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## Yakima visit

Amy Yakima, the Northville native who wowed the nation by winning the Fox reality television show So You Think You Can Dance (Sea-son 10), will show off some of her dance techniques at the Northville High School Dance Team Clinic this Saturday.

Yakima, 19, who is a NHS Dance Team alumni, will join the varsity and junior varsity teams for their clinic from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 11 at Per-formers Edge Dance Company, 133 West Main Street, Suite 190. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Dancers ages 8 to 13 are invited to join Yakima and the dance teams for a morning of dance.

**Registration has** been extended until Jan. 10, but space is limited. A registration fee includes dance instruction, a T-shirt, a snack and a meet and greet with Yakima.

To register for the clinic, visit the team's website at www.northvilledanceteam.com and fill out the form. For more information, contact Pam Orlando at porlando1@comcast.net.



Northville Township Police officer Joseph Hetu investigates the scene of a one-car accident at Six Mile and Haggerty during the Jan. 2 snowstorm. The car slid over an embankment and through the ice of the retention pond near Barnes and Noble. The driver was rescued and suffered minor injuries. The area received even more snow on Sunday. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



#### Northville digs out before temps dip below zero

**By Lonnie Huhman** Staff Writer

The Northville community was digging out Monday and into Tuesday after the huge snow storm that hit over the weekend, which was followed up by bone chilling temperatures that made matters that much worse. "I haven't seen snow and weather like this in years," said Northville resident Richard O'Hare, who braved the weather conditions to make it into his workplace at the Community Center on Monday. "It reminds me of the storms we had back in the 50s.'

bad for the most part with road crews putting down the salt and plowing around the clock. Main Street was almost clear by early Monday afternoon.

However, the cold wind and air made the outdoors a difficult place for many.



O'Hare said there was around a foot of snow on his back deck when he left that morning. Major streets in the North-

ville community weren't that

Staff Writer

The Northville Public

School ended with the two

teachers involved voluntarily

resigning and school officials

deciding to look for their re-

At a special meeting on

ville Board of Education by a

6-0 vote accepted the resigna-

reached an agreement with the

Thursday, Jan. 2, the North-

tions of special education

Jennifer Warnock. Both

teachers Lynn Traxler and

school district. District offi-

placements.

Cold!" was how Levi Dojc suk described shoveling outside of Northville Square on Monday morning. He was helping his dad clear the sidewalks around the downtown location as the wind pushed the snow back in his face.

Local hospitals and medical clinics reported some injuries related to the storm. Oakwood in Canton said Monday morning it had a couple of slip and falls, and reports of chest pains from shoveling.

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Northville DPW crews work to clear the piles of snow in the city's Ford Field parking lot on Jan. 7, in minus-6 degree temperatures.

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# **Special ed teachers** resign after test scores investigation

**By Lonnie Huhman** cials would not discuss the agreement in detail.

The two teachers acted as support and resource help for School District's investigation high school students with varyinto a group of abnormally low ing challenges. test scores at Northville High

Traxler and Warnock were not present at the meeting and could not be reached for comment. In addition, there was only so much the school officials would say about the resignations, per the agreement.

Both had been on paid administrative leave since late November while school officials investigated what they say were low test scores on the Northwest Evaluation Associa-

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# A higher calling

Giving a voice to those impacted by mental illness

#### **By Kurt Kuban** Staff Writer

A little more than a year after the nation stood horrified in the wake of another school shooing in Newtown, Connecticut, Tom Watkins wants people to know that mental illness is much more prevalent in our society than people care to admit. It doesn't just rear its head on occasion or is isolated to incidents like Newtown, where mental illness was blamed for the shooting rampage.

As Watkins says, there isn't a zip code in America that is not impacted by mental illness. As head of the Detroit Wayne

Mental Health Authority, Wat-

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Tom Watkins of Northville is president and CEO of the Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority, which serves more than 74,000 people in Wayne County who are dealing with serious mental illness, intellectual and developmental disabilities and/or substance use disorder. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



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#### CORRECTION

In the story "Novi native Kristock honored with NCAA national award" that appeared in the Dec. 19 sports section, we should have listed Detroit-Novi Catholic Central as the school he graduated from. Kristock, who attends Oakland University, was selected as the 2013 Senior CLASS Award winner in NCAA Division I men's soccer for 2013.

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## TEACHERS

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tion adaptive, an online test taken by students reportedly under their supervision.

School officials stated they noticed in November that a number of students scored significantly lower than anticipated in comparison to their prior results on the NWEA MAP assessment, which triggered an investigation into the matter.

School Board president Ken Roth said the special meeting was primarily held to get a decision issued in a timely manner as the district goes into the second half of the school year.

'We've received a

great deal of community input about the desire to have a closure and permanent resolution, one way or the other, to this issue, so this gives us the opportunity to put a permanent plan into place for the remainder of the school year as quickly as possible," he said.

Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher said parents and students would be notified of the decision and plan in the coming days. Guest teachers would stay in place as the district goes through the process of posting the jobs and hiring replacements.

"Right now we will continue to communicate with parents so that we put the focus on the kids and learning in the classroom," she said of the next steps. "We will be really supporting a transition and making sure we're giving the kids the appropriate support for their success moving forward."

School board members didn't have much to say about the agreement publicly except Adam Phelps, who asked for clarification as to whether there would be any liability on the district's end if the parties sought a wrongful termination at a later date. Gallagher said according to the agreement this should not be an issue.

"The individual teachers chose to resign, ultimately that's their choice, and the district tonight is accepting those resignations and is moving forward on creating a stable environment in the classrooms," said Roth in summation of what has been a tough issue for the students and parents involved.

Parent Mary Roy, whose high school son worked with Warnock, said she represented a group of parents whose children have been impacted by the loss of the teachers. She said their group was "quite disappointed with the outcome."

"It hasn't been a good situation at all the last month or so," she said of her son's school environment.

The hiring process for replacements will begin in the coming weeks, according to Gallagher.

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Levi Dojcsuk shovels the sidewalk outside Northville Square on Monday morning after the storm.

## FREEZE

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All Northville schools were canceled for Monday and Tuesday. In addition, the public library was also closed for the day. But City offices were open and business was moving along as usual.

"The recreation center is open until 12:30 today. Other than that, all systems are a go," said City Manager Patrick Sullivan on Monday. Sullivan said residents should refrain from placing snow back into the street after the city plows it and trash pickup has been delayed by 24 hours. The Monday route will be picked up Tuesday while the Tuesday route will be picked up Wednesday. Northville Township also has a delay in trash pickup.

Temperatures on Tuesday dipped around minus 20, but are expected to get up to the mid-30s by week's end.

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Mounds of plowed snow and minus fives degree temps greet the few visitors there are in downtown Northville on Jan. 7. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



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# A knight to remember

Families celebrate New Year's with trip to medieval times

#### By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

Many Northville families ended 2013 by taking a trip back to medieval times.

The annual New Year's party hosted by the Northville Parks and Recreation Department was called Northville Knight: A Family New Year's Eve Party for 2013.

Event coordinator Julie Foley said they had 280 presale tickets and approximately 200-250 more tickets sold at the door.

"The medieval theme was a hit," Foley said. "There were several children dressed in their finest princess and prince and brave knight clothing."

Overall, the party went really well.

There was strolling entertainment provided by Imagination Theatre, Inc. A stilt walker and juggler mingled with the crowd near the castle bounce houses and inflatable jousting arena.

"We partnered with a local company, Begonia Brothers Party Rental with a new location in downtown Northville, for the inflatables this year," Foley said.

"We also had a maypole dance instructor that taught all the young princesses and brave knights how to dance and a clairvoyant palmist fortune teller that surprised and mystified all the young ones that dared to approach her table."

The theme-related arts and crafts room was full of shields, wands and crowns to decorate. In addition, the temporary tattoo station was

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Tom Rozema takes a cell-phone photo of his son Brady, 6, while the youngster is adhered to a wall of Velcro. Brady was enjoying flinging himself onto the wall, wearing a Velcro suit, and sticking there until removed by parental might. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

also medieval themed with knight, castle, princess tattoos.

One big highlight was that they were able to use the archery equipment.

"The children were able to learn how the people of the medieval times caught their food and fought their enemies," Foley said.

The evening culminated with the ball dropping celebration at 7 p.m., the same minute that everyone in Greenwich, England celebrated the New Year.

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Christie Herprich, 5, dances around at Maypole during the New Year's Eve Northville Knight at Hillside Recreation Center. The evening featured lots of stuff to do for kids and adults – including bounce rides, wood crafts, archery, food stations, jugglers and there was even a balloon drop that took place well before midnight.



"Lester J. Jester" (aka Stepan Mantyk) juggles some pins to entertain the crowds at New Year's Eve Northville Knight.

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#### LOCAL NEWS

# Retooled Plymouth festival 'all about the ice'

#### By Brad Kadrich Staff Writer

In a year when the Plymouth Ice Festival is going back to basics, organizers of the 2014 festival know exactly who the star is going to be.

The ice.

Festival organizer James Gietzen, who replaced Sam Walton as the producer of the festival, admitted his first year running the event would be "something of a rebuilding year," but says visitors – and there are expected to be thousands every day – will like what they see.

The Plymouth Ice Festival, the city's 32nd such festival, kicks off Friday and runs through Sunday, Jan. 12.

"We've adopted the saying, 'It's all about the ice,'" Gietzen said. "We're

#### **ICE TIME**

What: 32nd Plymouth Ice Festival

Where: Downtown Plymouth, Kellogg Park, The Gathering

When: Friday through Sunday, Jan. 10-12

**Times:** Official hours of operation are 3-9 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday; and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 12

**Also:** Sculptures are available for viewing 24 hours a day and will remain standing after the event, weather permitting

#### trying to do bigger ice sculptures, because the people like to see that. Hopefully, we'll have some bigger ice and some better ice."

While visitors will have 24/7 access to the sculptures that dot downtown Plymouth and Kellogg Park, they'll also get the chance to see some of the favorite attractions of the festival.

#### College competition

Three colleges – Henry Ford Community College, Oakland County Community College and Macomb Community College – will compete in individual (Saturday) and team (Sunday) carving competitions. The fireand-ice towers, sponsored by the restaurant E.G. Nick's, will be back, as will the ice throne. Elegant Ice Creations in Ohio will offer interactive picture taking, while Plymouth's Sun & Snow sports gear shop will bring back its increasingly popular cross country ski trail.

Forest Avenue between Ann Arbor Trail and Wing will have an abundance of sculptures, including three 10-block sculptures sponsored by E.G. Nick's and some of its drink makers: Svedka, Labatt, Jagermeister, Black Velvet and Red Bull.

"It's the most ice that Forest Avenue's ever had," said Frank Agostini, one of the owners of E.G. Nick's.

The restaurant will also have an outdoor Ice Lounge (with portable heaters), with a bar made from blocks of ice, opening at 11 a.m. Friday and Saturday and noon Sunday, Jan. 12, and will re-



Ice carver Aaron Whitten eyes the details on the sculpture he carved at the 2012 Plymouth Ice Festival. FILE PHOTO

prise its Party Lot outdoor festivities. The Party Lot tent will open at 7 p.m. both Friday and Saturday and Big Ray and the Motor City Kings will perform in the tent from 8 p.m. to midnight both nights. The Party Lot is not an official Ice Festival event, but has caught on big since E.G.

Nick's launched it in 2010. "It's our fifth year doing the party lot and it's become quite a hit," Agostini said.

#### Focus on carving

Other festival attractions tried recently – the snowboarding hill, the skating rink and the dueling chainsaws, for instance – won't return, either because sponsorships couldn't be found or the liability was too great.

"People come to Plymouth to see the ice carving. ... That's where we have to put the money," Gietzen said. "Otherwise, people are going to be upset.

"This is a rebuilding year for the event," he added. "It's going to be more about coming down and looking at the ice than it is about having a lot of great events."

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# Sculptures, events, to keep visitors to annual Plymouth Ice Festival busy

Here's a list of things to do during the 32nd annual Plymouth Ice Festival, which begins Friday:

#### **Carving contests**

The 2014 Plymouth Ice Festival partners with local colleges and universities to produce the college carving competition, sponsored by Genisys Credit Union, in Kellogg Park. Watch live carving by college student participants as they compete to win a place on the podium in their sculpture category. All judging is done by experienced and professional judges.

» Saturday, Jan. 11 – College Individual Carving Competition

» Saturday, Jan. 12 – College Team Carving Competition

#### Interactive ice

Get your picture taken with some of the most amazing ice creations around. Make sure you see them all. There are a number of opportunities to take a "selfie" with some remarkable and unique ice sculptures.

#### Fire and ice

See two basic elements of our world light up the night sky in downtown Plymouth. Fire and ice are combined to create a dazzling display both Friday and Saturday. Towers are lit at approximately 7:30 p.m. each evening and will burn for approximately two hours.

#### Main Stage

The Community Financial Main Stage features live entertainment, awards ceremonies, presentations and music

throughout the weekend of the festival.

#### Family fun

The Blue Care Network of Michigan Sports Family Fun Zone, presented by Sun & Snow Sports of Plymouth, gives visitors a chance to bring the family down to Kellogg Park for the opportunity to try cross country skiing. Seasoned professionals will demonstrate and explain the gear and theory of cross country skiing and then give the kids a chance to try it for themselves. This feature is open during all open hours of the event.

#### Hot Spot

The DTE Energy Hot Spot Warming Tent, in The Gathering across from Kellogg Park, allows visitors to warm up in style. The Hot Spot features more than 20 local vendors and businesses, product demonstrations, a sitting area to take a load off your feet and – most importantly – lots of heat. The Hot Spot Warming Tent is open during all the official open hours of the event.

#### Festival food

The Ice Festival has more than 15 different options for dining, all conveniently located within a few steps of the main festival area. Enjoy festival favorites, such as elephant ears, popcorn, roasted almonds and hot chocolate. All food sales on-site can be enjoyed in the warmth of the DTE Energy Hot Spot, where tables and chairs are provided all weekend long.

Looking for a meal indoors? There are so many wonderful options within downtown Plymouth, from fine dining to a quick bite, candy, cookies and ice cream. Check out www.downtownplymouth.org for a complete restaurant listing.

#### Party Trailer

The newest and coolest video games will be available in the MVP Game Party Trailer on Penniman. It's an enclosed (and warm) custom trailer with four 50-inch screens.

#### Party Lot

For the biggest party in downtown Plymouth, head to the E.G. Nick's Party Lot on Forest Avenue for cold beer, drink specials and live music. The tent opens at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday and Big Ray and the Motor City Kings will perform from 8 p.m. until midnight both nights.

Visitors can also hang out on the front patio to catch some heat (from portable heaters) at the Svedka Ice Lounge, featuring a bar made from blocks of ice. The lounge on Forest opens at 11 a.m. Friday and Saturday and at noon Sunday, Jan. 12.

#### **On screen**

The Penn Theatre on Penniman Avenue in downtown Plymouth hosts showings of *Frozen*, at 7 p.m. Friday; 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday; 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 12; and 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 16. All seats \$3.

For more Ice Festival details and festival week events, visit the official festival website, plymouthicefestival.com.

Editor's note: Some information in this events listing was incorrect when it appeared in the Jan. 2 Ice Festival special section. The information above has been corrected.



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# WATKINS

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kins is helping lead a transformation in how Wayne County and the city of Detroit serve residents suffering from mental illness, developmental disabilities, serious emotional disturbance and substanceabuse disorders. The agency serves more than 72,000 people who suffer from such ailments right here in Wayne County alone.

Back in the fall, the Northville resident, who was the state schools superintendent under governors John Engler and Jennifer Granholm, was named president, CEO and executive director of the Detroit-Wayne County Community Mental Health Agency. Shortly after taking the position, the agency was transformed into an authority, meaning it is no longer operated by the county. It is now similar to the way the Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport is operated. There is a 12-member board, six of whom are appointed by the mayor of Detroit and six others appointed by the Wayne County Board of Commissioners.

Since the switch, the **Detroit Wayne Mental** Health Authority has been implementing changes that will, according to Watkins, lead to a new era of independence, growth, and enlightenment about mental health issues. They are trying to increase education, awareness and access to information for individuals and families suffering in some way from mental illness. With the expansion of Medicare under the Affordable Care Act, there are more benefits available to people for mental healthcare.

At the same time, Watkins and his board are trying to streamline the way the authority provides services.

"We will be seeking

ways to increase services to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, mental illness, substance uses disorders and their families while being good stewards of the taxpayers money," said Watkins, who earns an annual salary of \$225,000 that is funded primarily by Medicaid, as well as state and county money.

Watkins, 60, feels he is the perfect person to be able to advocate for people who need a helping hand but don't always know where to find it.

"This role captures my professional career, providing a voice for people who are often voiceless in out society," he said. "It puts me in the middle of the state's and nation's health care reform and taps my administrative, leadership and health care background and political skills in a way that can help people with mental illness, substance abuse and developmental disabilities. I cannot think of a higher calling in life."

Watkins offered the following observations on a host of topics related to mental health, the DWMHA, where people can find help and what changes he would like to see implemented so instances like the school shootings at Sandy Hook are a thing of the past.

#### Record: Explain how the Detroit-Wayne Mental Health Agency (DWMHA) has changed since it became an authority?

Watkins: On the outside there wasn't a visible change, but on the inside there was a changing of the guard that was monumental. We have a dedicated board of directors and staff who are focused on maximizing services to people with mental illness, development disabilities and substance use disorders. The authority is consumer and community focused, data driven and evidenced based organization. We use these tools to provide the community with programs and services of the highest quality. It is our mission to lead and support a self determined and recovery-oriented system that provides and manages an array of supports, services, care and treatment which honors choice, dignity and advances the quality of life for person served, and their families.

Record: Who are the main people served by the agency, and how?

Watkins: Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority (DWMHA) serves over 74,000 people in Detroit and Wayne County who are dealing with serious mental illness, intellectual and developmental disabilities and/or substance use disorder. We help to provide a wide array of programs, services and supports across the county.

#### Record: How would you describe your leadership role with the agency? Have you implemented any big changes?

Watkins: As President/ CEO of the authority I see myself as leading this community mental health authority into an era of independence, growth, and enlightenment about mental health issues. I am surrounded by an experienced team of professionals that assist me lead the way. Managing a huge public system such as the DWMHA requires a capable, focused, committed and dedicated board and staff-which I am fortunate to have support me.

I have added new leadership in the following key positions to help lead a \$640 million dollar complex organization dedicated to serving some of our communities most vulnerable citizens:

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In the first few months as an authority we have identified ways to reduce administrative costs and redirect dollars to direct care for the people we serve. Further, we plan to rebid the entire system of care in the new year. We will be seeking ways to increase services to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, mental illness, substance uses disorders and their families while being good stewards of the taxpayers money.

In early 2014 DWMHA will also be among several select counties around the state to participate in the Michigan Department of Community Health Medicare Medicaid Dual Eligible Pilot Program. We are also directly impacted by the Affordable Care Act, as mental healthcare will be a covered component of benefits offered. Hopefully people will take advantage of the beneficial services that is being made available to them. We are grateful to President Obama. Governor Snyder and the Michigan Legislature that voted to expand Medicaid to help the people we serve

Record: Mental illness seems to be one of the common issues in the mass shootings across the country? Why do these shootings seem to be increasing, and is there anything that can be done to curb them as it relates to mental illness?

Watkins: Mental illness has been in the forefront of news headlines recently. The key to addressing these issues is to address them on a consistent basis instead of when a crisis arises. Education, awareness and access to information is what will instruct everyone in our community about mental illnesses and those services that are available. We must never lose sight that mental illness, developmental disabilities and substance uses disorders are equal opportunity disabilities. There is not a zip code in America that is not impacted.

Record: Is stress and depression more preva-

#### lent during the holidays? What advice do you have for people who may be suffering from it this time of year?

Watkins: Don't isolate yourself, stay engaged with family and friends. Volunteer your time. If you know of someone who may be alone or depressed, check on them. Don't put too much on your 'to do list' - it's easy to get overwhelmed an stressed out. If you need help reach out to family, friends or the faith-based community. We are a phone call away. Just call 800-241-4949.

#### Record: What is the one thing you wish you could change when it comes to dealing with mental illness in not only Wayne County, but the nation as a whole?

Watkins: Treatment for those with mental health issues has come leaps and bounds, but we still have a ways to go. U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow has proposed new legislation, the Excellence in Mental Health Act, which is a major step towards where we need to be. This legislation would expand access to treatment and improve the quality of care to mental health centers to those with behavioral health issues and offer services like 24-hour crisis psychiatric services and integrated treatment for mental illness and substance use disorders.

Quality mental healthcare is something that everyone should want and desire for the betterment of not only themselves, but their families and their communities. We are not talking abstract statistics - we are talking about someone's grandparent, mom or dad, brother, sister, son or daughter - someone that is loved. We owe it to these people to provide the highest possible quality care, treatment and support possible to help them recover and lead a life of dignity and respect.





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#### 'Tax Records & Genealogy'

The Northville Genealogical Society will host a program called Tax Records & Genealogy at 1:15 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 12 at the Northville District Library, 212 West Cady, in Northville.

Guest speaker Al Wakenhut, a professional genealogist and Northville native, will discuss many aspects of tax records. Taxes have been levied on real estate, personal property and income by local, regional and national governments throughout the world. In the U.S., you can often find real estate and personal property taxpayer lists in county courthouses or state archives. Attendees will learn more about this underutilized form of genealogical research.

The meeting is free to attend and open to the

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public. Individual help on genealogy is offered in the Local History Room at the Northville District Library on Monday afternoons from 1-3 p.m. and also by appointment. For more information contact Mary Hazlett at 734-459-5493.

#### Woman's Club

The Northville Woman's Club will hold its first meeting of the new year at 1:30 p.m., Friday, Jan. 9 at First Presbyterian Church in Northville. 'Queen for a Day" will be the topic of discussion. Guests are welcome to learn more about the group.

#### 'Handwriting Analysis Tea'

The Northville Historical Society will present a Handwriting Analysis Tea Saturday, Feb. 8 at Mill Race Village.

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE** 

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT** 

**BLOCK GRANT FUNDS** 

On January 16, 2014, the Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing at the Township Municipal

Offices located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan 48168 to present the 2014-2015

Budget for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds. The meeting begins at 7:30

PM. The primary objectives of the CDBG program are to fund eligible activities that benefit

low and moderate income persons, aid in the prevention or elimination of blight, aid in ADA

The public is invited to attend and provide comments. For additional information please

compliance and/or address an urgent community development need.

contact the planning department at 248-348-5800.

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with the group's signature Cady House Tea on their finest china. The tea will be catered by Victoria's Tea Salon.

To purchase tickets, which are \$30 (\$25 for NHS members), call 248-348-1845. For more information, visit www.millracenorthville.org. Proceeds from the event will benefit Mill Race Village.

#### **Blood drives**

The American Red Cross is holding several local blood drives in the coming weeks. Here's the schedule:

» Jan. 15 from 2:30-8:15 p.m. at Meads Middle School, 16700 Franklin Road

» Jan. 25 from 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. at Amerman Elementary School, 847 North Central

Donors can set up an appointment by contacting Diane at 313-549-7052 or Diane.Risko@redcross.org.

Donating blood is particularly important during winter months. Every two seconds, there is someone in the U.S. who needs blood.

#### **Emergency food** available

The next distribution of emergency food by Plymouth Community United Way is scheduled Thursday, Jan. 16. The **Emergency Food Assis**tance Program provides low-income Plymouth and Northville residents with canned, non-perishable and perishable items.

All recipients must pre-register at Plymouth Community United Way, 960 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Suite 2, Plymouth.

This is a supplemental food program that may be used in addition to other assistance programs.

Distributions continue the third Thursday of each month from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. at St. Kenneth Catholic Church in Plymouth.

For information and to register, call (734) 453-6879, ext. 7, or send email to randi.williams@pcuw.org.

#### **Dems to meet**

The Democrats of West Oakland will hold their next meeting at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 21 at United Methodist Church,4167 W. Ten Mile, Novi. Socializing begins

at 6 p.m.

Jocelyn Benson, dean of Wayne State Law School and former candidate for Michigan Secretary of State, will be the guest speaker. The meeting is free and open to the public. Snacks will be provided, and pizza may be purchased.

For more information visit www.mydems.info.

#### 'Miniature **Masterpieces'**

The Michigan Philharmonic will present its annual Chamber Concert in the beautiful Chapel at St. John's in Plymouth at 2 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 12.

The concert will feature the Michigan Philharmonic Wind Ensemble which will include a unique combination of wind instruments performing Mozart's "Gran Partita." In addition, the concert features a special performance by Michigan Phil Concertmaster Joseph Deller. Concert goers also have the opportunity to attend a special Pre-Concert Brunch at 5ive at St. John's prior to the concert at 11:30 a.m. The cost of the brunch is \$30.

For reservations or concert tickets, call 734-451-2112 or visit www.michiganphil.org.

#### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS 2014 BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETING DATES

Please take notice that the Board of Trustees Regular Monthly meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at 44405 Six Mile Road. The public is invited and welcome to attend.

The 2014 Regular Meeting Dates are:

April 17, 2014

May 15, 2014

June 19, 2014

January 16, 2014 February 20, 2014 March 20, 2014

July 17, 2014 August 21, 2014 September 18, 2014

October 16, 2014 November 20, 2014 December 18, 2014

Visit the township's web site: <u>www.twp.northville.mi.us</u> for Board Agendas, meeting minutes, general information and to subscribe to receive selected material of the township's boards and commissions.

This notice is posted and published in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as Amended (Open Meetings Act), MCLA 41.72a (2) (3) and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Individuals requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Township Board by writing to the Deputy Clerk's Office at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168 or by calling 248-662-0492.

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Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk

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SUE A. HILLEBRAND, CLERK **CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE** NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, January 28, 2014 at the Northville Township Municipal Offices, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan 48168. The Planning Commission will consider a Conditional Rezoning of property located at 41660 Six Mile Road (northeast corner of Six Mile and Winchester). The proposal is to rezone the property from Public Recreation and Open Space (PROS) to Office Service District (OS), subject to conditions outlined in a Conditional Zoning Agreement. The site is the location of the former Charter Township of Northville Finance Department and the proposed rezoning will convert the use of the building back to a financial institution with drive through capability The meeting will begin at 7:30 PM.

The public is invited to attend this public hearing and express their comments or ask questions. Plans will be available for viewing at the Township office between 8:00 A.M. and 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday. Written comments will be received by the Northville Township Planning Commission at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168.

Tim Zawodny, Vice Chair Planning Commission

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# Early start on campaign trail

Peters, Land campaign across state to replace retiring Levin

#### By Joanne Maliszewski Staff Writer

Democratic U.S. Rep. Gary Peters isn't anticipating an August primary in his race to fill the seat held by longtime Sen. Carl Levin. But Republican opponent Terri Lynn Land sees the race as an opportunity to bring change for Michigan.

To date, Peters, who represents Michigan's 14th U.S. Congressional district, and former Michigan Secretary of State Land are the only two who have publicly announced their candidacies to fill the vacancy that will be left when Levin retires later this year.

"When Sen. Levin announced his intention not to run, I saw it as an opportunity in Michigan to change our representation," Land said. "I believe people still remember me as Secretary of State."

No one is yet likely to place bets on who will be the winner. But some polls, such as one conducted by the Cook Political Report, an independent, nonpartisan newsletter that analyzes elections and campaigns, in December called the race "a toss up." Meanwhile, the Rothenberg Political Report, also a nonpartisan newsletters, has listed the race for Levin's seat as favoring the Democrats.

Like Land, Peters is already campaigning with his Listening Tours throughout the state and raising money. "We have been very aggressive," he said. "I think we have broad support in the Democratic Party."

Land calls Michigan a



Peters

"relationship state. I have been traveling across the state. People know me and I know them.'

#### Jobs, economy

Both candidates see jobs and Michigan's economy as a continuing major issue, despite improvement in the auto industry. "Michigan has really been hard hit because of dependency on the auto and manufacturing industries," Land said.

Peters, who is cochairman of the Auto caucuses in the U.S. House, wants to continue his efforts to maintain the auto industry and to diversify the state economy. Both candidates believes the state's economic success will be found in small businesses.

"Jobs and the economy is a major issue. But I think that is not government's job (to create jobs). Government's job is to help people be suc-cessful," Land said.

Peters and Land are on opposite sides of the fence on the Affordable Care Act. Peters believes the health care reform will be successful, while Land wants it repealed.

"I have never seen a perfect bill," Peters said. adding that it can be tweaked as time goes on. "Take Medicare bills. "We are constantly going back and fixing them.'

Peters is adamant that the ACA cannot be repealed because of provisions, such as those prohibiting insurance companies from charging more — or not insuring at all - people with preexisting health conditions. Another important aspect, Peters said, is the provisions allowing children up to age 26 to be covered by their family's health insurance. On the other hand,

Land said those provisions can still be addressed without the ACA. She said promises have already been broken, such as to the more than 200,000 residents who are forced to change insurance. "They were told they can't keep their insurance after they were promised.

"Rates are only going to get worse. We need to repeal it (ACA)," Land said. "We need to help folks without insurance rather than have a broadbased system. People who insurance they like should be able to keep it."

#### Working together

Yet Peters and Land believe both parties must come together and find a way to work with each other in Congress. "We need to take a practical, common sense approach to governing," Peters said. "You don't make decisions based on ideology. The American people believe we need to come together."

Voters want transparency in government, Land said. "When I was Secretary of State, we put our budget and expenses online. The federal government should do it, too."

Land would agree with the need to work across the aisle. "I truly believe people want folks in government to work together. While Secretary of State, Land said, she accomplished a number of initiatives, such as modernizing the the services offered, upgrading technology and making the website user-friendly.

"I did that by working with a bipartisan legislative group," Land said. "I

#### **Brief candidate biographies**

U.S. Rep. Gary Peters , 55, born and raised in Pontiac. Currently, a Bloomfield Hills resident. He graduated from Alma College in 1980 and received a master of business administration degree from the University of Detroit in 1984. Peters also holds a degree from the Wayne State University Law School and an M.A. in philosophy from Michigan State University.

Represents the 14th Congressional district, which includes: half of the City of Detroit as well as Farmington Hills, the Grosse Pointes, Hamtramck, Harper Woods, Keego Harbor, Lathrup Village, Oak Park, Orchard Lake, Pontiac, Royal Oak Township, Southfield, Sylvan Lake and West Bloomfield.

He was re-elected to the U.S. House in 2012 and previously served from 2009-13 in the 9th Congressional district, which was redrawn. He also served in the Michigan Senate from 1995 to 2002

Former Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land, 54, graduated from Grandville High School. Currently lives in Byron Center. During which time she was a "scatter blitzer" for the Gerald Ford campaign. In 1978, she was one of the youngest attendees at the Republican State Convention. She received a bachelor of arts degree in political science from Hope College in Holland.

She was the first female county clerk for Kent County, which includes Grand Rapids. Land served in that role from 1995 to 2000.

Land served two terms as Michigan Secretary of State from 2003-11, at which time she was term-limited and could not seek re-election to the position. In her first run for Secretary of State, she won 75 of Michigan's 83 counties and in her second race won 76 counties.

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Silver Springs Elementary School student Zachary Holstad (right) looks a little perplexed as Science Alive's Terri Neill holds a patternless Burmese python over his head during a Nov. 8 visit to the school. Classmate Aidan Kittl (left) is similarly amused at the 35 lb reptile draped over his body.



Talk about a surprise. Former Northville City Council member Michele Fecht was all smiles after she had been named Citizen of the Year at the Northville Chamber of Commerce's annual meeting on Oct. 16. Fecht said she had no idea she would be so honored. It was an award well deserved.



A major wind storm struck Northville on the evening of Sept. 11. Here residents of Wing Street take a look at a large tree that tumbled down - into a home on the street's east side, south of Cady. Most of the city was without power that night as trees and tree limbs fell onto power lines all over town.

# A year through the lens

Over the course of 2013, *Northville Record* photographer John Heider probably snapped thousands of photos while out and about in the Northville community. Through the lens of his camera, he documented some of the biggest events to take place last year.

His assignments span the gamut of life here in Northville. He covers the crimes, the nasty weather events (think this week's snow storm), the big games (and there were plenty in Northville during 2013), the downtown festivals, and all the breaking news. But mostly, he covers the people of this town. That is what he, and we here at the Record, are passionate about.

Working with John for the last couple years, I have come to understand that few people get to view the town and its people the way he does. Fortunately, through his photos, we are able to at least catch a pretty good glimpse.

We have compiled some of John's photos taken over the course of the last year. They say a photo is worth a thousand words. I couldn't agree more. I wish we had more space. Enjoy.

– Kurt Kuban, editor



Northville Township firefighters begin to stow away their gear after extinguishing a blaze at 18284 Jamestown Circle on Feb. 18. One resident of the apartment, a 96-year-old female was killed by the 10 a.m. blaze. Firefighting units from Plymouth Township and Livonia assisted in the effort to contain the fire as well.



Saying good-bye is never easy. Retiring Amerman **Elementary School** teacher Jeff Lightfoot welcomes back former student Christine Haverkate, with her son Emersyn, 14 months, at a May 28th event at the school. Lightfoot retired that day after 45 years of service to Northville schools, most of it at Amerman. The teacher also noted that his oldest student from his years at Amerman is now 54 years old.





The Northville High School girls cross country team poses for a quick photo at the school's track on Oct. 28 as the team prepped for the state finals held at the Michigan International Speedway. The team went on to win the school's first ever state championship in cross country.

It was a joyous occasion when U.S. Army soldier Landon Mueller surprised his little brother Wolfie Shanna on April 26 at Hillside Middle School, where Wolfie was a student. Landon had been overseas, mostly in Afghanistan, and the two hadn't seen in each other in more than two years.

# Dem Slavens joins Stewart in state Senate race

#### By Brad Kadrich Staff Writer

State Rep. Dian Slavens, a Democrat from Canton who is term limited in the state House, will turn her attention to the other half of the Legislature this fall.

Slavens, completing her third term representing the 21st House district, announced Monday she will run for the 7th State Senate seat currently held by Canton Republican Patrick Colbeck.

The senate seat, which Colbeck won in 2010, has been redistricted and now includes Canton, Plymouth, Livonia, the city of Wayne and most of Northville.

Slavens joins fellow Democrat John Stewart, who served three terms in the state House as a Republican before switching parties, in the Senate race. Stewart announced his intentions last month.

"I have big concerns about the representation the 7th District has been getting," Slavens said



State Rep. Dian Slavens, a Democrat from Canton, will seek the state Senate seat currently held by Canton Republican Patrick Colbeck. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Monday.

Before joining the House in 2009, Slavens worked as a respiratory therapist for more than 20 years in Southeast Michigan hospitals - first at William Beaumont Hospital and later at Henry Ford Hospital, inspiring her dedication to ensuring citizens have access to affordable health care.

In the House, Slavens sponsored a law to hold health care professionals accountable when they engage in harmful and unethical medical practices and was instrumental in passing the statewide ban on smoking in most indoor places in Michigan, including bars and restaurants.

Slavens voted to cut lawmakers' salaries including her own - by 10 percent. Slavens also championed a plan to end taxpayer-funded lifetime health care for lawmakers and voluntarily gave up the expensive perk for herself. Slavens is also a member of the Women's Health and Economic Security Task Force, which seeks to improve women's access to health care and expand economic opportunities for women in Michigan.

Stewart, who had been waiting on a delayed Slavens decision before finally filing last month, said he was "disappointed" that Slavens decided to get into the race.

"I think her voting record is too liberal to get her elected in the new 7th District," Stewart said.

Slavens also believes her support of public schools will bolster her race for the Senate. Former Plymouth-Canton board of Education president Steven Sneideman, now a Canton Township trustee, and current BOE vice president Judy Mardigian joined Slavens for her announcement.

"This area loves its public schools ... I think that's a common goal," Slavens said. "I fought for policies that benefit our community while Republicans have instead slashed funding to our schools and raised taxes on our seniors and families who can least afford it."

Mardigian trumpeted Slavens' leadership on school issues.

"(Slavens) is a true leader in the effort to provide vital funding that public schools in Michigan need in order to thrive, and to provide a rich learning experience for the leaders of tomorrow," Mardigian said. "I look forward to Dian's leadership in the Michigan Senate, as a true advocate for the betterment of Michigan's public schools."

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BANDKAU, FREDERICK W. Passed away January 4, 2014. A Memorial Service will be held in the Spring. Online guestboo www.phillipsfuneral.com

**BEERNINK, GLENN** September 4, 1931-December 19, 2013. www.obriensullivanfu neralhome.com

## BUTSKE, BRUCE WILLIAM

Born on September 15, 1941 in Detroit, Michigan, passed away at his Northville home on December 30 at the age of 72. A lover of Bob Marley, Jimi Hendrix, the blues, soccer, all things mechanical, and the occasional Wood Duck. He will be dearly missed by his surviving family, wife, Carol Lee Butske (Skiven); son, William David Butske; daughter-in-law, Tuli Mukhopadhyay; and beloved granddaughters, Ava and Sonia. He was preceded in death by his father Herman and mother Marie. He attended Wayne State University, where he obtained his Bachelors and Masters degrees, and then the University of Michigan where he obtained his Ph.D. in 1972. Most of his career was spent in the automotive industry where he ran his own engineering consulting firm for 25 years before retiring. The most joyful times of his career were those he spent in the classroom teaching at Wayne State, Lawrence Tech, and U of M. For the past 45 years, he and his family have lived in the Northville/Novi area. In the 70s he became active in the Northville Historical Society and was instrumental in moving the Wash Oak School House to Mill Race village. In lieu of flowers his family requests that donations be made to the Northville Historical Society.



#### DEROCHE. PAUL A., JR.

A long time resident of Milford died on December 30, 2013 at the age of 66. He is survived by his beloved wife, Jeanne; son, Paul (Jamie) of Farmington Hills; daughters, Katie (Derek) Lehman of Howell and Amy (Chris) Wilson of Chesterfield; grandchildren, Talia, Alex, Addison and Mason Deroche, Zack, Jenna and Owen Lehman, and Emily and Jason Wilson; sister, Dorothy "Dolly" (Jack) Kelly many brothers-in-law, and sisters-in-law, aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews, cousins and dear friends. Paul worked as Head Security Supervisor for the Chrysler Corporation for over thirty-six years before retiring in 2004. He was a member of St. Mary's Parish in Milford and Clarkston Knights of Columbus. Pope John XXIII Council #5436. A Funeral Mass will be held at St. Mary Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church, 1955 E. Commerce Road, Milford, on Friday, January 3, 11 a.m. with Msgr. John Budde officiating. Burial will follow at Milford Memorial Cemetery. Friends may visit at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty St., Milford, on Thursday, January 2, 3-9 p.m., with a Rosary at 7 p.m., and on Friday from 10:30 a.m. until the time of Mass. Memorials may be made in his name to the National Kidney Foundation or to St. Mary's for Masses to be prayed in his name. For further information please phone 248-684-6645 or visit



#### **JANSSEN** (PASSFIELD), KATHY ANN

After fighting a courageous two year battle with her second diagnosis of breast cancer, Kathy passed away on January 3, 2014 at the young age of 54. The lov-ing wife of 32 years to Mark Janssen and loving, caring mother to their four sons, Kristopher (Jenny), Brandon, Justin and Beautiful daughter of Taylor. Nancy Passfield and the late Jack Passfield, and loving sister to Sherry (Mark) Burns. Kathy also leaves behind seven nieces and nephews and many friends and family who love her dearly. The impact Kathy made on her family, friends, the community, and all those who knew her is much too large to express in a short tribute. She was a loving, devoted wife and a nurturing supportive mother who had a strong family value and commitment. Kathy was a warm caring friend to so many. She always found the best in every person and situation. As a graduate of the University of Michigan School of business she was an avid supporter and fan, rarely missing a game or opportunity to show her maize and blue pride. Kathy served the community and was always giving her time and services to volunteer. For many years she served the Lakeland Schools, United States Ski Association, and her son's soccer, ski, and baseball teams along with vari-ous local charities. She was a successful, intelligent business owner whose zest for life was unparalleled. During the past two years, while fighting her second battle with breast cancer, Kathy used her humor, determination and love of life and family to accomplish more than most can in a lifetime. She never gave up. She fought, planned, and lived her life to the fullest until the very end. Traveling was a passion for Kathy. She was always planning a trip somewhere with her family or friends and often times with both. In between travel she enjoyed spending winter time in their home at Bovne Mountain, skiing and entertaining as many that would come to visit. In the summers, at their lake house in Port Sanilac, once again hosting many friends, family and creating wonderful mem-ories for her boys. Whether it was their family home in Commerce, Boyne or Port Sanilac, Kathy welcomed everyone in her homes and into her heart. Kathy



NEALER, ESTELLE M.

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a resident of Milford since 1962, died peacefully on January 1, 2014. She was preceded in death by her husband William Plaunt Nealer, Sr. in 1989 and is survived by her children, Bill (Donna) Nealer, Pam (Paul) Wyatt, Leona (Mike) Anderson, and John (Karen) Nelson; grandchildren, Bill Nealer III, Ashley (James) Truax, Thomas (Jessica) Watts, Wvatt. Jason Alex Wyatt, (Theresa) Watts, Chad Ŵyatt, Jerrid Jeffery Wyatt, Brandy Simon, Nichole Simon, Brandon Anderson, Sean Nelson, Patrick Nelson; great grandchil-Dathien Nealer. dren. James Watts, Andrew Truax, Jr., Watts, Kasson Candice Wyatt, Wyatt, Wyatt, Emma Levi Katarina Wyatt, Dylan Legg, Emily Nelson and Isaac Nelson; brothers, Ray (Phyllis) Trudell, Eugene (Cynde) Trudell; sisters, Eleanor McMahon, Marie Michalko and nieces, nephews, her Riverside Retirement Home family, and other dear friends. Mrs. Nealer was very active with St. Mary's Parish in Milford, a member of Milford American Legion Post 216 Ladies Auxiliary, the Third Order of St. Francis and for many years taught in the Med-Tech Program at the Oakland Community College, Highland Lakes Campus from 1967-1984. A Funeral Mass will be held at St. Mary Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church, 1955 E. Commerce Rd., on Saturday, January 4, at 10AM. Friends may visit at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty St., Milford, on Friday, January 3, from 3-9PM, with a Vigil Service at 7PM. Memorials may be made in her name to Seasons Hospice. For further information please phone 248-684-6645 or visit www. LynchFuneralDirectors.com

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#### SPENCER, STEVEN E.

Age 51, passed away December 29, 2013. He was born on November 30, 1962, in Ann Arbor, to Elijah "Mike" and Joan (Butts) Spencer. Steven attended Cleary College in Lansing. He was a very witty, kind and hardworking man who was very handy. Steve had the most beautiful eyes and a great smile. He enjoyed Scuba diving, golf and skydiving. He had a strong abiding faith and always carried his bible. Steven was immersed in Baptism on July 3, 2003. Steve was generous with his time by serving the homeless. He loved to be with his family and always enjoyed the dinner parties at his parents' home. Steven loved his mother's meatloaf and her biscuits and gravy. His grandchildren were first in his life. Steven is survived by his wife Jamie Spencer; parents: Elijah "Mike" and Joan Spencer; mother-in-law Stella Baugous; brother Mike (Cheryl) Spencer; sisters: Traci (Kevin) Braun, Patty (Wayne) Rose; brother-in-law Mark (Bun-Baugous; step-children: ny) Samantha, Fredric, Rachael. grandchildren: Wanke; Ava Mitchell, Ella Felix; and his nieces and nephews: Christina, Justin, Sarah and Grant and one great-niece, Mya. He was pre-ceded in death by his grandparents: June and Raymond Butts, Ada and Huston Spencer, and father-in-law George Baugous. Visitation January 1, Wednesday, from 2:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at Phillips Funeral Home, 122 West Lake Street, South Lyon. Funeral Service January Thursday, at 11:00 a.m. with a final Visitation from 10:15 11:00 a.m. at the Church of Christ, 21870 Pontiac Trail, South Lyon. Online guestbook : www.phillipsfuneral.com

# Fire department: clear snow away from hydrants

The Northville Township Fire Department is asking all residents and businesses for some help. With the recent heavy snowfalls and below zero temperatures the department is asking people to maintain clear access to all fire hydrants within the community.

"The recent snowfall creates a variety of issues regarding our ability to locate and access fire hydrants in a quick and efficient manner. If you or your neighbor has a fire hydrant in your yard, please take the time to clear the hydrant of any snow that may have been piled around

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the hydrant," said Fire Inspector Tom Hughes.

Hughes said people should attempt to clear at least three feet in all directions so that firefighters can quickly gain access to a water supply during a fire emergency. This includes making sure that each hose connection is accessible and provides unobstructed access to attach a hose to the hydrant.

If you are a member of a homeowners association, apartment or condo complex or own or operate a business in the township, contact your private contractors or property maintenance companies to make sure

to keep all hydrants clear and accessible. A blocked fire hydrant can create a delay in the effectiveness of fire suppression efforts in an already difficult time due to the below zero temperatures and the high levels of snow already on the ground.

"Please do your part in keeping you family and neighbors safe by maintaining clear and visible access to all fire hydrants in your area," Hughes said.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Hughes at 248-348-5807 or thughes@twp.northville.mi.us.

#### **RELIGION CALENDAR**

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. Cafe is open from 9:15-11 a.m. Refreshments at 10:30 a.m.; 6 p.m. Evening Traditional Service

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

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

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

#### **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 St., South Lyon Contact: 248-437-2875

#### 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.legacvchurch.us Sunday School/Small Groups for all ages: 9:45 a.m. Worship Services: 11 a.m. Bible Study/Prayer: Wednes-

day 7 p.m.

#### Meadowbrook Congregational Church

Location: 21355 Meadowbrook Road

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

Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Church School: 10-11 a.m. Fellowship Hour: 11 a.m. **Merry Widows Luncheon:** 11:30 a.m. fourth Thursday of each month

Pilgrim Fellowship: 6 p.m. Sundays

#### **Northville Christian** Assembly

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into the hearts of many. Visita tion will be held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty Street, Milford, on Wednesdav, January 8, from 3-9 p.m. A Funeral Service will be held at the Milford United Methodist Church, 1200 Atlantic Street, Milford, on Thursday, January 9, at 11 a.m. with Rev. Carol Johns officiating. For further information please phone, 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirec tors.com.

will be dearly missed, her smile

and passion for life is imbedded

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**KOSICKI, CASMERE** Age 92, of Northville, passed away January 2, 2014. Full obit and online condolences at www.casterlinefuneralhome.com

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#### MORAND, LOUIS

March 27, 1929-December 26, 2013. www.obriensullivanfunera lhome.com





CREMATION SERVICES

#### ZDANOWSKI, EDWIN W.

Age 88, passed away January 3, 2014. He was born on June 17, 1925 in Detroit, son of the late Walter and Mary Zdanowski. Edwin was a proud WWII, Army Air Corp veteran. He was known for his selfless volunteering at Active Faith Community Services in South Lyon and was once awarded "Volunteer of the Year". He is survived by his children, Jeri (Bill) Gawlowski, John (Terry), and Joe (Michele); his grandchildren, Kara, Kurtis, Hilary, Krista, Taylor, and Angela. He is also survived by his sisters, Stella and Dolly, and many nie-ces and nephews. Edwin was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy in 2009, his parents, three sisters, and one brother. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, January 11 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 830 S. Lafayette, South Lyon. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Active Faith Community Services, 401 Washington St., South Lyon, MI 48178. Online guestbook at www.phillipsfuneral.com.



FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATION SERVICES

#### Crosspointe Meadows Church

AA: 8 p.m. Wednesdays

za, associate pastor

Location: 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile **Contact:** 248-669-9400, 9 a.m. to

3 p.m. Monday-Thursday or visit www.crosspointemeadows.org. Sunday worship: 11:15 a.m. Bible study classes: 10 a.m. for

all ages Details: Nursery and older children programs available. Worship blends traditional and

contemporary elements resulting in a multi-sensory worship experience.

#### **Destiny Worship** Center

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

www.DW3C.org. **Emmanuel Lutheran** 

#### Church Location: 34567 Seven Mile,

Livonia Web: www.emmanuel-livonia.org

Contact: 248-442-8822 Sunday worship: 8 a.m., 9:30

a.m. and 11 a.m. Adult special needs worship: 9:30 a.m.

Youth group: 7 p.m. Wednesdays

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

#### Faith Community Presbyterian Church

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

#### **First Baptist Church** of Northville

Location: 217 N. Wing Contact: 248-348-1020 Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m. and 5:45 p.m.

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

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

#### **First Presbyterian** Church

Location: 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington

#### **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

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; 1015 a.m.: Contemporary service in worship center; children's super church on the second level (208/210)

#### Wednesday Family Night: 7

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

#### **Novi-Northville Center for Jewish Life**

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

Contact: Rabbi Avrohhom & Leah Susskind at 248-790-6075 or rabbi@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

### So many books, so little time



Ryan Donnaelly, 5, enjoys a visit to the Northville District Library on Dec. 30. He was looking for books featuring super heroes, and he found several titles. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The Northville District Library is located at 212 W. Cady Street. For more information call 248-349-3020 or visit northvillelibrary.org. The library will be closed Tuesday, Dec. 31 and Wednesday, Jan. 1 for the New Year holiday.

Upcoming events include: » Affordable Care Act Work-

shops Time/Date: 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 13

Details: This free workshop is a detailed, visual program about how the ACA works. Get assistance about how to sign up for health care. Call to register

248-349-3020. » Bargain Shopper Mom Time/Date: 7 p.m. Tuesday,

Jan. 14 Details: Melissa Buckles, the

Bargain Shopper Mom, shows

LIBRARY LINES

how to save money at the grocery store and other bargain tips. Call to register. » Drop in Evening Storytime

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 15

Details: Kids wear your pajamas and enjoy a lively storytime about pets. Best suited for children 3 and older, but all ages welcome. Just drop in. » Getting to Know Your

**Kindle** Fire Time/Date: 7 pm Thursday, Jan.

Details: Bring your device and learn basic skills. Get to know your home screen, find common settings and more. Limit 20. Call to register.

#### » The Bubbleman!

Time/Date: 4:15-5 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 16

Details: Ron Lloyd, the "Bub-

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bleman", will have kids bursting with delight as he presents astonishing bubble skills and marvelous tricks! The meeting room temperature must be cool for his performance, so dress warm! All ages welcome. 100 free tickets available 5 minutes prior to program.

#### » Winter Storytimes

Details: Call the library to register for these six-week series: TOT Storytime for 2s and 3s with caregiver; Storytime for 4s, 5s a& Kindergarteners, Kidz Time for 1st, 2nd & 3rd graders.

» Drop In Little Me Storytime Time/Date: 10:30-11:15 a.m. Friday, Jan. 17

Details: Little ones, from 10 months to 2 years, along with parent or caregiver, enjoy music, simple stories and playtime with Miss Dorie. Just drop in.

#### » Tween Felt Finger Monster Craft

Time/Date: 4:15-5 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 22 Details: For tweens ages 9-12, make your own kooky felt finger monsters. Limit 30. Call to register.

#### » Kidz Time

Time/Date: 4:30-5:15 pm Thursday, Jan. 23

Details: Fun after school program for 1st, 2nd and 3rd graders featuring stories, games and crafts. Please call to register.

#### » Lego Day!

Time/Date: 4:30-5 pm Wednesday, Jan. 29

Details: Kids in 1st - 5th grade make a fun hand-sized LEGO creation to be displayed in the youth area of the library. Limit 30. Call to register.

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**MILFORD PRESBYTERIAN** CHURCH Pastor Bryant Anderson 238 N. Main Street, Milford MI (248) 684-2805 www.milfordpc.o Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m. School age 3 thru 5th grade @ outh Group 10 am - Grades 6-1 A heritage of area worship since 1836

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**NOVI UNITED METHODIST** CHURCH 41671 W. Ten Mile Road • Novi. MI 4837 Sunday Worship 9:45 a.m. Rev. June M. Smith, Pastor 248-349-2652 www.um cnovi.com ving God, loving each other and living our core value



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**OUR VIEWS** 

# Arctic blast

# Thank DPW crews for keeping us safe on roads

As we remain in the grips of a snowy, sometimes downright frigid Michigan winter, there's a group of men and women whom we all need to thank for keeping our roads passable and for keeping us all safe as we go about our work and our lives.

Public works crews in Northville and Northville Township have had, particularly since New Year's Eve, few hours of sleep or time with their families. Regardless of the hour or weather conditions, crews have arrived at work to man the massive snow plows and salt trucks. And when we're all getting ready for a good night's sleep, the crews are out again making sure the roads are safe for when we awake and head to work and school.

As a community, let's give these hard-working crews a big round of applause, not only for the hours they have spent working on only a few hours of sleep, but for truly caring that the rest of us safely reach our destinations as the snow, wind and cold temperatures pound away.

While we are thanking them, let's also help them. All homeowners and motorists can make crews' work lives easier and safer by remembering some important tips.

Above all, give way when you see a snowplow. They are massive vehicles and cannot stop on a dime. Motorists' lightning fast maneuvers to speed around a snowplow creates distraction and danger. Give the snow plow plenty of room so crews can do their jobs — it's for your safety.

Safe driving for the winter conditions will ensure not only your safety, but others who share the road with you — including the DPW crews. Let's all be mindful of keeping not only ourselves safe, but others, as well.

This past weekend when southeast Michigan was hit with about a foot or more of snow in some areas, many communities in the area declared a snow emergency. That means everyone must remove their vehicles from the roads to make way for the snowplows. It's difficult and dangerous for the snowplows to make their way around parked vehicles.

When the snow falls, it's hard to resist picking up



It might look like fun, but plowing the roads isn't easy, especially when motorists are trying to speed around them.

the shovel or starting the snowblower. Be sure, however, not to move your snow into the road. It just makes it tougher for other drivers and for the DPW crews. While you're at it, be sure your kids are not playing in the snowbanks near roads.

DPW crews are all too familiar with homeowners' complaints that as the roads are plowed, snow piles up at the end of driveways. There's nothing that can be done about that — if you want your roads cleared. Wait until the plow comes through before you start your own driveway clearing. That way, you don't have to repeat your efforts.

Help out the Northville firefighters and public safety officials by ensuring that snow is cleared away from fire hydrants. You will be thankful that firefighters can reach a hydrant if a fire breaks out.

Let's all pitch in to help each other during severe weather and to make it safe and easier for DPW crews to do their work. We count on them to keep us safe and they should be able to count on us to allow them to do their jobs.

#### LETTERS

## Situation handled poorly

I am writing to express my concerns about the way Northville Public Schools has handled the recent forced resignations of Jennifer Warnock and Lynn Traxler, two highly effective special education teachers at Northville High School.

First off, the tactics that school administration used to interrogate special education students to gain information against these teachers was despicable and something one would never expect that our trusted school personnel would ever do to our kids. The students, my child included, were threatened with expulsion if they didn't cooperate, accused of lying, and made to sign documents about their testimony all without parental consent or knowledge. Secondly, based on these student interrogations, the school district made the decision to immediately suspend these teachers, essentially pulling out from under the students the extremely effective support network that they have built with the teachers over the years. They were replaced with a revolving door of substitute teachers who simply cannot replace the knowledge that these teachers have of the unique ways in which each of the students on their caseloads learn best. Most of the students have been struggling academically since the departure of these teachers and the district does not seem to be concerned. Finally, a large group of parents have been trying to communicate our concerns with the school district and board since this matter first happened and we have been met with nothing more than condescension, indifference, and a dismissive attitude. Students with special learning needs face enough challenges as it is. These two teachers helped to build an effective system of practices, procedures, consistency, and accountability that helped the students learn and thrive. They were experiencing suc-

#### ess.

In one fell swoop, our school district erased that academic success and for what purpose? Based on what evidence? Questionable data analysis of standardized test results and anxiety inducing student interrogations laced with threats? The taxpayers of our district should also know that we are all paying for this mess as well; the attorneys that were consulted, the generous severance package they offered the teachers to go away quietly, the salary of the substitute teachers, and the costs associated with a search for permanent replacements. This shortsightedness on the part of the district in handling this situation has had a negative impact on all of us, especially the students. Throughout all of this the school district continues to insist that their decisions have always been in the best interest of the students. Unfortunately, in this situation, the student's interests have been absolute dead last at every turn.

with pay until the end of the year, or spend two years fighting the charges. If they lose the case, they lose their teaching certificates.

The teachers were never told specifically what the charges were, or what evi-dence they had. There was no smoking gun here, an administrator thought the test scores on the NWEA tests were low. From there, administrators and board members gutted the special education classes of these two teachers and the students have been without the support they need for eight weeks. So much for the kids' education being the most important thing. The students are terribly discouraged, and their performance is suffering without support from these beloved teachers. There has been a parade of substitute teachers, most without proper special education credentialing. Administrators and board members are telling everyone involved to trust them, and that they have the interests of the students covered. I know Jennifer Warnock and Lvnn Traxler had the interests of the students covered, but they are no longer there.

#### WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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#### **COMMUNITY VOICE**

### What's your New Year's resolution for Northville?

This question was asked of community leaders.

"The Northville community's resolution should be that



Jeffrey Hawley Northville Township

## Heavy-handed treatment

It is with great disappointment that we are writing this letter concerning the loss of two Northville High School teachers, Jennifer Warnock and Lynn Traxler, who by the account of every student and parent we know, as well as our own experience, are the type of teachers parents dream of. The disappointment comes on many levels. The heavy handed treatment of students and these teachers alike by administrators, to come up with "evidence". The blind eye of the board members, who I doubt ever really looked into the "evidence" that had been carefully crafted to make it seem these teachers had somehow plotted to undermine the district's ability to teach.

And the final disappointment, while everyone is away for the holidays, the board and administration offers the teachers a choice. Resign now Tim and Mary Roy Novi ("No-ville")

## No 'surplus' in state budget

The Detroit Free Press headline in the Jan. 3 edition stated that Michigan revenues were up \$1.3 billion over expectations and that state lawmakers were scrambling to put into place a state tax cut for the middle class, not corporations, but for middleclass taxpayers.

This implies that we have a surplus, but we don't have a surplus. It's \$1.3 billion over expectations.

We will not have a surplus until: (1) We return to previous levels of revenue sharing for our cities, (2) return previous levels of state monies to our schools. (3) stop taxing retirees.

Those stop-gap measures have created untold hardships for our cities, our schools and our citizens. The bottom line is this, Lansing: Stop playing politics by promising tax cuts that in the long run will cause more budget cuts and hardships, and instead use the money that is "over expectations" to ease some of the hardship and get the state of Michigan back on its feet.

Ernest Roy Livonia Mail: Letters to the Editor, Northville Record, 101 N. Lafayette Street, South Lyon, MI 48178

#### Expand Fermi 2 evacuation zone

For almost three years now, I have been following the disaster at the Fukishima nuclear station. The Unit 4 reactor is still being stabilized, and the troubles are not over. Our country's West Coast is being contaminated by all the radioactive materials going into the ocean from that reactor.

Those Fukishima reactors are Mark I's, built by General Electric. Fermi 2 in Southeast Michigan is the largest Mark I reactor in the world, bigger than all four of the Fukishima reactors put together. Mark I's store their waste on upper floors of the reactor building instead of ground level.

One thing we learned from the Fukishima disaster is that people were evacuated from a 12-mile radius, and farther in wind direction. DTE Energy's evacuation plan for Fermi 2 only covers a 10-mile area. So, what are those of us within a 50-mile radius (which takes in Detroit, Toledo, Windsor, and surrounding communities) supposed to do in case of a Fermi 2 meltdown and the wind blowing in our direction?

In DTE's Fermi 2 Emergency Preparedness booklet, there are Potassium Iodide (KI) vouchers for people within the 10-mile radius of Fermi 2. KI protects the thyroid gland from radioactive iodine. I'd say considering the size of Fermi 2, DTE should provide KI tablets to everyone with at least a 25-mile radius, if not a 50-mile.

God forbid a disaster would occur at Fermi 2, but to be on the safe side, we should be as prepared as possible. I call on all our political leaders to urge DTE Energy to extend their evacuation zone to a more realistic radius. Jessie Pauline Collins Redford doing our

shopping and eating out that we think of going to downtown Northville first."

> Ken Roth Northville Board of Education

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business community strong." Fred Shadko Northville Township board trustee

"I would like to see Northville Township continuing to move in the right direction.

In addition to



displaying top-notch fiscal responsibility and transparency, proceeding as smartly and quickly as possible with the development of the former prison and psychiatric hospital properties should remain a priority. Finally, I'd like to see us get creative with offering opportunities to citizens – particularly Northville's youth, to get involved with their community."

Mindy Herrmann Northville Township board trustee

"My resolution for Northville would be to pursue a nonmotorized connection



between Hines Park and Maybury State Park."

Patrick Sullivan Northville city manager



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## **Dellock-Endicott**



Ashley Dellock and Jarrod Endicott, both of Okemos, Mich., are engaged to be married. Ashley is the daughter of Paul and Jean Dellock of Northville. She graduated from Northville High School in 2009. Ashley is currently attending Michigan State University where she is working on her Master's degree in speech-language pathology. She expects to graduate in May 2015 and is looking forward to then starting her career as a speech-language pathologist. Jarrod is the son of Lucy and Gary Neher of Northville. He is a 2010 graduate of Northville High School. He is currently employed at Tribar Manufacturing, while also attending Lansing Community College and hopes to be accepted into the Radiologic Technician program. A summer or fall 2016 wedding is planned in Metro Detroit.

# **Patrick-Deighton**



Andrea Patrick of Northville and David Deighton of Novi are engaged to be married. Andrea is the daughter of Don and Diane Patrick of Northville. She is a 2008 graduate of Northville High School and 2012 graduate of Grand Valley State University.She is currently employed as a 3rd grade teacher at Tipton Academy in Garden City. David is the son of Daniel and Mary Jo Deighton of Novi. He is a 2006 graduate of Novi High School and a 2010 graduate of Grand Valley State University. He is currently employed with Jr. AFM-EMC, in Farmington Hills. A July 19, 2014 wedding is planned in Northville.

### **MILL RACE MATTERS**

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

Details: Office open 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday-Friday. Archives open Thursday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Village buildings open 1-4 p.m., Sundays, mid-June to mid-October. Contact: 248-348-1845

#### **Weekly Events**

(\*Grounds closed to public) Thursday: 9 a.m. Archives open; 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. TARTS Stitching Group; 6 p.m. Girl Scouts #473; 6:45 p.m. Cub Scouts Pack 712, Den 5 in Church

Friday: 9 a.m. Archives open; 5 p.m. rehearsal

Saturday: 4-6 p.m. wedding\*; 6 p.m. private party in Cady Inn

**Sunday:** 6-9 p.m. Girl Scouts #473; 6:30 Venture Crew #8 in Church

Monday: 10:30 a.m. Northville Garden Club; 3 p.m. Lions Club Tuesday: 9 a.m. Stone Gang; 10

a.m. Country Garden Club; 6 p.m. Girl Scouts #737; 7 p.m. Cub Scouts Pack 755, Den 4 in Church

Wednesday: 1 p.m. AAUW Bridge Group; 4 p.m. Girl Scouts #40126; 6:45 p.m. Mindfulness Meditation Group



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# Lecture series to focus on historical preservation

The care and keeping of historic buildings from Victorian "painted ladies" to 20th century kit homes — will be the topic of the Northville Historical Society's 2014 Lecture Series beginning Wednesday, Jan. 22.

The series will open with "An Introduction to Historic Preservation" presented by Daniel Schneider, AIA, a registered and federallyqualified architect who specializes in projects involving existing and historic buildings. A project manager with Neumann/Smith Architecture in Detroit, Schneider has taught preservation-related workshops throughout

Michigan. A member of the Northville Historical Society board of directors, Schneider is a former board member of the Michigan Historic Preservation Network.

The Jan. 22 program will explore the background of the preservation movement in America and explain the criteria used to determine a building's historical significance.

Other topics in the series include:

» Wednesday, Feb. 26: New Materials in Historic Districts

» Wednesday, March 26: Restoration of Historic Windows

» Wednesday, April 30: History of Kit Homes » Wednesday, May 28: Assessing the Condition of Historic Buildings

The series is intended for those who own or are considering purchasing a historic building or home, or anyone interested in historic preservation.

All lectures will be held at 7 p.m. in the New School Church at Mill Race Historical Village, 215 Griswold in Northville. The program is free, though donations will be accepted.

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# Hot tea, love of family make for great 100th birthday

#### By Julie Brown Staff Writer

Norah DeRoche knows the value of a good cup of tea.

"I owe a lot of it to my hot tea," the Northville resident said of turning 100 on Jan. 5. "Just black tea. I don't mix all of those."

Son Gary DeRoche, 67, of Brighton noted his mom likes Lipton's.

She's seen a lot of changes in her century of life.

"Everything that you see. Radio, television, computers, anything else you can think of," she said.

"I was born in Quebec City," she said, noting she spoke French and English alike, into middle age, but later lost her French from lack of use.

She came to Michigan in 1925 for her dad's work. Norah was working as a Woolworth's soda jerk in 1933 when she met future husband Richard.

The couple had planned to marry on Sept. 17, 1937, but waited until Sept. 18 because Richard had to work, Gary explained.

"Back then, it was so important to go to work because of money," he said.

Norah and Richard (who passed in 1999) have three living children: Paul (Anne) De-Roche of Howell, Diane (Carl) Buttermore of Kalkaska, and Gary and wife Julia of Brighton. Gary, the middle child, jokingly calls himself "the troublemaker."

The DeRoches also had a daughter who passed just shy of her second birthday.

Norah DeRoche has eight grandchildren, evenly split on gender, as well as 14 great-



Norah DeRoche of Northville will celebrate her 100th birthday with family and friends at a party on Saturday.

grandchildren and another due in March.

Norah's mother lived to the age of 102, but Norah didn't give much thought to the century mark. "Oh, no, I never thought of that," she said. "I can't believe it yet. It's too much fuss."

Many of her family and friends will be attending a birthday party in her honor on Saturday in Northville.

Norah DeRoche, who also lived in Ontario and earned her G.E.D. at age 63, was primarily a homemaker. She had nine siblings growing up, while Richard had 13.

She votes in all elections, but didn't recall exactly her first presidential vote. "I got into politics as I got older," she said. Her advice for younger people: "Live a good life and enjoy your family."

Her Catholic faith also is important. She has someone bring her Communion weekly, and prays the Rosary nightly.

"I enjoy every one of them," the centenarian said of her family. "That's what keeps me going."

Julia DeRoche added her mother-in-law looks forward to babies' arrivals, graduations and the like. "It's just one family event right after another," Julia said.

Even a family baby shower will draw some 45 people. "And all the girls fight to sit next to Mom," Julia said.

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# CC's versatile Bock leads loaded team

**SPORTS** 

Four Mustangs earn first team All-Area football honors

> By Jeff Theisen Staff Writer

One play pretty much summed up what it takes to become the 2013 All-Area Football Player of the Year.

Catholic Central senior Zack Bock returned a missed field goal just shy of the goal line the entire length of the field as time ran out for a 20-14 victory against Warren DeLaSalle. It was the most memorable play in a season that included a trip to the state finals and a runnerup finish.

Bock's versatility is quite amazing. He played the following positions this year: running

back, wide receiver, defensive back, kicker, punter, kick returner and punt returner. He rushed for 479 yards on 66 caries; had nine catches for 128 yards; made 30 tackles on defense; and was a perfect 30of-30 on point-after attempts. Bock also managed a 41.6-yard average on 28 punts. He finished the year with seven TDs, but the one against DeLaSalle will be forever remembered.

In a fitting twist, the All-Area Player of the Year will be continuing his athletic career in a different sport. He is committed to playing soccer at Western Michigan University.

'Zack is one of those rare individuals with a vast array of skill sets – as they say, he can do it all," coach Tom Mach said. "Offensively, he plays

running back and wide receiver and is a threat to score every time he touches the ball. Defensively, Zack is asked to match up with our opponent's best athlete on a weekly basis and he rises to the occasion, relishing the competitive aspect of the game.

"He may well be the most versatile player we have ever had at Catholic Central.'

#### First team **Dylan Roney Catholic Central**

The senior two-way player ran as the fullback on offense and held the defensive end spot on the other side of the ball. Roney rushed 72 times for 362 yards and seven TDs. He

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Zach Bock hauls in a pass for the Shamrocks. He is the 2013 All-Area Football Player of the Year. DENNIS BARNES

# **Boys basketball splits** holiday tournament

Mustangs top Clarenceville before falling to Troy Athens **By Sam Eggleston** 

Correspondent If you were hoping to

watch outstanding basketball games during the Christmas season, then hopefully you made the trip over to Northville High School to watch the Mustangs in their annual holiday tournament.

This year, the Mustangs boys team, coached by Todd Sander, split the tournament as it topped Livonia Clar-enceville but fell to Troy Athens.

Against Clarenceville, the Mustangs jumped out to a



# Oakland County title old hat for Shamrocks

Squad wins fifth straight county championship

> **By Sam Eggleston** Correspondent

The current members of the Detroit Catholic Central wrestling team have no idea what it's like not to be county champions.

That's because the past five years have found the Shamrocks taking home the Oakland County Championship trophy. This year the team picked up 307 points and four individual champions, while Oxford finished second with 247 points, followed by Clarkston with 177.5, Rochester with 172.5 and Ortonville Brandon with 170. Novi finished 24th with /1 points, while walled Lake Central, Walled Lake Northern and Walled Lake Western were sixth, seventh and 22rd, respectively. Earning individual titles for Detroit Catholic Central were Malik Amine, Drew Garcia, Myles Amine and Nick Bennett. Malik Amine, who wrestled at 145 points, and Garcia, 171, each earned their third county title. For Myles Amine, 140, and Bennett, 152, this was their first county title. Bennett was also selected as the most valuable wrestler at the tournament for the upper weights. Myles Amine earned a 9-2 decision over Sam Johnson of Holly to earn his title, while his older brother Malik Amine won with a pin against Walled Lake Northern's Christian Lauderback. Bennett picked up a technical fall over Holly's Kyle Pepper, 16-1, and Garcia earned a 5-1 victory over Shane Shadaia of Rochester. Jimmy Russell took second at 215 pounds with a 5-3 loss to Waterford Kettering's Matt Okaiye, while Evan Toth was second at 130 pounds with a 10-2 major

1/-/ lead in the first quarter and didn't look back as they raced to a 60-35 victory.

"I thought we played tremendous for the last 30 minutes of the game; it took us a couple minutes to wake up, then we rolled," Sander said. "We were fortunate to make some shots early against them to force them out of their zone defense.'

Northville pulled ahead, 32-17, by the end of the first half and added 18 more points in the third quarter while holding Clarenceville to 12. The final quarter found Northville outscoring its foe, 10-6.

Leading the way for the Mustangs was Andrew Meacham, who scored 20 points, including a 4-for-6 performance from 3-point range. Nathan Kellum added 11 points, while David Morrissey scored nine.

"David Morrissey was a tremendous spark off the bench – that is a great sign for us," Sander said. "We are going to need his offensive pop in division play."

#### Troy Athens 54, Northville 46

Unfortunately for the Mustangs, not all games can end in victories - especially when Northville shot just under 30 percent from the floor.

The first half of the contest was close, with Northville leading, 13-12, at the end

Northville's Andrew Meacham goes up for a basket against Clarenceville. Meacham hit a number of 3-pointers in the first half against the Trojans. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

#### **ON TAP**

Northville will visit Livonia Stevenson at 7 p.m. Friday before hosting Novi at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

of the first quarter and then falling behind, 23-21, going into halftime.

The third quarter found

Northville falling behind, 42-30, and it was a hole it couldn't dig out of despite outscoring Athens, 16-12, in the final quarter.

"I thought we executed fairly well on offense and got great looks. It was just one of those nights where there seemed to be a lid on the

rim.," Sander said. "I was extremely proud and pleased of how we played down the stretch. Guys never gave up or got down; we kept grinding. That is a great sign as we enter the start of our grueling division

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#### **ON TAP**

Detroit Catholic Central will host the CC Invitational at 9 a.m. Saturday.



# Northville icers tie tough Churchill squad

#### **By Sam Eggleston** Correspondent

Northville's hockey game against Livonia Churchill last week was one of those contests where both teams refuse to give up and continue to grind until the final buzzer.

That's why, when all was said and done, the Chargers and Mustangs skated to a 3-3 tie.

Northville held a 2-1 lead following the first period, though the Mustangs found themselves trailing after Churchill scored at the 12:24 mark in the opening period off a shot from Nick Misiak.

But the Mustangs came back just a minute later to tie the game, 1-1. Jack Meacham took a pass from Tim Eis and found the back of the net to knot the game. Just over four minutes later, they

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decision loss to West Bloomfield's Ross Bahro

Tyler Morland took fifth at 160, as did Parker O'Brien at 119 pounds

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#### play."

Northville shot 28.6 percent from the floor, while Troy Athens made more than 40 percent on its shots. A total of 16 points came off of Northville turnovers, which totaled 12, while Athens added 19 more points from the free-throw line.

#### **ON TAP**

Northville will visit Ann Arbor Pioneer tomorrow and Saturday before visiting Brighton on Wednesday.

took the lead off a shot from Brett Ridener. Connor Brown and Grant LaLonde assisted on the play.

In the second period, it was Churchill's turn to knot things up as Justin Reinholtz found a way to score during a power play.

The third period was, like the others, evenly paced. The Mustangs took a lead with 6:42 left in the contest when Eis scored a shorthanded goal for a 3-2 advantage. Meacham assisted.

just enough energy to add a final goal, as Puishes took a pass from Jack Behen and fired it home.

The Chargers had

#### and Greg Johnson at 135 pounds. Joe Lyon took sixth in the 125-pound division, while Tom Herrman took seventh at 112

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

"Our half-court de-

fense was really good,"

few turnovers and run-

outs off quick shots that

Sander said. "It was a

led to some transition

## **ALL-AREA**

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was second on the team in tackles with 60. He led the team with 14 tackles for loss and five sacks. He is committed to Navy.

"Dylan's combination of work ethic, character and toughness make him one of the best we've had at Catholic Central," Mach said. "On both sides of the ball, he plays with a relentless style and physicality that sets the tone for our football team. Dylan's leadership by example makes us a better team on a daily basis."

#### Daniel Collins Catholic Central

The senior also contributed on both sides of the ball, with a bigger impact in the defensive secondary. He was third on the team with 50 tackles, had three interceptions and four tackles for loss. As a running back, he had 141 yards and a score on 24 carries.

"Danny Collins is pound-forpound one of the toughest guys on our football team," Mach said. "He has a strong combination of speed and physicality which has made him into one of the most highimpact players on our defense. Offensively, he has speed that makes him a threat to score every time he touches the ball, but also embraces a downhill running style that is punishing for opponents. Antonio Ochoa

#### Catholic Central

The offensive lineman helped pave the way for CC's punishing running style. He was voted second team all-CHSL.

"Antonio is the anchor of our offensive line," Mach said. "Originally an offensive tackle, we asked him to move to center in the offseason and he didn't miss a beat. He is extremely smart and a strong in-line blocker, perfect characteristics for a center in our run-first offense.' **Connor Holton** 

#### **Catholic Central**

The senior running back led the potent ground game for the Shamrocks with 812 yards and finished second with nine TDs.

"Connor is a great downhill runner and a perfect fit for our offense," Mach said. "He has great open-field speed, but also can be counted on to shoulder the work load in our offense and grind out those tough yards when needed. He is 'Mr. Consistency' for our football team, as his impressive 5.2-yard (average) against a bevy of rugged Catholic League defenses can attest to." **Alex Galivas** 

#### **Catholic Central**

The two-way lineman was instrumental on both sides of the ball. The two-year starter and senior captain finished with 13 tackles on defense and helped the the offense with its rushing attack.

Dr. Sheldon L. Smith, Optometrist "Alex is a great leader for our otball team and one of our better linemen, both offensively and defensively," Mach said. "He is a two-year starter at guard and provides unquestioned toughness and leadership on the offensive line. Defensively, he rotates at defensive tackle and is a very stout interior defender.' **Joey Hewlett** 

"David is the best offensive lineman I have ever coached. He is the real deal," Ladach said. Zach Wilds Northville

It was pretty easy to find Wilds. The 6-4, 257-pound senior handled the kicking/punting duties, as well as being a force on the defensive line. He made 7-of-10 field goals, with all the misses coming from 40 or more yards. Wilds made 39of-42 extra points. On the line, he was in on 12 tackles for loss with three sacks.

"Zach is a very diverse player – probably the most diverse that we have had the privilege of coaching," Ladach said. "He did so much for us over the past two years and he always did things really well." **Nick Stegmeyer** Northville

The senior wide receiver put up

big numbers. He caught 35 passes for 795 yards and 12 TDs. **Ryan Kelly** 

#### Lakeland

Lakeland coach John Maltese called runs behind the 6-5, 285pound senior throughout the year as Kelly earned all-KLAA honors. He was also a team captain.

"Ryan has great size and intensity, which made him a great offensive tackle," Maltese said. "When we needed a big play, we ran the ball to Ryan's side. **Mark Ryan** 

#### Novi

Novi coach Jeff Burnside has some seriously high praise for Ryan. The senior middle linebacker recorded 94 tackles with seven for loss, four sacks, four fumble recoveries and three pass breakups.

"Mark was a phenomenal linebacker – leader of our defense, great instincts," Burnside said. "He understands the game like a coach. One of the best linebackers we have ever coached at Novi.' Wade Morris

#### South Lyon East

The senior wide receiver was the focus of opposing defenses, but he still put up big numbers in the wide-open East offense. Morris finished with 39 catches for 603 yards and five TDs. He also ran 14 times for 68 yard and two more scores.

"Wade is the all-time leader in receiving yards at East with over 1,400 yards in his career," coach Mike Lindman said.

#### **Chris Muir** South Lyon East

It was pretty common to hear Muir's name called after an East tackle. He was in on 104 of them, with 47 solos. The senior recorded 11 tackles for loss with two interceptions.

"Chris was our leader on defense this season and broke the record at East for tackle points in a single season," Lindman said. **Erich Stephenson** 

#### South Lyon

The junior two-way player had to be accounted for on both sides of the ball. He recorded 32 tackles and three interceptions as a corner and hauled in 396 receiving yards with 117 rushing yards on offense.

getting injured six games into the season. He still managed to throw for 1,260 yards and 12 TDs.

'Great improvement since his junior year," coach Pat Fox said.

#### Second team **Cameron Bell** Milford

The senior two-way player was headed for a huge season before an injury cut it short. Bell finished with 72 tackles and three sacks in just six games for the Mavs. Koss Allen

#### Milford

The senior offensive lineman finished his career as a two-year starter on the line.

#### **Sean Birney**

#### **Catholic Central**

The senior quarterback led the Shamrocks to the state finals. He completed 35-of-69 passes for 424 yards and six TDs with just one interception. He ran 72 times for 186 yards and two more scores. **Ryan McGillivary** 

#### **Catholic Central**

The senior two-way player re-corded 47 tackles (two for loss) while catching four passes for 66 vards on offense. Austin Racicot

#### Novi

The senior outside linebacker finished with 57 tackles (seven for loss), five sacks, two fumble recoveries and one interception. He also had three blocked kicks on special teams.

#### **Beau Wilhelm**

Lakeland

The senior split end was a deep threat, finishing with 18 catches for 366 yards and four TDs. **Ross Heiman** 

#### Lakeland

The senior quarterback passed for more than 850 yards with nine TDs, while rushing for more than 800 yards with eight scores. **Dave Brown** 

#### Lakeland

The 6-2, 205-pounds senior guard earned all-KLAA honors. Brad Govan

#### Lakeland

The senior tight end averaged 22.3 yards per catch with 255 receiving yards and four TDs. Alex O'Brien

#### South Lyon East

The senior running back started the season as a safety before making the switch to the backfield. He finished with 489 yards on 111 carries, while also snagging 25 catches for 209 yards. **Evan Leary** 

#### South Lyon East

The senior guard also worked as the long snapper. He finished his career as a three-year starter at guard.

#### **Trent Willenborg**

South Lyon East

The junior tight end came on very strong this year with 37 catches for 534 yards and five TDs. He also punted for East. Anton Skupin

#### South Lyon

The junior OB finished with 1,233 passing yards, 625 rushing yards and 20 total TDs.

scores for them.' Leading the Mus-tangs was Meacham, who scored 22 points. Andrew Stevens added eight. Sam Eggleston is a freelance writer covering sports for the Northville Record and Novi News

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#### Northville

Northville had a strong offense and Hewlett was the main weapon at quarterback. He hit 117-of-187 passes for 1,948 yards and 20 TDs with only six interceptions. He also ran 157 times for 1,170 yards and 14 more scores. The senior led the Mustangs to Central Division and Kensington Conference titles.

'Joey is a tremendous leader and he's a great play-maker," coach Matt Ladach said. "He is the most productive quarterback, and player, that I have coached and we have had some really good ones." **David Moorman** Northville

The 6-5, 283-pound junior was a force on the offensive line and a big reason the Mustangs captured the division and conference titles.

"Erich has a great instincts for the game," coach Mark Thomas said.

#### **Brock Oostermeyer** South Lyon

The senior played wide receiver/defensive back. He had 336 yards receiving with five scores and 30 tackles on defense.

"Brock was our shutdown cor-ner," Thomas said. "He could defend with the best of them." Nico Woods

#### South Lyon

The junior two-way player was a leader on both sides of the ball. Woods finished with 512 yards rushing and four TDs. As a linebacker, he recorded 66 tackles, 11 for loss, and forced a pair of fumbles.

"Nico has a great nose to find the ball and destroy the ball carrier," Thomas said. **David Onofrio** 

#### Milford

The senior quarterback was putting up huge numbers before

#### Brendan Evans South Lyon

The senior two-way player was the focal point of the offensive line working out of the center position. Travis Tank

#### South Lyon

The senior two-way lineman worked at guard on offense and contributed 24 tackles on defense. Dimitri Angelas

#### Northville

The 6-5, 285-pound senior line-man was another huge force up front for the potent Northville offensive line.

#### Sean Conway

Northville The senior wide receiver finished with 27 receptions for 311 yards and two scores. Jake Cheslik

#### Northville

The senior defensive back had five interceptions while being in on 54 tackles.

Editor's note: The stats for Catholic Central are through the first 10 games only.



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# Northville Downs makes appeal to host thoroughbred racing

#### **By Lonnie Huhman**

Staff Writer

Northville Downs hit a bump on the road reshaping its future, but it's one it hopes is remedied in the coming weeks.

Late in 2013, the race track, which has traditionally been used for harness racing, applied to the state of Michigan to host thoroughbred and mixed-breed racing during 2014.

The Michigan Gaming Control Board rejected the application based on a number of conclusions, including a failure "to supply a convincing plan to assure sufficient numbers of thoroughbred horses and quarter Horses for the proposed meet."

The denial hasn't deterred Downs officials though. It has appealed the decision and is currently waiting a final decision in the coming days or weeks.

The original application was sent in after the state's deadline, but Richard S. Kalm, the executive director of Gaming Control, stated "in the best



Mike Carlo, general manager of Northville Downs, wants to add thoroughbred racing in 2014 and is awaiting permission from the state. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

interest of racing" Northville Downs could submit an amended application subject to certain conditions.

We're continuing to work to get the decision reversed," said Downs Operations Manager Mike Carlo on Jan. 7 while waiting for the conclusion to their appeal. "We're not sure what the outcome will be,

but we're hopeful."

However, the Gaming Control Board did not think it met the conditions, which included the licensee submitting a business plan detailing how the combination and/or changeover from standardbred to thoroughbred and mixed breeds would occur, which should also detail the costs,

funding and timeline involved with converting the track.

The denial read, "Specifically, Northville Downs has failed to demonstrate a definitive, specific, and detailed plan that could be approved according to the Horse Racing Law of 1995."

One concern stated by the board was that there was no assurance that sufficient simulcast purse pool money will be available for such a race meeting. This aspect is largely based upon a pending accountwagering bill currently in the state's Legislature.

"The submitted plan does not appear to be in the best interest of horse racing in the State Of Michigan for 2014," the denial order stated.

Carlo said adding this new style of racing makes sense in their effort to reinvigorate the track's business plan. The Downs has been looking for new ways to compete for the customers it's lost to the casinos in Detroit over the last decade. The owners feel this is the best route.

'We think this would get us

there," Carlo said of reshaping its business model into a more successful one, which remains viable but was even more so in the past.

Their hope is to host 16 days of thoroughbred racing in 2014 from Oct. 12-Nov. 16. In addition, it would continue to have harness racing.

Carlo said they would alter the half-mile track to accommodate the thoroughbred style. It's estimated it would take around \$200,000 to do it. A thoroughbred track is flat while harness is banked. The Downs would also have to add a race chute.

The one track in Michigan set to host this style of racing is in Mt. Pleasant, which is around a half-mile long track as well. It's expected to host more than 40 racing dates this year.

The final decision on the appeal should be in soon and the Northville Record will update this story when it is.

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# Driving a bargain: The art of wheeling and dealing comes alive on 'Hardcore Pawn'

#### **By Jay Grossman**

Staff Writer

Seth Gold never imagined he would end up in the family business

The 1999 Andover High School graduate was studying pre-med at the University of Michigan, but it didn't quite feel right. Instead, he decided to join his dad behind the counter at American Jewelry and Loan, which is the largest pawn shop in Detroit and the setting for Hardcore Pawn, truTV's number one show.

The show is now in its eighth season and attracts more than three million weekly viewers

"I just love the fact that you never know what to expect when you're working here,' said Gold. "One minute you're wrapping up a \$5 sale and the next moment you're dealing with something upwards of \$100.000. You just never know

institution for the 25 million Americans who don't have bank accounts or lines of cred-it," said Gold. "They need mon-ey — whether it's for an anniversary or a birthday. So they dust off an old item and bring it in here for collateral to get a short-term loan."

What's the art of a good deal when it comes to buying or selling something?

"Do your homework," Gold said. "Realize what you have and be willing to negotiate. People want to move product, even in major retail operations, so it always pays to negotiate."

Gold describes himself as a bona fide sports fanatic especially when it comes to the local teams in Detroit. He admits there have been a few World Series and Rose Bowl rings that he bought and was hesitant to sell.

"But then I'll sell them," he said, matter-of-factly. "I'm in the business of turning over merchandise. My attitude is, I've owned it for a second and now it's someone else's turn to own it. That's why we're in business.'



The Gold family: Ashley, Les and Seth, in front of their store at Greenfield near Eight Mile.

One of his more expensive irchases was a Lee Jacocca Silver 45th Anniversary Edition Mustang for \$66,000. Only 45 cars are in existence and Gold has one ready for you to buy. On a somewhat creepy note, the store just bought a copy of The Detroit News published right after the assassination of John F. Kennedy. The newspaper carried a misprinted headline: "Kill Kennedy." Later editions correctly stated "Kennedy Killed.' But mostly, the store deals in jewelry for short-term loans. Jewelry is easy to price and it's easy to store. Electronics are also popular, as people will still buy an old VCR for \$10-15 so they can watch their tape collections.

quick and I'm correct," he said, eriously wo with family is tough but rewarding. Nobody gets under your skin like family — but nobody has your back like family."

#### **CHAMBER** CHAT

The Northville Chamber of Commerce has several upcoming events planned. The schedule includes:

» New Member Coffee at the Chamber office from 8-9 a.m. Friday, Jan. 17. Welcome the newest members, but all Chamber members are welcome. The event is free, but please let the Chamber know by Jan. 16 if you will attend.

» After Business Hours Networking event, from 5:30-7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 29 at Century 21 Hartford South, 42949 W. Seven Mile, Northville. Stop by for drinks and snacks and some great networking. The event is free, but please let the Chamber know by Jan. 28 if you will attend.

» Northville Business Showcase at Northville High School, noon to 3 p.m., Saturday, March 8. The Annual Business Showcase is a great networking and marketing event, as well as a birthday celebration for the Chamber. The event is open to the public. Tickets are \$3 and can be purchased at the door. Highlights include giveaways, prizes, and raffle items from local businesses. There will also be free samples from the area's top restaurants and caterers. Attendees will be able to vote for the best business and restaurant displays. The Chamber office is located at 195 S. Main Street, in Northville, and can be reached at 248-349-7640. For more information on these events or other Chamber news, visit www.northville.org.

what to expect."

He joined the business in 2003. Over the past decade, he's listened to offers for rare cars, sports memorabilia and jewelry — even offers for prosthetic limbs ("we won't buy them," he notes)

The family's shop is located on Greenfield near Eight Mile. Seth works there with his sister, Ashley, and their dad. Les Gold, who started out in 1978 and is now the king of pawnbrokers.

"My dad knows everything about the business," Gold said. "Usually on the show you'll see me challenging his decisions, but honestly I'm just doing that to hear his angle on the deal. He's the first person I talk to in the morning and usually the last person I talk to at night."

Les Gold, a third-generation pawnbroker, recently spoke about the trade secrets in his best-selling book, For What It's Worth: Business Wisdom from a Pawnbroker.

"Pawn shops are a financial

#### **Financial indicator**

Pawn shops are great barometers of the economy. Gold said he could have predicted the financial meltdown several years ago just based on the increased number of transactions. Along those same lines, he can tell the economy has improved.

"You're on the front lines dealing with people who lost their jobs or have some type of financial problem," he said. "But they still have birthdays and other occasions and they come in here looking for a fair price."

Some of the more collectible items brought to the store have included miniature Stanley Cups and 1968 World Series rings. Gold has also purchased his share of high-end watches and other pieces of jewelry.

#### Family and fame

Gold said the best part of the business, and the most challenging part, is working with family — especially his sister, Ashley.

"When it comes to doing business, I like to say she's

As for the fame part, Gold admits it's still a part of the job he's getting used to. Not only did his dad become a bestselling author, not only is their TV show a success — but Gold himself was just recognized as 2013 Pawnbroker of the Year by his peers. He accepted the award in July.

"I'm just a normal guy people are sometimes surprised when they see me behind the counter," he said. "But in the end, I'm a pawnbroker. That's what I love to do.

"And this is a real live business," he said. "We have over 50 employees and we get hundreds of customers every day. Each day brings a different story and I'm just grateful to be a part of it."

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# Why All the Household Dust?"

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

Cold air returns suck in dirty air, and over time it builds up until you have the same type of debris that you would find in your vacuum bag. Visit our website at www.americanpowervac.com for an actual photo of the debris that is pulled from a typical home.

Cold air returns are also the reason new homeowners are experiencing dust. While your drywall was being sanded, your cold air returns sucked all of the dust through the system and it settled on the bottom of the duct lines where a little at a time gets blown back into your home. To prove it, take a walk down into your basement, look up at the

ceiling for thin sheets of tin nailed between your floor joists. These are your cold air

return lines. Give them a good pounding. You'll see puffs of dust seeping out of the edges. That, my friends, is the reason you have uncontrollable dust problems! This debris

cannot be removed without professional. Which brings me to my next point: choosing an airduct cleaning company. Most companies use portable units which are like а shop vac that you would vacuum your cai with, obviously a b s o l u t e l y Then useless.

there are companies who claim they have a truck-mounted system. In reality, they have a low powered portable system attached inside a van, again, absolutely useless. Visit our website for photos of our equipment

vs. portable or truck mounted equipment at www.americanpowervac.com.



'One of the best companies I have ever had working in my home. They were very professional and I was very satisfied with their workmanship and clean up. I would hire your company again in a heartbeat, and would gladly spread the word to family, friends and neighbors. Great company you have going." gladly C. Miller, Bloomfield Hills

"American Power Vac is amazing. You are outstanding in professional manner and in how courteous you are." L. Bermudez, Sterling Heights for more testimonials visit us @ www.americanpowervac.com

> out of the roof What makes the difference in equipment? Power! To put things into perspective, your furnace moves 2,000 CFM's (cubic feet of air per minute), basically what you feel

coming out of your register. Truck-mounted

equipment only moves 4,000 CFM's. American Power Vac moves over 16,000 cubic feet of air per minute, more than quadruple the power of any truck-mounted equipment.

Beware of companies using cheap equipment and advertising cheap prices ... most are unlicensed or advertise that they are licensed and are not!

#### Avoid Scams by not falling for cheap, get-you-in-the-door prices.

When asked what sets you apart from your competitors, Keith says "Honest service is number one, equipment is number two. I know the importance of being on time, working with a smile, and respecting people's homes and their belongings." There are a lot of duct cleaners around but rest assured you'll receive the same Quality and Service we expect. American Power Vac is family owned and we're here to help by offering a



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# REALTORS **REACH OUT** WITH YULE **SPIRIT**

Recently at its Farmington offices, the Greater Metropolitan Association of Realtors gave checks to local charities.

A total of \$2,574 was given to Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan and \$606 was given to the Farmington Area Goodfellows. The money was raised through raffle tickets, 50/50 tickets and donations during GMAR's Holiday Party and Golf Outing.

Accepting the check on behalf of Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan was their Vice President of Marketing and Communication Anne Schenk. Farmington Area Goodfellows President Dave Kenerson came to accept the check on behalf of their group.

The Greater Metropolitan Association of Realtors (GMAR) was formed in 2010. Its over 6.000 members span the counties of Macomb, Oakland, Wayne and their surrounding counties. GMAR provides a slew of benefits to its members, such as access to the Realcomp MLS, over 220 quality continuing education, training and designation courses, the Real Estate Service Center marketing and communication materials workshop, the ToolShop real estate store with over 1,000 items, the Metropolitan Minute weekly newsletter and the Metropolitan REALTOR monthly eMagazine.



Shown from left are GMAR Staff Liaison to Member Services Committee's Elaine Gatlin, GMAR CEO Duane Marsh, Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan Vice President of Marketing and Communication Anne Schenk, and Member Services Committee member Marx Elias.



### HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Aug. 19-23, 2013, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

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#### **BEVERLY HILLS**

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# Home business issue should be updated

Q. I heard you speaking at a seminar about the need to update restrictions of a community association. One of the areas you mentioned was home businesses. Could you be more specific?

A: The problem with many deed restrictions, including those restrictions in condominiums, is that they have an antiquated definition of



Robert Meisner residential use

and/or no definition of residential use at all. Some documents do provide for an exception for certain types of "home businesses" such as home offices, computer utilization, etc. However, with the technological revolution, the entire provision regarding residential use should be better defined to more accurately clarify what type of commercial and/or business activity will be allowed in the home, taking into consideration the types of "businesses" that can be run that do not attract traffic and/or refuge. That should be one of the many changes made to update the condominium documents.

Q: I am a condominium board member and our management company recommended "their attorney," as they put it, to represent us. The board, I think, naively went along with it. Later, we found out that the attorney does not represent the management company. Should we can the management company?

A: There are some management companies that are desirous of steering associations to a particular lawyer, and suggest to their Board of Directors that they have an attorney for them suggesting that the attorney works for the management company when, indeed, the attorney is actually ig for and being paid by ciation. The board never rely on the mant company's attorney, vith respect to an atwho actually does work management company financially beholden to agement company that agement company hat attorney as theirs n fact, he or she should esenting the associaany boards have naively d attorneys who they neet and have no basis se in the first instance an the fact that the ment company asked blindly follow their nendation. This is not a good mark for the management company and you may wish to consider getting a company with greater integrity. Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of " Condo Living 2: An Authoritative Guide to Buying, Selling, and Operating a Condominium." It is available for \$24.95 plus \$5.55 for tax, shipping and handling. " Condo Living 2" is available in both print and e-book editions. The e-book is available for download through iTunes, Amazon.com, and barnesandnoble.com. He is also the author of " Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track." second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$2.20 for tax, shipping and handling. Call 248-644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-law.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

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### HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Sept. 9-13, 2013, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

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| \$123,000              | 1251 Sheridan St                      | \$350,000             |
| \$156,000              | 11707 Sycamore Dr                     | \$160,000             |
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| \$228,000              | REDFORD                               |                       |
| \$130,000              | 8935 Arnold                           | \$65,000              |
| \$170,000              | 11395 Centralia                       | \$38,000              |
| \$37,000               | 16312 Inkster Rd                      | \$60,000              |
| \$115,000              | 11731 Marion                          | \$40,000              |
| \$150,000              | 18846 Negaunee                        | \$45,000              |
| \$163,000              | 16753 Norborne                        | \$53,000              |
| \$200,000              | 17170 Olympia                         | <b>\$56,</b> 000      |
| \$250,000              | 13051 Sioux                           | \$67,000              |
| <b>\$18</b> 0,000      | 26276 Southwestern Hwy                | \$40,000              |
| \$150,000              | 8931 Wormer                           | \$35,000              |
| \$67,000               | WAYNE                                 |                       |
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| \$60,000               | 4065 Randolph St                      | \$41,000              |
| \$140,000              | 4345 Woodward St                      | \$42,000              |
| \$127,000              | WESTLAND                              |                       |
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| \$118,000              | 35125 Birchwood St                    | \$84,000              |
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| \$65,000               | 34329 Frances St                      | \$112,000             |
| \$395,000              | 31521 Grandview Ave                   | \$90,000              |
| 4323,000               | 5705 N Berry St                       | \$115,000             |
| <b>\$168,</b> 000      | 901 N Hix Rd                          | \$45,000              |
| \$345,000              | 5664 N Karle St                       | \$46,000              |
| \$368,000              | 1517 Norris St                        | \$25,000              |
| \$480,000              | 6570 Quail Run Cir                    | \$82,000              |
| \$340,000              | 1963 S Globe St                       | \$67,000              |
| \$310,000              | 389 S Sybald St                       | \$75,000              |
| \$240,000              | 35608 Somerset St                     | \$80,000              |
| \$129,000              | 6205 W Morgan Cir                     | \$95,000              |
| \$332,000              | 7605 Woodview St                      | \$27,000              |
| \$300,000              | 33845 Yuma St                         | \$95,000              |
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#### **REAL ESTATE** BRIEFS

A free informational seminar on short sale procedures will be offered for potential sellers not sure about how the procedures work.

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

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

# Car Report

#### Advertising Feature

# With New Genesis, Sonata – and CEO – Hyundai Chases Growth



Many Hyundai dealers are optimistic that the change at the top of Hyundai Motor America has installed a "dealer guy" who will be more effective than his predecessor at getting U.S. sales

By Dale Buss

off the dime. He'll also need to oversee the successful launch of a couple of important new products in 2014.

Hyundai jarred the automotive world with the announcement that Hyundai Motor America CEO John Krafcik stepped down as of January 1, replaced by David Zuchowski, the chief sales executive of the U.S. arm of the Korean automaker.

Zuchowski told me that the move was "a complete surprise" to him but stressed that "the very nice thing here is I'm

coming into a situation that I'm very familiar with. We have a good strategy and business plan in place, and myjob is to step into the role to



take it from here."

Hyundai's new U.S. chief also told me that it's very clear what his priorities must be as he begins the new year at the helm: ensuring successful launches of a new Genesis in the first half of 2014 and a new Sonata in the second.

"Product is everything in our business, and ensuring the successful launch of those two products is the top thing I can

do," Zuchowski said.

Many dealers also were optimistic that the 55-year-old Zuchowski would allow them to up their game as he replaces the 52-year-old Krafcik, according to Automotive News. Scott Fink, chairman of Hyundai's dealer council and owner of three Hyundai dealerships in Florida, told the publication that Hyundai dealers were "thrilled" to hear of Zuchowski's promotion.

Dealers have been generally pleased with Hyundai's consistent approach to incentive spending, the magazine said, which has helped their profit margins, and its hands-off approach to implementing facility improvements. "He is a dealer guy," Fink said of Zuchowski. "He understands the business, he can talk to the dealers, he can talk to the Koreans. He's a brilliant guy."

In a statement, his bosses said that Zuchowski "has consistently distinguished himself as a resultsoriented and motivational leader in our industry. During his time at Hyundai, Dave has been instrumental in our growth, especially among our dealers. He exhibits a rare combination of passion, intelligence, creativity and diligence, and we are confident that he is the right choice to build on John's momentum and take Hyundai to new and greater heights."

In something that surely has helped prepare him for his new role, Zuchowski noted that he has broadened his duties lately "to find myself getting more involved in marketing and product development than in the past." Nevertheless, he said, "I see no reason to make any dramatic changes for the sake of change."

There were few public hints before that Krafcik, who spearheaded Hyundai's transformation into a major brand in the

U.S. market, might be leaving, especially so abruptly. But company leadership in South Korea presumably has been smarting from the necessity to reach a final settlement of \$210 million this month in the mileage-restatement fiasco that occurred last year under Krafcik's watch.

Even more significant may have been the fact that, this year, Hyundai

experienced some slippage in the pace of its sales gains compared with the stillrecovering U.S. industry overall and had to rely more than in the past on sales incentives and increased fleet sales.

In fact, the brand was beginning to look a bit more tentative lately under Krafcik than competitors such as Toyota and Honda which have come back strongly from their own difficult few years.

Hyundai bosses abroad just promised not to allow such problems go on much longer. Chung Mong Koo, chairman of both Hyundai and Kia, told Korean employees in an annual meeting that he's predicting a combined global increase in deliveries for the two brands of only 4 percent, to nearly 7.9 million vehicles in 2014, which would comprise the slowest growth for the entity since 2006.

But he vowed that the company would invest in improving vehicle safety and technology as competition gets fiercer



Hyundai for now is keeping the mystery around the 2015 Genesis

and the global economy reaches a "lowgrowth era," according to Bloomberg.

And actually, Hyundai could use another dramatic lurch forward similar to the one it experienced under Krafcik, a bit of an industry iconoclast who typically speaks his mind. He led Hyundai to huge increases in sales volume and market share, garnered some top industry awards for Hyundai vehicles including the 2009 Genesis and 2012 Elantra, oversaw the stretching of the Hyundai brand to upscale models such as Genesis and Equus, and shepherded Hyundai's elevation to major platforms in American advertising including the Super Bowl and the Oscars.







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# 9 pointers for **networking** rehabilitation



#### Ask questions. Help guide the process by coming prepared with targeted questions that keep you both on track and on time.



Be a good listener. People love sharing their story, and it's a great way to learn from others' experience and expertise.



Shoot for face-to-face. An in-person meeting is more personal and expressive and demonstrates respect for another's position.



Be your best. Show your strengths, but not in a domineering way. People enjoy connecting with others who are "going places" with purpose and pride.



Be at your best. Dress for success, be kind and gracious and treat the other person as if she has the authority to hire or promote. She just might.

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Unfortunately the word "networking" makes many people cringe. Somewhere along the line, this vital process in career advancement garnered a tainted reputation, a few battle scars and an unjustifiably abused moniker.

Perhaps, it stems from those who have misused networking to gain unfair advantages in their quest of climbing the corporate ladder.

Or maybe networking's a victim of word association, as it's often paired with strong arm sales techniques. It could also be that networking is simply misunderstood as just a process of walking up to complete strangers and attempting to carry on an interesting conversation about "whatever." Regardless of why networking is licking its wounds, it's still the front-runner for career advancement.

The best way to move past networking's tarnished past is

to help it heal. This begins with re-associating the word with it's true meaning: connecting. People love connecting, and thanks to the Internet, reaching out to random strangers has become an everyday habit. The key, however, to making networking healthy again is to approach the process respectfully. In other words, adopt a networking approach that's authentic by graciously spending time with others, getting to know them, learning from them, asking for advice and always offering the same in return.

Shown here are nine tips to get the most out of your networking experience, while contributing to its rehabilitation.

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Respect each other's time. Be on time, leave on time and don't abuse someone's generosity by scheduling too many meetings, unless it's a mutually agreed upon goal.



Ask for referrals. Networking is about connecting and sharing connections. If your contact was gracious enough to share referrals, following through on contacting them shows respect.



Stay positive. Even if you've been fired or are facing a work challenge, this is not the time for dumping your woes on others. Focus on the positive and you will leave a positive impression.

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Say "thanks" and "thanks" again. Thank them for their time, and send them a handwritten thank-you note after your meeting.

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#### **Trent Griffith**

6th Grade at Adams Upper Elementary School in Westland

When I grow up, I want to become a chemist. In case you don't know what a chemist is, I'll explain it. A chemist can be someone who develops a synthetic fiber that can stop a bullet, find out how to make hairgel work better, discover new medicines that cease pain or even cure diseases, or create new processes that solved then world's energy crisis.

As you can see, a chemist can do many things, which is why this career interests me. I enjoy having a choice in what I do. If I become a chemist, preferably, I'd like to work for the CDC (Center of Disease Control) and figure out a cure for the flu or another dreaded disease. Germs seem like an interesting thing to learn about because I think it is fascinating to know how much life is everywhere, yet you can't see it. Also, I would like to hear what others think of diseases and how to make treatments for them. That is why a chemist would be a great job to have when I grow up.

crafts, take photographs, or do something else that vou would like others to know about?







#### New Year's Word Find

Just in time for New Year's Day, find the hidden words in the puzzle.

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# When I Grow **Brooklynn Crews**



6th Grade at Adams Upper Elementary School in Westland

After sleepless nights of studying at the last minute before a test and years of nearly dozing off on the school desk, my desired occupation is to become an athletic trainer. I realized that continuing a life surrounded by education is not exactly on my favorites list. I've had past dreams of becoming a veterinarian to aid pets but with my hobbies and talents of running and hockey I do day-to-day, I've changed ambitions.

I believe that running and hockey have had the most impact on my change of paths. I can't go through more than 24hours without putting one foot in front of the other or shooting a puck. How do you expect a young girl who has worked so hard on developing her future dream, to just leave everything behind and do a job that in the end might not work out as planned?

One of my strengths is my agility. I can outrun most girls and boys my age. Also, I'm smaller than other people which gives me an advantage to run faster than they can. With my unfailing determination, I believe I'll have the courage to achieve my future dream.

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