehicles. I attribute that to the clear view of the intersection that eastbound drivers have, but westbound drivers lack due to parked vehicles.

Simply making the intersection a four-way stop, without removing parking, may not improve the situation at least in terms of westbound traffic as the stop sign may not be easily visible to drivers, depending on its location and the size and location of parked vehicles. It should be noted that the Michigan Motor Vehicle Code prohibits parking within 30 feet of a stop or yield sign.

The traffic volume standard for a four-way stop in the Michigan Manual of Traffic Control Devices is 300 vehicles per hour for any eight hours on an average day and 200 vehicles and/or pedestrians per hour for the same eight hours. Another criteria is five or more crashes in a 12-month period, if the crash situation is susceptible to correction by the multi-stop installation. Does the intersection meet either the volume or crash standard?

An engineering study may consider other factors, such as a vision obstruction in determining whether a multi-way stop is appropriate. In my opinion, if the problem is a vision obstruction and it can be removed, then the first step is to remove the

vision obstruction.
James Petres
Northville

Wonderful evening

Recently a wonderful thing happened in downtown Northville. Families and children gathered at Genitti's Restaurant for a very special event. It started out as a fundraiser for a NPS program called Sprouts K-5, but it turned into so much more. It was the perfect example of what a community can do when we all come together.

Genitti's donated its entire restaurant and theater (plus delicious cocoa and treats), volunteer Nate Mansfield, an 8th grader from Meads Mill Middle School, played Christmas carols in the vestibule. Other volunteers from Thornton Creek Elementary School served as “elves” and helped children get their photo with Santa and served cocoa and cookies. A dynamic youth theater “Spotlight on Youth” contributed their time and talent to perform a holiday show, and Santa Claus himself took photos with children before and after the show. Another Sprouts parent, Ewa Omanen, echoed my feelings:

“Genitti's delivered again by embracing our kids and opening their doors and generous hearts to the Sprouts families. The treats, cocoa, and Santa brought smiles to the kids faces. The Christmas carols and heartwarming performance by the local theater troupe, Spotlight on Youth, added to the joyous celebration and helped us feel more connected, Omanen said. The children's joy and excitement was a powerful reminder of how much they share in common, regardless of whether they are typical or have the diagnosis of autism. The event helped us feel more connected to the community and each other and reminded us of the simple joys of sharing, giving, caring and belonging. Please, share my appreciation and many thanks with Genitti's, Spotlight on Youth and the wonderful volunteers for their generosity, time, and community spirit.”

Thank you, to the Northville community for supporting Sprouts Autism K-5. Recently, Sprouts extraordinarily gifted teacher, Kate Colaluca, sent me a text message. It said, “Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.”

Laurie Kondek
Sprouts parent

Squashing education

The hospital and education systems in America were founded by the church. Most public education systems were usurped by unions. Many now facing abandonment by systems that have demonstrated few hopeful results. Still remaining a financial generator for one powerful bureaucracy and a tool for political maneuvering of the public. While our general education systems slipped, hospitals grew unhampered in a mission to care for body and spirit.

Are hospitals being teed up for confiscation and takeover by “Obamacare” planners following a purposeful destruction of health care that worked to progressively dangle out the critical need to the public?

How about Common Core as micro management of teachers tension with that elusive and maybe futile “race to the top” dumped on go. It takes outstanding teaching ability to assess the potential needs of students and

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confining their role to testing does not make sense to me. I am suspicious of theories removing the art from the artisan. Certainly teachers in elementary levels get the worst of this unlike the less tethered educators at higher levels. This appears a grab bag loser program discounting most critical days for young children

Maybe this is to muddle and squash all hope of evaluations in education as a human right to test the emerging improvement and opportunity to excel through vouchers to improve it as market choices inevitably tend to do. Motivation in education is ignited in family cultures or those pushers of kids toward serious interest to acquire and sharpen talents. Their personal environment must setup the need to seek that goal.

Another reworking of curricula by the Harvard theorists reminds me of the same rework by them of formerly thriving business models not long ago. Methods are needed to grow interactive communication between children, parents and teacher. Coordinated efforts may be much better than recitations for testing purposes which may not prove much.

Jim Nowka
Northville Township

Disclose contributions

Two thumbs up to Secretary of State Ruth Johnson for her efforts to require public disclosure of campaign contributions. If there is ever any hope of returning integrity to elections, campaign contribution must become open and transparent.

Anonymous spending on all political ads should be outlawed and if not, citizens will become even more skeptical of the election process.

Bob Hoffman
Oakland County commissioner,
District 2

Vote down House Bill 5551

Michigan House Bill 5551 recently moved out of committee and is expected to be acted on by the legislature as a whole. This bill states that third-grade students who do not score “proficient” on the reading MEAP test will not be able to advance to the third grade.

While on the surface it seems reasonable or logical to retain students who have trouble with reading, there are unintended consequences that must be considered with this bill. We must consider the emotional and social consequences that can result in keeping students back from their peers. Additionally, do we really want to base a child's academic future on a single test they take as a third grader?

My answer is no. I encourage Lansing to vote down this bill and instead begin the more difficult work of investing and improving our schools.

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Cure cabin fever with outdoor adventure, fun

By Diane Gale Andreassi
Staff Writer

There's plenty to do when the weather is frigid and cabin fever gets dangerously unbearable. But, cold, snowy weather doesn't mean you have to hibernate on your sofa, in front of the television with a blanket until spring.

Check-out the Wild Lights show at the Detroit Zoo in Royal Oak as you take in the holiday entertainment, from arts and crafts, storytelling, ice carving and a Lego holiday train display. The Wild Adventure Zone is also featuring *The Polar Express 4-D Experience*, a 14-minute film starring Tom Hanks.

The show runs Dec. 20-23, 26-30 and Jan. 2-5, 5:30-9 p.m. staying open until 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday. \$8 per person in advance and \$10 at the gate for ages 2 and older. Parking is \$5.

Or, head outdoors to some place like Kensington Metropark where there's plenty to keep you busy.

Up North feel

The wooded, rural setting off Interstate 96

offers the perfect scenery for Dave Hardin of Royal Oak, who uses the park to the fullest all year. He usually meets friends, because it's a halfway point from where everyone lives. He was out recently to hike with buddies in 28-degree weather, and he also uses the trails to snowshoe, bike and cross country ski.

Ben Buyawe of Farmington Hills walks the trails around Kensington for close to three hours two or three times weekly depending on the temperatures.

Bruce Darr rode his horse, Hammer, from his Milford home to Kensington recently. Hammer prefers colder weather to warm, said Darr, who dresses in layers, wears winter riding boots to keep warm.

Kim Jarvis, Kensington Metropark superintendent, said there are five miles of hike/bike trails that are plowed from the East Boat Launch to the Bay Woods Picnic area. Two ice rinks are available at the boat rental — one for free skating and other designated for hockey

use. There are no skate rentals available.

The park also offers 12 miles of cross country ski trails. Cross country skis are available at the golf course club house, which is opened weekends and holidays, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., when snow conditions permit. Snowshoeing is available on the nature trails, too. Horse-drawn sleigh rides, if there is enough snow, are available on the weekends at the Farm Center. The cost for adults is \$5 and children and senior citizens are \$3. The Nature Center is also open during the winter.

Sledding, tobogganing and a beginners snow boarding hill are available at the Orchard Picnic area, which is also dubbed the winter sports area, Jarvis said.

Huron Meadows Metropark in Green Oak Township offers, both classic and skate skiing. Metroparks makes snow for a 1-K cross country ski trail, Jarvis said. Both classic and skate skis are available for rental at the Huron Meadows club house 2-7 p.m. Friday, as well as 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday



Cindy Stanndard heads off on a cross country ski trip at Northville's Maybury State Park in this file photo. JOHN HEIDER

and and Sunday.

The metroparks require a vehicle entry pass, which is \$5 daily.

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CITY OF NORTHVILLE

The Northville Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public hearing to receive public input on a variance requested by the property owner at 483 Grace Street, Northville, Michigan. The applicant is seeking a variance to construct a home and garage in the front yard setbacks on premises zoned R-2, Second Density Residential District, parcel number 48-001-02-0009-000. The City's Building Official has determined that a front-yard variance of seven feet five inches (7'-5") is needed along Grace Street and a front-yard variance of thirteen feet (13') is needed along Lake Avenue from Section 15.01 of the Zoning Ordinance to allow construction of a new home and garage in the two front yards.

The public hearing will be held on Wednesday January 8, 2014, at 7:30 p.m. (please note the meeting date change due to the New Years Holiday) at City of Northville Municipal Building - Council Chambers, 215 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-449-9902, as part of the regular City of Northville Board of Zoning Appeals meeting.

The purpose of the hearing will be to receive public input on the variance requests. A copy of the variance application is available for review at the City of Northville Building Department during regular office hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Due to the holidays, City Hall will be closed on: December 24, December 25, December 31, and January 1. Written comments regarding the variance request should be directed to the City of Northville at the above address.

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

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Lady Mustangs take home two triumphs

Northville records victories over Western, Central

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

The Northville girls basketball team started off the season exactly as it hoped—with wins.

The squad, coached by Todd Gudith, picked up a 51-25 victory over Walled Lake Western Dec. 10 before earning an equally-impressive win over Walled Lake Central, 59-31, just three days later.

“For our first game, we came away very pleased,” Gudith said of the victory over the Warriors. “Western came into the game 0-2, being outscored 121-18 in those two games, so trying to keep our girls focused was important.”

Northville followed the lead of senior Heather Randall, who scored 14 points. Scoring 10 was freshman Jessica Moorman.

The Mustangs outbounded the Warriors, 45-19, and were led by Emily Marsh, a junior, who picked up seven.

Despite the dominance overall on the boards, the Mustangs struggled to put up quality shots in close to start the game.

“We didn’t finish around the rim very well early on and only led 9-5 after the first quarter, but we found our groove after that,” Gudith said. “Part of that I’m sure was nerves being our first game and for many their first varsity game. We were

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ON TAP

Northville will be back in action at 7 p.m. today at home against Churchill. The team will then play next weekend in the Northville Holiday Tournament.



Northville's Emily Martin looks to make a pass against Walled Lake Western. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Mustangs net three more victories on ice

Team improves record to 6-1-1 on season

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

Three more games and three more wins helped keep December rolling right along for the Northville hockey team.

The squad, coached by Clint Robert, picked up wins over South Lyon, 6-1, Canton, 2-1, and Grand Haven, 4-0, to keep their season flowing in a very positive direction. The wins pushed the team's record to 6-1-1 on the season.

“We, as a team, have stressed defense and I thought we had a good week in that regard,” Robert said. “Right now, guys are embracing team ‘D’ and are proud of the fact we have only allowed six goals in eight games, including four shutouts.”

The team's most recent shutout came against Grand Haven as the Mustangs skated to a 1-0 lead in the first period with a goal by Jack Meacham that would prove to be the game-winner. Assisting on the goal were Alec Melucci and Alec Morgan.

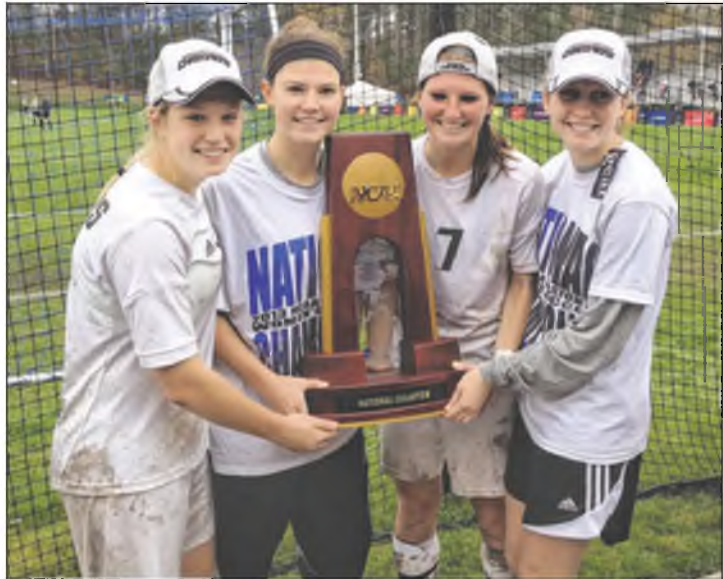
In the second period, Nick Stegmeyer took assists from Meacham and Morgan and found the back of the net for a 2-0 lead, which was added to when Morgan scored a goal of his own for

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ON TAP

The Northville hockey team will be back on the ice when it plays at 7 p.m. Friday at Hartland before taking on East Kentwood at home at 8 p.m. Saturday.

NHS grads lead Lakers to NCAA soccer title



The Grand Valley State University women's soccer team won the NCAA Division II championship Dec. 7 in Evans, Ga. Four Northville High graduates are on the team, which finished the season with a 24-0-1 record. They are (from left) Gabbie Guibord, Emily Bush, Kelsey Fiscus and Alexis Mencotti. All of them are 2013 grads, except Fiscus who graduated from NHS in 2010. The team went to the final four in each of the four years Fiscus has been on the team. Her senior class never lost a game at home and finished their career with an 86-4-10 record. The team beat West Florida, 2-0, in the championship game.

Gymnastics team has young lineup

Mustangs looking to stay competitive as newcomers to the squad mature

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

With eight of the Northville gymnastics team's 13 athletes being brand new to high school gymnastics, there is little doubt that a lot of experience has to be earned while learning all the ins and outs of the sport along the way.

Thankfully for Northville coach Erin McWatt, now in her 10th year as head coach, she has 13 athletes who are determined to improve each and every day.

It also helps to have a strong returning captain like junior Alyssa Breen, who specializes on the vault and floor routines, to help lead the squad. Breen is the only junior on the team this season.

“The goal is always to have as many girls as possible qualify for the regionals on each event and to make a good showing at the Kensington Lakes Athletics Association meet, which begins the postseason,” McWatt said.

The Mustangs will have to work hard right out of the gate to get the freshmen and first-year gymnasts familiar with high school competitions. Additionally, the team will be focusing on building upper-body strength in order to



Junior Alyssa Breen comes into her floor routine.

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Gymnastics team bows to Plymouth

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

There is still a lot of work to be done in the very young season, so the Northville gymnastics team knows there is no reason to get riled up over the rough start to the 2013-14 schedule.

Last week, the squad, coached by Erin McWatt, took a 135.175-119.1 loss against Plymouth. Of course, that loss, like the first of the season, came without several gymnasts competing for Northville.

"We are still feeling the effects of not having four of our new freshmen in the lineup, but they will officially begin their season with us next week for our final dual of 2013," McWatt said of the match against Livonia Red, which took place Tuesday (after the sports section went to print). "We are already at a disadvantage this month with an injury sidelining one of our sophomores and mono taking out another. However, the girls are in great spirits and have fantastic attitudes."

ON TAP

Northville will be back in action at 4:30 p.m. Jan. 11 at Milford.

On top of those spirits and attitudes being displayed, some strong performances were on show against the Wildcats. Alyssa Long earned herself an 8.25 with her floor routine, while Alyssa Breen picked up an 8.25 on the beam. Earning an 8.2 was Emma Cermalovic on the vault, while Emilie Statetzny picked up a 7.0 on the bars.

"I am happy that our bar scores improved significantly this week and floor continues to be a bright spot for us," McWatt said. "We improved our team all-around by three points in just four short days from the first dual meet to the second. As long as we keep progressing steadily, I think we will peak at the right time."

The Mustangs fell to 0-2 on the season with the loss to Plymouth.

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GYMNASTICS

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compete on the bars, which is the squad's weakest event currently.

Northville returns just five gymnasts from last year and all of them, with the exception of Breen, are sophomores with one year experience. McWatt said that while her team is young – it won't graduate a single senior this year – it is very talented.

"They will make an immediate impact and will likely compete all-around," she said.

"Our floor will be the source of strength for us this year."

The team showcased that with a strong 8.4 from Alyssa Long, a sopho-

more, in the first meet of the season. While Northville didn't win with the 116.325 points they picked up from the judges, they did give Brighton (138.925) and Howell (139.875) notice that there are plenty of talented gymnasts on the Mustangs' squad this season.

Breen turned in an 8.65 on the vault, while sophomore Katie Bederka earned an 8.75 on the beam.

"It was a bit of a rough start for us because we were missing five new competitors at this meet," McWatt said. "However, the girls' attitudes were phenomenal and very mature, especially for a team with no seniors and eight out of 13 brand new high school competitors."

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HOCKEY

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a 3-0 advantage. Assists on the second goal came from Cam LaBurn and Meacham.

In the third period, Northville added nails to the coffin as Kyle Dann scored to cap the game at 4-0. Henry Chang and Randy Stoever were credited with assists.

Chance Boutin earned the shutout in goal and faced just 10 shots thanks to Northville's stifling defensive pressure. Northville climbed to 6-1-1 on the season with the victory.

Northville 6, South Lyon 1

Against the Lions, the Mustangs earned a convincing Central Division win as Stegmeyer and Meacham each scored in the first period, followed by goals from Kyle Abraham, LaBurn and Morgan in the second and another by Abraham in the third to secure the victory.

Earning assists on the goals were Morgan (three), Alex Shuart (two), Connor Brown, Stoever, Meacham, Melucci, Stegmeyer and Buster White.

South Lyon's lone goal came with just seven seconds left in the second period.

Earning the win in goal for Northville was Boutin, who faced 24 shots and stopped 23.

Northville 2, Canton 1

In the closest game of the week, the Mustangs found themselves trailing in the first period as the Chiefs put the opening tally on the board. Led by Kurt Snow on a power play, the Chiefs skated down the ice and found the back of the net past Northville's Jeremy Onofrio. Snow scored the goal with assistance from Hunter Schlampp.

Northville wouldn't let the lead stand too long, however, scoring before the end of the period on a shot from Stegmeyer that was assisted by Meacham and P.J. Schnepf.

In the second period, the Mustangs scored the game-winner off the stick of White, who was assisted by Morgan and Schnepf for the 2-1 lead and eventual victory.

Earning the win in goal was Onofrio, who stopped 19-of-20 shots.

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BASKETBALL

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able to get significant playing time to all 12 of our players which, hopefully, will continue to benefit us in the long run."

Against Walled Lake Central three days later, the Mustangs followed the lead of senior Gabby Mencotti as she put up 18 points to lead her team to victory. Randall added 13 in the win while Maresh put in 10 of her own.


"We came out a little more aggressive defensively than Tuesday night and finished a lot better around the rim to break the game open early," Gudith said

of his team, which led 18-7 after the first quarter and 33-15 after the first half. "We played with more composure offensively and picked them apart in the half court. Their trapping didn't rattle us much. We looked like we took a step forward tonight, which what you want to be doing each game as the season goes."

While the Vikings matched up height-wise with Northville better than Western did, Northville still dominated the boards by pulling down 42 rebounds to Central's 17.

Northville is now 2-0 on the season.

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Fifth-grader places third in Oklahoma tourney

Thornton Creek Elementary fifth-grader Camden Trupp, 10, competed in the elite 17th annual Suplay Kickoff Classic Wrestling Tournament earlier this month in Tulsa, Okla., which featured more than 1,800 wrestlers from more than 35 states. He took home the prestigious Eagle award and medal for placing third in the 10 and under 76-pound division. He wrestled and won against nationally ranked opponents from Iowa, Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas. He also recently participated in the Border Wars National Championships in Battle Creek and was crowned the 10 and under, 80-pound division national champion. Camden, who is a member of Team Donahoe Wrestling Club in Davison, is the son of C.J. and Jennifer Trupp of Novi.



Bowlers have tough week

Team drops matches to South Lyon, Walled Lake Central

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

It wasn't the week the Northville girls and boys bowling teams were hoping to have, but sometimes the most important lessons are learned in tough losses.

The two squads, both coached by Jerry Harris, took losses to South Lyon and Walled Lake Central last week.

The boys team fell to South Lyon, 22-8, and Walled Lake Central, 27-3, while the girls fell to South Lyon, 24-6, and to Walled Lake, 23-7.

"We ran into some lane conditions that we could not adjust to," Harris said about the match against South Lyon. "We had some trouble with spare shooting and we're working on that."

Against South Lyon, the boys were led by Adam Gleichman, who had a high game of 207, while Collin Fowler shot a 199.

Simon Long won his first two points in varsity competition against the Lions and Fowler won his first varsity point.

The boys had another tough day three days after falling to South Lyon, when they lost to

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Northville will be back on the lanes Jan. 7 against Novi.

Walled Lake Central.

Leading the team that day was Fowler, who shot a 233, and Gleichman, who had a 218 high game. Fowler averaged 213 over the day.

The boys team fell to 0-2 on the season.

Girls bowling

The girls team was led by Ashley Schiffer in the match against South Lyon as she threw games of 187 and 176 in the losing effort.

"We are still working on spare shooting as one of our need-to-improve areas," Harris said. "We'll be working at it when we get back to practice. Spares. Spares."

The Mustangs also took a loss against Walled Lake Central and in that match Schiffer led her team with a high game of 168, followed closely by Rachel Kemp, who bowled a 163.

The team fell to 0-2 with the two losses.

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Novi native Kristock honored with NCAA national award

Oakland University defender Nick Kristock, a graduate of Novi High School, has been selected as the 2013 Senior CLASS Award winner in NCAA Division I men's soccer.

The award, chosen by a nationwide vote of Division I men's soccer coaches, national soccer media and fans, is given annually to the most outstanding senior student-athlete in Division I men's soccer. To be eligible for the award, a student-athlete must be classified as an NCAA Division I senior and have notable achievements in four areas of excellence – classroom, community, character and competition.

An acronym for Celebrating Loyalty and Achievement

for Staying in School, the Senior CLASS Award focuses on the total student-athlete and encourages students to use their platform in athletics to make a positive impact as leaders in their communities.

"First, I would like to say thank you to the Senior CLASS Award committee for selecting me to represent this award from among the many other extremely deserving candidates," Kristock said. "Next, I want to say thank you to all of the Oakland University family, as well as many other amazing groups I have been connected with that helped me throughout the voting. Their support was relentless, and I could never thank them adequately."

"Lastly, I really need to

express how grateful I am for the many people close to me that helped me during my entire soccer career," Kristock added.

A human resources major who graduated last spring and is currently working on his masters in business administration, Kristock was named the Oakland University Student Leader of the Year and was the recipient of the Human Relations Award, exemplifying superior academic and co-curricular achievement by a graduating senior. He is the president and founder of the nonprofit organization Gigs for Good.

Kristock was named to the all-Horizon League team following a season in which the Grizzlies went 7-7-5.



Northville's Andrew Stevens tries to make a move around Walled Lake Central's Justin Nafso. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

ROUGH START

Boys hoops team drops two games to start season

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

The opening game of any season is always potentially a tough one and that was the case for the Northville boys basketball team last week. Unfortunately, that tough start extended into the second game of the season as well.

In the season opener Dec. 10, the Mustangs took a 52-46 loss against Hartland. Three days later, they suffered a 61-56 loss against Walled Lake Central.

"Opening games are a test for everyone," Northville coach Todd Sander said. "It is hard to know what to expect."

In a game that saw six lead changes and was tied three times, Northville appeared to be a pretty even match with the Eagles. The Mustangs led 5-4 after the first quarter and carried a 21-17 lead into the locker room.

The Eagles made some adjustments, however, and scored 13 points in the third quarter while Northville scored 14 to make it 35-30.

In the fourth quarter, Northville couldn't seem to catch a break and, with four minutes remaining, the Mustangs' Andrew Meacham fouled out.

Meacham, who led the team in scoring with 22, had a team-high five rebounds at that point and his departure was felt as the Eagles put up 22 points in the fourth and held the Mustangs to just 11 to come from behind and take the win.

"Our guys fought through a lot of difficult circumstances and we certainly learned a lot," Sander said. "This was a great learning experience for us."

Northville's Malik Bazzi had seven points in the losing effort.

Against Walled Lake Central, the Mustangs looked as though they were going to be the come-from-behind victors. When they went into the half, Northville trailed by 10 points, 29-19, but they came out with a fervor in the third quarter and outscored the Vikings, 20-8, to lead by two at the end of the quarter.

The fourth quarter found the two teams trading leads several times, setting up a scenario that felt as though the game could have come down to the absolute final seconds.

Walled Lake Central took a 57--56 lead with just 46 seconds left on two free throws. Those two shots would lead to Northville's undoing as the team was forced to foul following a bad pass that went in the Vikings' favor. The Mus-



Walled Lake Central's Justin Nafson is surrounded by a trio of Mustangs, including Nathan Kellum (left). JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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Northville will be back in action at 7 p.m. today at Churchill. The team will then play next weekend in the Northville Holiday Tournament.

tangs fouled on the final two possessions, leading to four points for Walled Lake Central and the 61-56 win.

Bazzi led all scorers with 28 points, even hitting two 3-pointers on the night.

"Malik was outstanding tonight," Sander said. "He kept us in the game early and kept it rolling throughout the rest of the game. That is a great sign for our team."

Meacham added 18 points and Joey Hewlett added nine.

The Mustangs hope to not be in a similar situation anytime soon, but Sander said he was happy with the way his team came out in the third quarter.

"I'm really proud of the way we responded in the second half," he said. "We had to adjust to a different style of play and our guys reacted appropriately. We can really build on the effort tonight."

Northville is now 0-2 on the season.

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Cheerleaders finish fourth at CCCAM invite

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

It was a day of stiff competition that showed both Northville's impressive strides since the first days of tryouts as well as the flaws where there is still work to be done.

But that's the beauty of the first meet of the season.

The Mustangs competitive cheer team, coached by Mindy Gentz, scored 575.56 points in the Division I competition of the CCCAM Scholarship Invitational, which was held last weekend at Trenton High School. The score gave the Mustangs a fourth-place finish as Stevenson, Novi and Plymouth took first, second and third, respectively.

"This was our first meet of the season and the team accomplished the goals they set for each round," Gentz said. "As a young, inexperienced team, the girls exceeded all expectations."

The Mustangs had an exceptional first round, finishing with 211 points, which was the second-best score of any Division I school and put the team right behind Stevenson in the standings. Unfortunately, that position wouldn't hold as the team slipped to fourth place after round two, with a score of 155.96 points, and fell behind Novi and Plymouth.

"We have a lot of work to do in round two in order to increase the difficulty level of the skills we are performing in the tumbling category," Gentz said. "With a young group, we are using a different strategy than what we have used in the past when selecting our round two skills in order to get the best possible performance from our athletes and ultimately the highest scores from each skill."

The team's third round, which Gentz said is a "work in progress," earned a score of 208.6.

"We competed today with only about a quarter of the

round complete," Gentz said. "What we were able to perform scored very well. The team earned execution bonus points for their outstanding performance. Once the round is completed, it will ultimately score 100 points higher than it did today."

Gentz said the team, overall, is happy with the performance, though she said the coaches will still be working on several aspects for upcoming competition.

Helping keep the team focused and heading in the right direction are captains Suzie Gutowski (senior), Ashten Tucker (senior), Alyssa Corn (junior) and Shayla Croteau (junior).

"We only have six girls with experience competing at the varsity level," Gentz said. "The four captains, along with Anna Mayer (sophomore) and Tricia Cox (sophomore), are all stepping up to provide leadership to the new girls and serve as the core of our team in all three rounds."

Earning special honors at the CCCAM meet were Tucker and sophomore Jenna Garbacik.


"Tucker turned in rock-solid performances in all three rounds, stepped up through a new tumbling skill in round three and took the lead on helping a teammate," Gentz said. "Garbacik did an outstanding job for her first time competing as a varsity athlete. She overcame several mental blocks, fixed errors she had been making in practice and stayed mentally tough when we had a small error in round two, avoiding a penalty situation for the round."

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There are many celebrations in the month of December.


Hanukkah known as the Festival of Lights and Feast of Dedication, is an eight-day Jewish holiday celebrate.

Winter Solstice marks the first day of winter and is the shortest day of the year.

Christmas is a Christian holiday that celebrates the birth of Jesus.

Kwanzaa is a non- religious holiday that celebrates African-American heritage.

New Year's Eve is the last day of the year filled with celebration.




BIRTHDAY WISHES


Carly Greifengbergs	Farmington Hills	12/19
Kamar Taylor	inkster	12/19
Antonio Biggs	Livonia	12/22
Michael Brooks	Detroit	12/25
Damien Dailide	Canton	12/27

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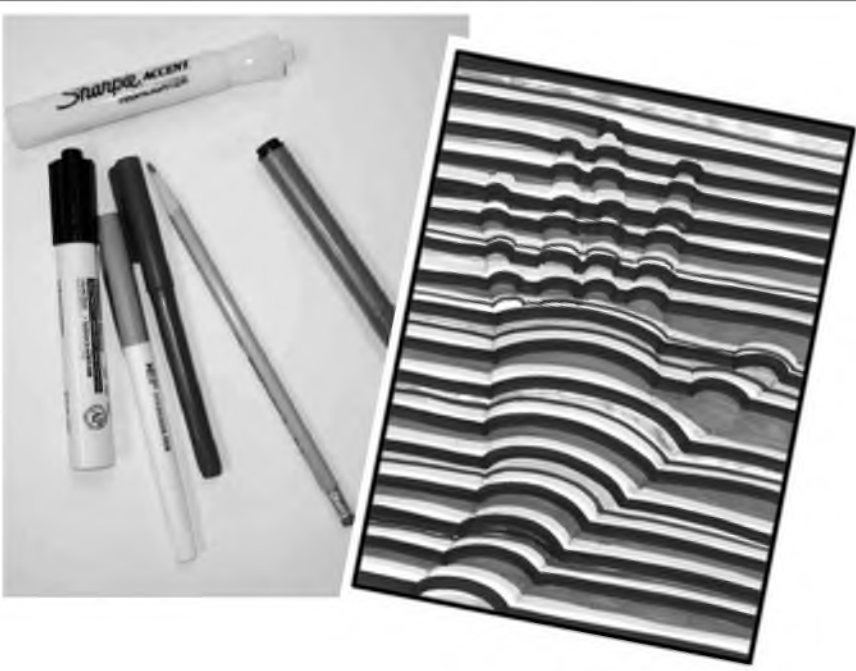
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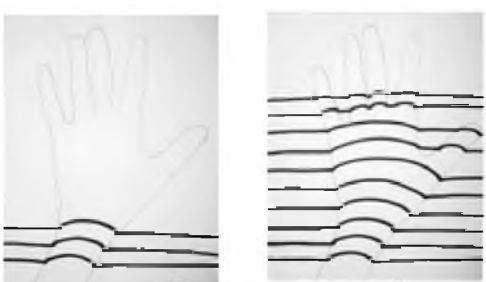
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November's Winner



Preston Bognear, 3 years old of Wayne
To keep himself active, Preston hunts for bugs. He received a \$20 Gift Card to Community Bowling Center to share with his family.

Making an Onigiri

by Sabriana D'Water
6th Grader at Adams Upper Elementary School

An onigiri is an easy-to-make riceball. This is a recipe to craft the Japanese dish.

Ingredients:

- A nice amount of rice
- As much filling as you want (tuna is a good filling)
- Seaweed (you can try lettuce if you want)

Cook the rice. Let it sit until the rice feels sticky. Grab a hand full of rice. Sharp it into a triangular-type shape. This is the base of your riceball! Put a dent in the middle of the rice. Put filling in the dent. After this, take a small amount of rice and completely hide the filling. Reshape it into a rounded triangle shape. Finally, put seaweed on the bottom of the riceball. This is to hold it without having to touch the rice.



Sabriana D'Water

Enjoy your onigiri!



Realtor group chief urges change in mortgage market

As lawmakers debate how best to reform the secondary mortgage finance market, they must ensure that any new system retains access to safe, secure and affordable sources of mortgage capital for creditworthy consumers in all market conditions or risk a major disruption to the economy, warned the National Association of Realtors recently in testimony before the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs.

On behalf of the leading advocate for homeownership and housing issues, NAR President Gary Thomas recommended essential reforms to the current housing finance structure that will benefit consumers.

“Realtors support a stable secondary mortgage market with strong, reasonable lending standards and access to

credit. We believe that the current system can be transitioned into a marketplace that is bound by an explicit government guarantee and a sustained flow of private capital while protecting taxpayers from unnecessary risk,” said Thomas, broker-owner of Evergreen Realty, in Villa Park, Calif. “We fear that without the government’s backing, the only mortgage products available in the secondary market for the average homebuyer would not be aligned with their best interests.”

NAR supports the bipartisan “Housing Finance Reform and Taxpayer Protection Act of 2013,” which provides for an explicit government guarantee and includes many of the elements outlined in the association’s principles for secondary mortgage finance reform that NAR presented to

the administration in early 2011.

During his testimony, Thomas expressed concern about emerging barriers to homeownership facing middle class and first-time buyers that could potentially derail the housing recovery. “Apprehensive bankers are leery about issuing new loans as a result of proposed risk retention rules and ability-to-repay requirements that are set to go into effect next year. At the same time, rising interest rates and growing student loan debt is limiting consumers’ access to credit and contributing to an already tight lending environment.”

Realtors urged policymakers to prioritize strong underwriting standards over high down payment requirements that would put homeownership out of reach for otherwise creditworthy buyers.

Rather than adopt a complex Qualified Residential Mortgage rule, NAR believes the agencies should follow the strong standards set by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau for the related Qualified Mortgage Rule.

Thomas warned against other proposals that would restrict lending, such as lowering loan limits and putting private capital in a 10 percent first-loss position, which could inhibit private investors from participating in the secondary mortgage market, especially during periods of economic distress.

“Our goal is to help Congress, and our industry, design a secondary mortgage market model that will serve America’s best interests today and into the future, and ensure a strong housing market and economic recovery,” said Thomas.



NAR President Gary Thomas appears before the U.S. Senate committee.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Aug. 12-16, 2013, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS	
16905 Buckingham Ave	\$158,000
20250 Coryell Dr	\$285,000
17010 Dunblaine Ave	\$245,000
20024 Ronsdale Dr	\$338,000
31146 Sunset Ct	\$343,000
BINGHAM FARMS	
30215 Oakview Way	\$290,000
23615 Overlook Cir	\$259,000
BIRMINGHAM	
1494 E Melton Rd	\$212,000
809 Henrietta St	\$415,000
680 Landon St	\$425,000
975 Mohegan St	\$778,000
928 N Adams Rd Unit 1	\$86,000
508 Oakland Ave	\$319,000
455 Smith Ave	\$273,000
1674 Webster St	\$205,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	
1050 Frankel Ln	\$243,000
4366 Risdon Ct	\$538,000
2536 Robindale Ln	\$190,000
3017 Anthony Ln	\$725,000
486 Dunston Ct	\$605,000
2049 E Hammond Lake Dr	\$30,000
494 Fox Hills Dr N # 7	\$61,000
3922 Mount Vernon Dr	\$230,000
3104 Quarton Rd	\$1,040,000
684 Rudgate Rd	\$950,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	
2536 Alveston Dr	\$222,000
1526 Ardmoor Dr	\$331,000
3721 Darlington Rd S	\$430,000
5965 Darramoor Rd	\$240,000
122 Eileen Dr	\$179,000

7268 Glengrove Dr	\$275,000
2393 Heronwood Dr	\$860,000
1167 Hill Line Trl	\$575,000
1671 Hoit Tower Dr	\$333,000
2696 Kentmoor Rd	\$380,000
566 Lahser Rd	\$275,000
545 Newburne Pointe	\$459,000
4572 Ranch Ln	\$875,000
2854 Rossmoor Cir	\$205,000
4506 Walden Dr	\$455,000
5356 Woodlands Estates Dr S	\$1,325,000
5138 Woodlands Ln	\$350,000
42536 Woodward Ave	\$82,000
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP	
4235 Bluebird Dr	\$515,000
2287 Calibouge	\$254,000
3364 Circle Dr	\$70,000
1446 Commerce Shrs	\$179,000
710 Devon Ct	\$340,000
8339 Dickert St	\$300,000
2931 Gabriel Dr	\$130,000
2041 Golfcrest Dr	\$375,000
3100 Greenlawn Ave	\$150,000
2760 Orenda St	\$155,000
FARMINGTON	
36648 Heatherton Dr	\$240,000
34515 Oakland St	\$243,000
35988 Smithfield Rd	\$219,000
FARMINGTON HILLS	
23443 Barfield St	\$127,000
28840 Bella Vista Dr	\$140,000
31805 Bond Blvd	\$178,000
38400 Chessington	\$138,000
21933 Crescent Ct	\$230,000
21945 Crescent Ct	\$221,000
28953 E King William Dr	\$340,000
21663 Flanders St	\$160,000
30379 Fox Club Dr	\$325,000
22975 Fox Crk	\$218,000
35523 Fredericksburg Rd	\$270,000
37394 Glengrove Dr	\$280,000
37618 Glengrove Dr	\$290,000

33634 Heritage Hills Dr	\$261,000
35124 Knollwood Ln	\$178,000
28707 Lake Park Dr	\$210,000
29333 Medburn Ct	\$200,000
30973 Oak Valley Ct	\$262,000
29521 Pine Ridge Cir	\$130,000
26766 Plumgrove Ln	\$168,000
25300 Ridgewood Dr	\$383,000
29537 S Meadowridge	\$175,000
30445 Springland St	\$250,000
31094 Sudbury St	\$279,000
33195 Tulipwood Rd	\$172,000
32900 W 10 Mile Rd	\$285,000
28841 W King William Dr	\$330,000
FRANKLIN	
31074 Oakleaf Ln	\$624,000
32455 Susanne Dr	\$444,000
LATHRUP VILLAGE	
18160 Cambridge Blvd	\$111,000
18100 Coral Gables Ave	\$120,000
18225 Coral Gables Ave	\$220,000
MILFORD	
3105 Central Blvd	\$69,000
237 Dorchester Ct	\$280,000
440 Hickory Ridge Ct	\$63,000
696 Oak View Ln	\$238,000
619 Olivia Dr	\$405,000
1134 Riverstone Cir	\$288,000
629 Summit Ridge Dr	\$165,000
1148 Tennyson Dr	\$380,000
NORTHVILLE	
332 Debra Ln	\$266,000
21274 Eastfarm Ln	\$225,000
52311 Ferndale Dr	\$50,000
43764 Galway Dr	\$250,000
21605 Parkwood Ln	\$298,000
1100 Washington Cir	\$130,000
21153 Woodfarm Dr	\$205,000
NOVI	
30780 Ardmore Ct	\$150,000
27524 Belgrave Pl	\$307,000
22633 Bertram Dr	\$380,000
22824 Braydon Ct	\$375,000

24408 Cavendish Ave E	\$451,000
28385 Declaration Rd	\$87,000
21894 Dunnabeck Ct	\$330,000
44659 Ellery Ln	\$200,000
44661 Ellery Ln	\$198,000
42709 Faulkner Dr	\$269,000
24709 Jamestowne Rd	\$285,000
50502 Langley Dr	\$576,000
27065 Maxwell Ct	\$225,000
27089 Maxwell Ct	\$290,000
51218 Mayfair Ter	\$251,000
22264 Meridian Ln	\$277,000
42675 Sandstone Dr	\$283,000
47194 Scarlet Dr S	\$241,000
23739 Stonehenge Blvd	\$96,000
42545 Wimbledon Way	\$273,000
SOUTH LYON	
61343 Dean Dr	\$190,000
61210 Greenwood Dr	\$70,000
51980 Red Cedar	\$345,000
52107 Red Cedar	\$331,000
23288 Shinnecock Dr	\$396,000
52258 Trailwood Dr	\$2,000
873 Westhills Dr	\$269,000
941 Wood Run	\$285,000
SOUTHFIELD	
21826 Eight 1/2 Mile Rd	\$40,000
30230 Canterbury Dr	\$138,000
19661 Filmore St	\$37,000
20270 Mada Ave	\$60,000
27655 Pierce St	\$142,000
30039 Pleasant Trl	\$100,000
23902 Plumbrooke Dr	\$190,000
15564 Shelley St	\$83,000
WHITE LAKE	
9381 Beechcrest St	\$140,000
8080 High Point Trl	\$338,000
9375 Mandon Rd	\$190,000
44 Myrick St	\$46,000
8884 Sussex St	\$200,000



Keep up-to-date on flood legislation

Q: Could you give me some basic information about the Biggert Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012 (BW Act)?

A: The BW Act requires that most properties insured through the National Flood Insurance Program be charged rates reflecting the full risk of flood loss. The premium increases apply immediately to flood insurance policies covering businesses and when residential properties are sold or a lapsed policy is renewed. Additionally, the BW Act requires that flood insurance rate maps be updated on an expedited schedule. Apparently, due to BW Act reforms, many homeowners are facing significant increases in their flood insurance premiums. It may be that these increases are so substantial that owners can no longer afford to maintain flood insurance coverage. Obviously, this is a substantial problem for homeowners in areas where flood insurance coverage is required by federal law for mortgaged properties. To help Congress better understand the impact of BW Act reforms, the law required that FEMA determined how flood insurance rate hikes would affect homeowners living in areas where flood insurance coverage is mandatory. The BW Act additionally required that FEMA study how substantial increases in flood insurance premiums would affect overall participation in the National Flood Insurance Program. There is new legislation that has been submitted in an effort to set aside substantial flood insurance rate hikes, but you are best advised to consult with your local congressperson or senator as to how it may impact on you.

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