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Face of a Father

Congratulations to Michael Berthiaume, Matt Martin, Jeff Antone and Mark Dunn, winners in the Northville Record "Face of a Father" photo contest. Each dad received two Emagine Theatre passes (each pass admits two people) and the Real Shave Ultimate Shaving Kit (includes barbershop quality grooming products from the Real Shaving Company). They are among the 25 lucky dads from throughout the area who were named winners. Congratulations to all dads. The photos of dads were so good that all received an Emagine Theatre pass for two. Enjoy the photos of all dads view the Face of a Father gallery at hometownlife com.

Volunteers sought for Buy Michigan

The Thiro Annual Buy **Michigan Now Festival is** searching for volunteers to help make guests experience at the annual three-day festival memorable. Volunteer applications for the festival - which returns to downtown Northville Aug. 5-7 - are now being accepted. The family-friendly fest which showcases various Michigan entertainers, businesses, products, and educational opportunities with the goal of revitalizing the local economy is looking for volunteers to assist in various areas of the festival throughout the weekend. Michiganders who are interested in volunteering can fill out the volunteer application form online (http:// www.buymichigannowfest. com/volunteer_form php). Selected candidates will be notified by the festival organizers by mid-July.



The Blume family, from left: Zachary, Brian, B.J. Cherise and Elyana enjoy Monday's Fourth of July parade in downtown Northville.



School budget cut \$4.8M for 2011-12

BY LONNIE HUHMAN CORRESPONDENT

The official budget for 2011-12 of \$65 million has been made by the Northville Public Schools Board of Education, and the "severe scenario" school officials talked about earlier this spring did not happen. At least not yet.

Back in April, the school district presented the Northville community a scenario in which the district would have to make nearly \$7 million in cuts to its upcoming budget. This number went down to \$4,857,395, and through various spending reductions, the budget was hit.

Some actions included teacher and staff layoffs. Over 60 staff members have been laid off. Even more support staff layoffs were made prior to the budget decision.

Another area of concern was the projected cut in per-pupil funding from the state, which had been projected to be over \$500. It currently stands at \$470.

"Obviously, we had to pass a budget that balanced the books, but we are not happy with it," Board of Education President Joan Wadsworth said. "We had to make some very unfortunate decisions with our layoffs, but in no way do these reflect on the performance and talent of those hard-working individuals. These (layoffs) were made as purely budget-balancing actions. It was very sad to do this."

Prior to the budget adoption, Michael Zopf, the district's superintendent for finance and operations

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FHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Todd Culp and daughter Violet, 4, ride in the back of a car driven by Bill Stockhausen during the Fourth of July Parade. For more photos, turn to Page A10 or view a photo gallery of the parade online at hometownlife.com.

said there will be \$4.8 million in reductions made for the upcoming fiscal year (which began July 1). It is projected the school's plan will have over \$3 million in personnel savings through teacher reductions. There will be a fund balance of \$1.4 million.

At the June 28 board meeting, Zopf took the audience through the process that led to the final budget improvement target numbers. He said recent state actions — one to award best practices and the other to help fund retirement costs

- helped school finances a bit and should add to the individual pupil funding amounts. However, he added they may only be a one-time actions.

He said the district can achieve four out of the five 'best practices' stipulations that should garner the district a \$686,342 incentive, like sharing of services and working to reduce employee benefit costs.

The Michigan Public School Employees Retirement System or MPSERS payment, which adds up to \$127 per student, goes into the school's

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Township OKs \$20,000 more for walkway project

Funds on top of \$1.3 million •

CORRESPONDENT

New costs were recently approved by Northville Township for the \$1.3 million Bennett Arboretum walkway as a necessity for the path to take shape. Work on the pathway is currently under way with trees being taken out by a company contracted by Spakling DeDecker, project construction

engineers. This southeastern Michigan company had initially been awarded with an over \$100,000 contract for the project that will connect the township with the City of Northvilk, and which comes from a partnership with Wayne County. However, at the last Northville Township Board

of Trustees meeting, Spakling DeDecker had to ask for another \$20,000 so such tasks as material testing can be done. Township Public Works Director Don Weaver said this allocation will be

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Local districts get boundary shifts

BY BRAD KADRICH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

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State House and Senate districts representing Plymouth, Canton and Northville were among those affected Tuesday when the House passed the bill that redraws district lines in light of the 2010 Census.

State Rep. Kurt Heise (R-Plymouth Township, 20th District) gets a slightly larger slice of Canton Township but loses the City of Wayne in his 20th House district.

The redistricting was passed in the House Tuesday, and now heads back to the Senate for confirmation.

Heise, in his first term as a representative, said no significant changes are expected in the Senate.

"I'm very happy with it," Heise said. "I think it will be a more manageable district, and the people represented in the district will have a more common interest. It's been difficult to balance the interests of the people in Northville and in Wayne, because there are so many variables. This creates a far more balanced district with more common interests and a more common background."

The final version of the House map gives Heise all of Northville, all of Plymouth and the eastern third of Canton Township. Previously, Heise only represented the part of Canton east of I-275. Now, a "zig-zagging line" from roughly Morton-Taylor east to Lilley, to Haggerty and then toward Michigan Avenue, is in Heise's district.

Heise said he's been told the new lines make the district "more Republican leaning."

"It's about the same size (populationwise), but it's actually more compact," Heise said.

SENATE MAP

The biggest change could be in the 7th Senate District, represented by state Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton. Under the old map, Colbeck's district included Canton, the Plymouths, Wayne, Belleville and then slid Downriver.

Under the new boundaries, Colbeck loses the Downriver portion of the district, but adds Livonia and its 100,000 population. The new map also includes Northville, Plymouth, Canton and Wayne.

Colbeck said he's "confident in the process that was used," and points to some Republican unrest with some of the boundary decisions as an indication it wasn't completely political.

He said he's "disappointed" to lose the Downriver area, but downplays the challenge of adding a city like Livonia, where he hasn't had to campaign before and where he might not be as well known.

"I'm comfortable with the Livonia and Wayne areas because I have some family roots and friends there," Colbeck said. *I gained two additional communities I have relationships with, and I'm comfortable with that.'

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JOHN HEIDER STAFF PHOTOGRAPH

Work continues on June 27 on the Arboretum pathway along Sheldon Road south of Seven Mile in Northville. The path will begin at the intersection and run south along Sheldon connecting it to the park via a series of trails and bridges spanning its length.

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necessary if things were to proceed as needed.

"It was late in the game," Weaver said of this request. "This should have come in the original proposal, but it didn't."

However, he said it was necessary and therefore pushed the board on the fact that for it to be completed these tasks would need to be paid for. Township Supervisor Mark Abbo was not happy about the development and his vote reflected that as the board gave the allocation

Abbo said this alters what was presented to them, and if it had been a part of the initial agreement the bid cost would have been different. "It would've affected the

bid and the entire project," he said.

Township Manager Chip Snider agreed the new costs are concerning, saying the township should not have to pay for the mistake made by Spalding DeDecker. Some of the board members discussed whether or not the cost could

cover the testing needed to determine the strength of the asphalt and gravel, and the the potential pedestrian and

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McCotter makes official bid for U.S. president

BY AILEEN WINGBLAD STAJF WRITER

Vowing that "we will restructure government of the future so it is citizen-driven," U.S. Congressman Thaddeus McCotter, a Republican, made his official bid as candidate for president of the United States Saturday evening in a grassy field in Whitmore Lake, at the AM radio station-sponsored WAAM Freedom Fest.

"What we need in Washington is someone who understands the wave of the future is not big government, it is self-government," McCotter said. "People need to know that someone in government, no matter how derided or disposable someone thinks you are, will stand for you."

Joining McCotter on stage was his wife, Rita, daughter Emilia and son Tim. His announcement drew a standing ovation and raucous response from the crowd, which broke into a "Thad, Thad, Thad, Thad " chant and waved "McCotter for President "signs overhead.

McCotter noted his other son, George, wasn't with them because he was at work, "which is something every American should have a chance to do."

"We here in Michigan understand that our pursuit of prosperity, our American dream, is in danger. We have seen a government that has refused to restructure itself for the future as we have, as our entrepreneurs have, as our families have. We have seen a federal government that is trying to spend its way into prosperity with our money, and it has failed. We have seen a federal government that has tried to impose government-run health care, despite the consent of the people, and it will fail," he said.

McCotter said "by putting faith in the virtuous genius and industriousness of the American people, we will have better days — and we will start now."

To wrap up his appearance, McCotter grabbed his star-spangled guitar and treated the crowd to a performance of Chuck Berry's "Let It Rock," alongside WAAM talk show host Thayrone X.

Moments later, McCotter's 16-year-old son, Tim, said his father was "driven to his decision by the people."

"I'm all for it," he said. "He seems like the best, most well-spoken candidate — and not just because he's my dad. It's his statement that (the citizens) are in control of our country (that I really agree with)."

LOCAL NEWS

Pri or to making his bid for the White House, McCotter said it was "a tough decision and a lot of strain on the family" to seek the Republican nomination. Announcing his candidac y officially on July 2 seemed appropriate since it was the day "we signed the Declaration of Ind ependence," he added.

"An d I didn't want a canned event in a room where you know everyone there is a supporter," he said.

Among the hundreds who turned out for McCotter's announcement was Lois Zilka of Canton Township. "He comes across as being honest and a real family man," she said. "And from what I hear he is a Christian, which is a big thing with me."

Zilk a said she's pleased McCotter doesn't support government-controlled health care. But sh e's concerned he isn't as well-known as son te of the other Republican candidates, which could hurt his chances at the polls. "Natio nwide, he's got to get his name out there," she said.

Also in the crowd was Jim Klepser of Milford, who said he hasn't yet decided who will get his vote — but he likes McCotter's conservative viewpoints. "And I think he represents 'Middle America,' big time. He's really in tou ch," Klepser said.

Bar b Mackey of Ann Arbor considers herself "as bits of a McCotter supporter as you can get," noting that she has long hoped he'd announce his candidacy.

"He spoke to my son's eighth-grade class in Plymouth years ago, and I literally left praying to God that he would run for president," Mackey said. "Everything he says is perfect. And he sees (the presidency) as a vocation rather than a big ego trip. And I like how he really wants less government."

Sale m resident Guyla Kryka said she's happy with vyhat she's heard from McCotter so far, but needs to learn more. "Now I want to see what he cart do," she said.

McCotter is currently serving his fifth term in the U.S. House of Representatives for the 11th d.strict, which includes communities in wester n Wayne County and western Oakland Count y.

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PHOTOS BY AILEEN WINGBLAD

U.S. Congressman Thaddeus McCotter has officially announced he's seeking the Republican nomination for president of the United States.











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Summer trail cleanup

Join the Friends of the I-275 Metro Trail for trail cleanup day on Saturday, July 9. The first cleanup of the summer will be in Plymouth Township on the section of the trail that parallels M-14. The group will rieet at 9 a.m. on Schoolcraft west of Haggerty.

There is a lot of overgrown

vegetation so bring work gloves, long-bladed shrub clippers, hand trimmers, hand clippers, metal rakes or brooms. A gaspowered leaf blower would be a big help.

Parking is allowed on the grass next to the fence. Water and a light snack will be available.

For more information, call Dave Duffield at (248) 9943074 or visit the Friends of the I-275 Metro Trail on Yahoo! groups or Facebook.

Mazzoni directs Coen plays at Genitti's

Northville resident Orin Mazzoni is returning home July 14-16 to direct Ethan Coen's "Almost an Evening" at

Genitti's Hole-In-The-Wall in downtown Northville. Orin is coming from San Francisco where he is currently earning a master's degree in film studies from the Academy of Art University. Coming with Orin is the cast and crew from the original theatrical production he directed in May 2010 for two sold-out audiences in San Francisco.

The Coen brothers' films are some of the most critically accl aimed and iconic of our time - "Raising Arizona", "Fargo", " No Country for Old Men", "Burn After Reading". Now, one: half of the duo, Ethan Coen, ad ds playwriting to his eclectic bio. In these three short plays ("Four Benches", "Debate", and "Waiting") that ran to soldout aud vences off-Broadway in

2008, the theme is hell - both on earth and in the hereafter.

Along with the theatrical showing of "Almost an Evening", Orin will also be screening his first short film "Larkin", which recently received acclaim practically sweeping the San Francisco Epidemic Film Festival, taking home awards for Best Actor, Best Cinematography, Best Editing, Best Production Design, and Best Sound Design.

Enjoy dinner, cocktails, posters, DVD's and a meet-andgreet with both cast and crew from "Almost an Evening" and 'Larkin" at Genitti's' in downtown Northville.

Read and Relax in Michigan State Parks with free park passes from the library

Spend a lazy day with a good book in the great outdoors, compliments of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, the Library of Michigan and Northville District Library.

Northville library cardhold-ers can "check-out" a one-day pass that waives the Recreation Passport entry fee into any Michigan state park or recreation area. This \$10 savings also provides a one-time, free access to more than 500 events taking place in state parks throughout the summer. To make the day even more relaxing, some of the state parks are offering the loan of a hammock.

The Northville District Library has been a part of the Park & Read program since its inception in 2009. "We are pleased to be able to offer the Park & Read program again this year. The program allows our patrons the opportunity to enjoy Michigan's natural beauty with family and friends. Hopefully, they can relax and read a good book in one of our beautiful parks," said Julie Herrin, library director.

Passes are valid for seven days from checkout and can be used for one day at any one of Michigan's 98 state parks. Passes are valid for day use only. The program runs through Oct. 1.

For more information on the program and a complete list of participating libraries, hammock availability and park ' events taking place throughout the state, visit our www. northvillelibrary.org and click on Park & Read at the bottom of the website, or visit www. michigan.gov/stateparks.

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Northville Girl Scouts hold first awards ceremony

The Northville Girl Scouts held their first Bronze, Silver and Gold Award ceremony June 9 at Northville High School to honor Gold, Silver, and Bronze Award recipients.

The Girl Scout Gold Award, awarded by Girl Scouts of USA, is earned by only three percent of Girl Scouts, ages 14-18, across the country. The highest achievement in Girl Scouting, it calls upon each girl to develop a service project, putting her leadership skills into action by benefiting her community. The Girl Scout Gold Award, open to Girl Scout Seniors and Ambassadors (grades 9-12), is the equivalent of the Eagle Scout Award in Boy Scouting.

Four girls from Northville received the Gold Award: • Natalie Allyn, of Troop 40866, designed toys for children with limited mobility at Children's Hospital of Michigan.

• Leah Mack, of Troop 40866, created motor skill development toys for blind students with additional disabilities, at Penrickton Center for the Blind.

• Meredith Monticello, of Troop 41543, organized two science and technology camps for elementary students.

• Katelynn Ritchie, of Troop 40132, made physical improvements to a classroom for cognitively impaired students at Kenbrook Elementary School.

The Silver Award is the highest honor a Girl Scout Cadette (grades 6-8) can earn. A girl develops teamwork and leadership skills, explores careers and commits to self-improvement while working on a community project. Individuals or



The Northville Girl Scouts held their first Bronze, Silver and Gold Award ceremony June 9 at Northville High School to honor Gold, Silver, and Bronze Award recipients.

groups can earn the Silver Award. Members of Troops 40844, 41556, 40084, 40489 and 40737 and Girl Scout Juliette Kaleigh Carlone received this award. The Bronze Award is the highest honor a Girl Scout Junior (grades 3-5) can earn. A girl learns leadership and planning skills while making a positive

impact in her community. Girls from Troops 40089, 40574 and 40834 earned this award.





BY JULIE YOLLES

Sunset at the Zoo

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Nearly 2,000 party animals – including (at left) Northville's Talia Reed (with Mike Heffelfinger) and (at right) Tony and Jackie Robinson – mingled with Detroit Zoo animals at the annual Sunset at the Zoo, raising \$345,000. Next up at the Zoo is Summer "Zoomance" from 6-9 p.m. Thursday, July 14 (rain or shine) for zoo lovers ages 21 and up. The after-hours event includes a twilight stroll, live entertainment from the Sun Messengers and nostalgic foods and adult beverages. Tickets are \$8; \$5 for parking. Go to www.detroitzoo. org or call (248) 541-5717.







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More: For a complete listing of local and regional events, see the Northville Calendar online at www.hometownlife. com, Submit: Send calendar submissions via e-mail to cstone@gannett.com by fax to (248) 685-2892; or by mail to Northville Record, 101 N. Lafayette, South Lyon, MI 48178. Items must be received by noon on Monday to be included in Thursday's newspaper.

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Friday Night Concerts

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Fridays, July HAug. 26 Location: Town Square, downlown Northville

Details: Free concerts presented by Tom Holzer Ford and the Northville Downtown Development Authority, July 8 - Randy Brock Group; July 15 Shawn Riley Band; July 22 - Steve King and the Dittilies; July 29 - Zap Toro; Aug. 5 - Buy Michigan Now Festivat Aug. 12 - The Crutches; Aug. 19 - Gia Warner; Aug. 26 - Justine Blazer

Barnes & Noble Booksellers Location, 17111 Haggerty Road, Northville

Dean Bakopoulos Book Signing Time/Date. 2-4 p.m. Saturday, July 1 Details: The author of the award-winning novel Please Don't Come Back From the Moon returns with My American Unhappiness. In this sophomore release from Dean Bakopoulos, the book follows protégé Zeke Pappas, a bordertine alcoholic widower whose project to determine why Americans are so unhappy has

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become almost obsessive. Contact: (248) 348-1274 For questions regarding this event, please call Betsy Storrs, Barnes & Noble Community Relations Manager at (248) 348-1274. **Harry Dolan Book Signing** Time/Date: 2-4 p.m. Saturday, July 9 Details: Michigan resident Harry Dolan's first book, Bad Things Happen, climbed to the top of the bestseller list quickly with its fast-paced plot full of twists and turns. Mystery readers devoured the book, which the author placed in his hometown of Ann Arbor With endorsements from writers like Stephen King and Karin Slaughter, Dolan's sequel entitled Very Bad Men is sure to keep its readers up for

18th Annual Garden Walk

Time/Date: 9 a.m. 4 p.m. Wednesday, July 13

another long night of page turning.

Location: Garden Walk Central is at Mill Race Village, 215 Griswold Avenue, Northville

Details: The Country Garden Club of Northville invites you to attend its Eighteenth Annual Garden Walk featuring six gardens in charming Northville. Other unique attractions include a garden market, live music, and refreshments. Proceeds from the event support charitable contributions to local and national horticultural causes. Cost is \$10, tickets available at Gardenviews, 117 E. Main in downtown Northville, after June 13. Contact: (248) 348-3263; www.cgcnv.org

Genitti's Hole in the Wall

Location 108 E. Main, Northville

ORTHVILLE CALENDAR

Contact: (248) 349-0522 **Orin Mazzoni Show** Date: July 14-16

Details: Northville resident Orin Mazzoni is returning home from San Francisco to direct Ethan Coen's "Almost an Evening" and screen his first short film, "Larkin"; dinner, cocktails, posters, DVDs and a meet-and-greet.

Northville Community Senior Center

Location: 303 W. Main Street Contact: (248) 349-4140 Portofino on the River Date: July 20 Details: \$45 prepaid, includes transporlation, cruise and lunch

Northville Art House

Location: 215 W. Cady St., Northville Contact: Northville Art House (248) 344-0497 or www.northvillearts.org for on-going art classes, lectures, events, rentals, volunteering. Hours: 1-5 p.m. Saturdays: 1-9 p.m. on first Fridays of each month Details: Admission to Art House exhibits are always free and open to the public.

Northville Chamber of Commerce

Location: 195 S. Main Street, Northville, MI 48167

Contact: (248) 349-7640 or www.north-

ville.org The Northville Chamber presents the 6th Annual

Northville Grub Crawl

Time/Date 6-10 p.m. Tuesday, July 26



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Garden Walk

The Country Garden Club of Northville is getting ready for its 18th Annual Garden Walk 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesday, July 13. Six beautiful, diverse gardens (including Barbara and Gary Sixt's, shown) will be featured in the Northville community. You can visit historic Mill Race Village after the gardens or any time throughout the day and enjoy homemade refreshments at the Cady Inn, music on the green and garden vendors throughout the village grounds. Tickets are on sale at Gardenviews at 117 Main Street, Northville or through the website at www.cgcnv.org for \$10 each. On the day of the walk, tickets will be available at Gardenviews and Nill Race Village.

Details: Indulge in Northville's unique collection of restaurants as you sample their signature specialties. Ten restaurants are offering free samples of appetizers and entrée items along with cash bar specials for "Crawlers". Crawlers can use free

shuttle transportation to each restaurant or "crawl" on their own. 2011 Participating restaurants are Aubree's of Northville, Brann's Steakhouse & Grill, Buckminister's Pub, Edward's Café & Caterers, Five Restaurant, Gaucho Brazilian Steakhouse, Northville

Sports Den, Poole's Tavern, Rusty Bucket Restaurant and Tavern and Sizzling Sticks Café Mongolian Style BBO. Tickets are \$30 prepaid (must be 21 or over) and are now available at Gardenviews, Good Time Party Store or the Northville Chamber of Commerce.





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Schools look at privatizing

Board seeking bids for custodial, maintenance, food and transportation services

BY LONNIE HUHMAN CORRESPONDENT

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The prospect of Northville Public Schools privatizing their custodial, maintenance, food, and transportation services is now a real possibil-

ity. The Northville Public Schools Board of Education has begun issuing requests for proposals (RFPs) — or seeking bids from private companies — in order to find cost reductions and savings to help them right the financial ship. They have already received bids on transportation. Board President Joan Wadsworth said this is not what they want to do, but need to do.

"We have to look at everything," she said of the RFPs. "There is really no choice. However, it must be said that this is in no way a reflection upon them or their work. These folks do a great job, and the district is very happy with their service."

However, this has Teamsters Local 214 union members concerned, so much so they went en masse to a Northville Board of Education meeting on June 28 to protest any talk of privatizing their jobs. This group of 150 is made up Northville Public School employees who perform such duties as bus driving, food preparation in the cafeteria and keeping the school buildings in shape while ensuring the safety and general well being of the students.

Dan Chisolm, 214's chief steward, has worked for Northville schools for over 10 years on maintenance and as a carpenter.

The teachers are only one part, albeit an important one, but still. We are here to get your kids to and



To show their concern over possible privatization, school employees wore these T-shirts.

from school, to keep the buildings clean and make sure they get a nutritious meal," Chisolm said.

To signify their stance, the group of non-instructional school employees wore T-shirts with the wording: "Stop your child's safety from being sold to the lowest bidder." It then gave Wadsworth's telephone number as the best to way to prevent this from happening.

"We fully understand they (Board of Education) have to balance the budget, but we believe we have sacrificed quite a bit. Three years

ago we made various concessions so we did not have to see this," said Chisolm.

He said the last contract (2008-June 30, 2011) had them agreeing to a reduction in pay, a freeze on any step increases and paying a higher health insurance deduction.

Wadsworth said privatization is a real possibility if concessions cannot be agreed upon by the district and its employees. In the meantime, the district will be issuing other RFPs for its custodial and food services.

Northville's ACT scores make state's top 10

BY LONNIE HUHMAN CORRESPONDENT

Northville High School juniors scored well again on the Michigan Merit Exam, including being a top 10 school in the metro Detroit area for ACT scores.

"I'm pleased to see how well our students achieved in these high stakes test," said Dr. Leonard Rezmierski, who retired from his position as superintendent of Northville Public Schools on June 30. "However, we are still in the process of reviewing the scores and what they mean overall. Once we get that compiled we can better understand how to move forward."

The MME scores, which were released this past week by the Michigan Department of Education, are taken from the group of assessment tests junior-level students took this past spring. The percentage of Northville juniors who tested proficient or above in the following test areas were: 77 percent in writing, 82 percent in math, 85 percent in science, while social studies went down two points to 90 percent.

For 2011, Northville ranks number seven in the top 10 performing schools on the ACT. Other area schools on this list included Novi High School at 10. It's reported Northville's average ACT score is nearly a 24.

Mary Kay Gallagher, Northville Public Schools' new superintendent for Instructional Services, said these scores remain fairly consistent with the ones in the recent past. She did say the district did see slight "upticks" in several categories though. In math the amount of students scoring profieciently or more jumped four percentage points, and in science it went up one point.

"Good scores...scores to be proud of, but of course you know our goal is to have 100 percent of our students in every area to score at the proficient or advanced level," Gallagher said to the

DETAILS

The MME is administrated each March and consists of three areas of testing. They are the ACT Plus Writing college entrance examination; the WorkKeys job skills assessments in reading, mathematics and "locating information"; and Michigan-developed assessments in mathematics, science and social studies. In 2007, it was established that Michigan high school students would now be taking the MME as an assessment tool rather than the MEAP (Michigan Educational Assessment Plan.)

To see the MME scores for Northville go to the following link: https://oeaa.state. mi.us/oeaa/directory/meap asp?dCode= 82390&bCode=%2D99&gCode=116&aCo de=MME.

Board of Education during her presentation of the scores.

Going forward, Northville schools will have to work harder to maintain their consistent scores because adjustments might be made to the scoring. Gallagher said next year the state will probably reset the proficiency levels so that they better reflect college standards.

We can anticipate when that happens needing to be sure that we are communicating with our teachers and with the community to interpret those scores, because what will happen is that we will establish a new baseline," she said.

The goal is college readiness, and Gallagher believes Northville will continue to achieve good scores as it sets even higher goals for itself.

State-wide the results were mixed. The state average on the ACT did go up just a bit. However, it was reported that in math and science just about half the students could not reach proficiency.

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LANSING UPDATE



COLONE, TERRY

Age 76, passed away, June 24, 2011. Funeral Mass will be held on Thursday, July 7th at 10.00am at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 830 S. Lafayette, South Lyon, MI. Please call PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME for further details, 248-437-1616

HOOVER, HERBERT D.

Age 88 of Milford died in the care of his family June 30, 2011. Preceded in death by his brother William B. Hoover & grandson Michael Tomasic. Survived by Margaret his beloved wife of 63 years; daughters Dr. Katy (John Tomasic) Hoover, Jane (Willard, Jr.) Swenson, Mary Hoover, & Dr. Emily (Dr. James Luby) Hoover, & Sara (Kees Brukx) Hoover; 6 grandchildren, also extended family & dear friends Memorial Service was held at Lynch & Sons, Milford on July 5 Rev. Sherry Foster officiated Interment Oak Grove Cemetery Memorials encouraged to Michigan State University. For further info, please phone 248 684 6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

KOHLMAN, RAYMOND

80, of Sebring, Florida, passed away Wednesday, June 29, 2011, in Sebring. He was born October 18, 1930, to Theodore Joseph and Louise Grace (Egan) Kohiman in Redford, Michigan, and had been a resident of Sebring since 2006, coming from Northport, Florida He was a drywall finisher in the construction industry and was a member of the Sons of the American Legion; Moose Lodge and Painter's Union. He enjoyed woodworking and CB radios and also enjoyed fishing and spending time with family and friends. Raymond was preceded in death by his first wife, Jacquelyn Marie Kohlman and is survived by his beloved wife of 22 years, Marilyn Kohlman of Sebring; children, Timothy Kohlman, Michigan; Kathy Kohlman, Michigan; Karen (Tom) Sharp, Michigan, Kristine (David) Saldivar, Bradenton, FI and Theodore (Kim) Kohlman, Michigan, step-children John Huff, Tennessee and Samantha Beeler, Texas, brother, Theodore (Marj) Kohlman, Michigan and 15 grandchildren A Lelebration of Lite will take place July 16, 2011 from 2 00 - 5 00 PM at the American Legion Hall in Milford, Michigan.Memorial contributions may be made to Good Shepherd Hospice, 1110 Hammock Road, Sebring, FL 33870 or Sons of American Legion Post 216 in Milford, Michigan. Arrangements have been entrusted to Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home Sebring, Florida 33870 863-385-0125 www.stephensonnelsonfh.com



MARTIN, JANE A.

Age 70, of Northville, passed away peacefully on July 1, 2011. She was born in Detroit on May 30, 1941. daughter of Samuel and Velma (Graves) Higdon. Jane was united in marriage to John "Jack" Martin on November 25, 1964; they spent 46 loving years together until his death on August 28, 2010. She has been a resident of Northville for 35 years and an active member of Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church Jane was very devoted to her family and was a wonderful wife, mother, and grandmother She loved being up north relaxing with the family at their cottage in Lake Ann, MI. She was a very talented artist; Jane is best known for her pen and ink drawings she created for a number of Northville residents and businesses. Jane exhibited her drawings in the Ann Arbor Art Fair for over 20 years. She is survived by her loving children Kristen (Larry) Schlagheck, Lisa (Chad) Wiltrakis, Erin (Scott) Krueger, and J.P. (Ann) Martin, her sister Suzanne Price; and her grandchildren Will, Emma, Grace, Evelyn, Sophie, Charlie, Ava, Anne, Jake, and Shane She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and two grandsons, Jack and Martin Visitation will be held Thursday, July 7 from 5-8pm with a Rosary at 7pm at Casterline Funeral Home 122 West Dunlap, Northville, A funeral mass will be held Friday, July 8 at 10 am, instate at 930am at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church 133 Orchard, Northville. She will be laid to rest at Holy Sepulchre Catholic Cemetery Memorial contributions would be appreciated to Angela Hospice 14100 Newburgh Road, Livonia, MI 48154



NEWBURY, ALAN

Age 60, passed away June 30, 2011.

He was born on December 3, 1950.

to Stanley and Freda (McDonald)

Kingdom Alan is survived by his

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Newbury, in Bedford,



MABLE L. (LUCILLE)

Age 79, July 3, 2011 Beloved wife of Theodore Schultz of 60 years. Dear mother of Karen L. Brown (Schultz) & Martin D. (Janet) Schultz. Loving grandmother of Andrew P. Schultz & Allee Anderson. Sister of Louise Olzak, Nellie Frey, Richard Markham, and the late Calvin Markham, Virginia McGuire & George Markham, She was the youngest of the 7 children She was a perfect mother, a wonderful cook, a seamstress and quilt maker. She taught Sunday school and church activities and was active in the Girl Scouts She had many friends with the Novi Sixth Gate Cloggers. She will be dearly missed. Funeral service Thursday, 11 AM at the O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, 41555 Grand River, Novi, 248-348-1800 Memorial donations may be made to St. Paul Lutheran Church, 201 Elm St , Northville, MI 48167.

Online condolences: www.obriensullivanfunera'home.com

STREMICH, KATHLEEN M.

Age 71, passed away June 29, 2011. She was born on March 8, 1940, to the late John & Agnes Rossman. Kathleen is survived by her loving husband Thomas Stremich, her children Paul (Linda) Lee. Kathleen (Dan) Williams, Doug (Daphne) Lee, Duane (Debbie) Lee. Rob (Anne) Lee, her brothers: Chuck Rossman, John Rossman, & Denny Rossman. Visitation was held on July 1, Friday, from 3-8pm at Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon A funeral mass was held on July 2, Saturday, at 10am at St Joseph Catholic Church, South Lyon Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral com





CAROL MAE TROMANS

After a courageous battle with cancer, Carol Vickers passed peacefully on Thursday, June 16, 2011. Carol was born November 1935 to the late Donald and Catherine May Tromans in Detroit. She was the devoted mother of Donald Vickers, Brian Vickers, Loreen Whirley (Robert), Marie Hill (Steve) and Todd Vickers. She was also the grandmother of seven beloved grandchildren (many of who affectionately called her Gramma Giggles) including Amy Vickers, aige Vickers, Christopher Vickers, Catherine Vickers, Karen Whirley, Emity Hill and Gavin Hill. Carol was raised in a musical home and began playing piano at the age of five. Her passion for music continued and soon she begged to play the violin, which she later studied at the Detroit Institute for Musical Arts. She sub-sequently played at St. Paul's Methodist Church and The Detroit All-City Orchestra. Later she played in several community symphonies including Fort Wayne, Pontiac, Birmingham/ Bloomfield, and most recently the Plymouth Symphony. Carol was married to Elvin (Al) Vickers in 1958 and devoted her time to raising their five children for 20 years. Later, as a single mom, she worked as an Office Manager for Betz Lab-oratories for approximately 20 more years followed by several years of restful retirement. Carol lived a life of strong integrity and honesty as she displayed great

Sen. Colbeck supports Public Act 312 reform

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The State Senate voted to reform Public Act (PA) 312 in order to help local governments and public safety employees reach financially sound contract agreements in a timely manner. Senator Patrick Colbeck (R-Canton, 7th District) voted in favor of the reforms (House Bill 4522).

"PA 312 is important to the continued safety of our residents and facilitates the delivery of uninterrupted services," Colbeck said. "It provides for a smooth process of contract negotiations between local units of government and public safety employees to maintain continuity of service."

The reforms to PA 312 elevate for consideration a local government unit's ability to pay when establishing public employee contract provisions in arbitration, remove an obstacle to local government consolidation by applying PA 312 arbitration to bargaining units in authorities, speeds up the settlement process by reducing the length of time in arbitration and requiring both sides to submit their last, best offers as a starting point, clarifies that collective bargaining agreements in authorities are covered under PA 312 arbitration, treats the same public safety units in different types of government jurisdictions, improves the qualification and training of arbitrators and maintains a level playing field between bargaining units and local government in contract negotiations. The reforms were supported

by both public employees and public employer groups including: the Michigan Professional Fire Fighters, the Fraternal Order of Police, the Michigan Municipal League and the Michigan Association of Counties.

House bill expands uses for drug forfeiture funds

The House recently approved legislation that allows local police to use money from the sale of forfeited property for more than drug-related investigations and activities. House Bill 4349, spon-

sored by Rep. Kurt Heise (R-Plymouth, 20th District), allows police departments across the state to use the proceeds from the sale of forfeited property as an alternative funding source for all law enforcement activities. These funds can only be used to supplement not replace hudgeted amounts for police protection. "Some police jurisdictions, including Canton, have a large surplus of drug forfeiture money that is no longer needed for drug enforcement-related equipment," Heise said. "Like many of Michigan's local governments, they are struggling financially. This legislation gives them the option to use drug forfeiture funds for other law enforcement expenditures... This bill gives agencies the option to responsibly use the funds where they see fit. As local police agencies face tough budget decisions that can impact public safety, I feel

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to \$924,000, but Zopf empha-

sized they might not be able to

count on this for the next bud-

The passing of the five-year

capital improvement millage,

or sinking fund, will also help

offset costs. The schools can

mill tax to do necessary reno-

Another development that

vations rather than dip into

helped to reduce the budget

hole was the state-passed leg-

islative act calling for freezes

on contractual step increases.

Zopf said this "restricts or

maintains salaries and ben-

efits at existing levels when

contracts expire." This came

use the revenue from the 1-

get planning process.

the general fund.

it is important to look at all alternative sources of funding to keep our streets safe." The bill now goes to the Senate for consideration.

Heise bill moves school elections to November

Rep. Kurt Heise (R-Plymouth, 20th District) is sponsoring a package of bills that would move school board and intermediate school district elections to match general elections, making it easier for voters to get to the polls.

"This is a common-sense way to save money for school districts and local governments, and increase voter awareness and turnout for school board elections," said Heise, of Plymouth. "Taxpayers, local government and voters all benefit from this."

House Bills 4005 and 4006 would require that school board and ISD elections be held at the same time as the general November elections, which is usually the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in even-numbered years.

Currently, school boards and ISDs can choose from five different available dates in either May or November of odd and even-numbered years, which can be costly for local government, and confusing for voters.

The bills have gone through the hearing process and will likely be voted on in the fall, Heise said.

Heise invites residents to district office hours

State Rep. Kurt Heise (R-Plymouth, 20th District) invites residents to meet with him locally during district office hours on Monday, July 11 at locations in Northville, Wayne and Plymouth at the following times and locations: • 10-11 a.m., Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady St., Northville; • 1-2 p.m., Wayne

Community Center, 4635 Howe Road, Wayne; and ..., 3-4 p.m., Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main

St., Plymouth. There will be no district hours in August, however, Heise is always available to meet with constituents by appointment either in the district or at his Lansing office. Residents are invited to call toll free 1-855-REP-KURT or e-mail kurtheise@house. mi.gov to schedule an appoint-Heise is sponsoring coffee hours to give residents a convenient opportunity to meet with him locally. Heise will talk with residents from 7:30-9 a.m. Friday, July 15, at Rex's House of Pancakes, located at 35111 W. Michigan Ave. in Wayne. No appointment is necessary. In addition, Rep. Heise is also available to meet with constituents by appointment either in the district or at his Lansing office. Residents are invited to call toll free 1-855-**REPKURT** or e-mail kurtheise@house.mi.gov to schedule an appointment.

KUGLER, CHARLIE J.

Age 79, died 6/29/2011. Visitation July 7, Thurs, 10-11a m followed by service at 11 a m. at the first United Methodist Church of South Lyon. Arrangements entrusted to Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon

loving wife, Patricia Lee Newbury, his father Stanley Newbury, siblings David (Shelagh) Newbury, Trish (Pete) Cartwright, John (Lisa) Newbury, step-daughters Audra (Brett) Millican, Jill (Jeff) Cratty; 5 orandchildren Amanda, Adriana, Aidan, Michael and Scott, his nieces, and nephews. Hayley, Ben, Amy, and Alfie He was preceded in death by his mother Freda Newbury A memorial gathering will be held on August Friday, from 4 30 - 7 00 p m at Phillips Funeral Home, 122 West Lake Street, South Lyon Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com

LAWRENCE, IRENE

Longtime resident of Milford died in the care of her family July 2, 2011. She was 84 years old. Preceded in death by Calvin her beloved husband of 48 years & her sister Fran (DeWayne) Clark Survived by her children Kenneth (Brenda) Lawrence, Keith (Cindy) Lawrence, Karen (Dr. Michael) Hritz, grandchitdren Margaret Lawrence, Kelly (Sue) Lawrence, Melynda (Eric) Chrisman, Crystal (Stephen) Huber (Michaela & Addison), Allison (Michael) Slife, David Hritz; niece & nephew Lois (Tom) Armstrong; great-nieces & nephews Mark (Anne) Armstrong (Owen, Eli & Grady), Monica (Rustin) Phillips (Kellen & Grayson), also extended family & dear friends Funeral from Milford United United Methodist Church, 1200 Atlantic St. Milford Tuesday 11 AM. The Rev. Doug McMunn and Rev. James Braid to officiate. Burial Milford Memorial Cemetery. Friends may visit at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty St., Milford Sunday 3-8:30 PM and Monday 1-8:30 PM. Memorials to: Milford United Methodist Church, Carl's Family YMCA, or Leader Dogs for the Blind. For further information, please phone 248.684.6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

NORTH, JUANITA MIKESELL Age 91 of Zeeland MI formerly of Northville, MI passed away Sunday, June 19, 2011 Arrangements for a memorial service will be announced at a later date by Xotzme Support

memorial service will be announced at a later date by Yntema Funeral Home, 251 S State St, Zeeland, MI 49464 www.yntemalh.com

PIECZULEWSKI, JANET

Age 85, of Salem Township, passed away June 28 2011. A private family service was held Arrangements entrusted to Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon

RHODES, EDYTHE BEAL

Age 90, of Milford died peacefully at West Hickory Haven, Wednesday, June 29, 2011. She is survived by her son, Lyman 'Dusty' (Donna) Rhodes; daughter, Cheryl (Juan) Segui-Rhodes; ten grandchildren; 26 greatgrandchildren & one great-greatgrandchild. Edythe was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Lyman, and daughters Diane & Judith Rhodes. Family is holding services privately. For further information please phone 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneraiDirectors com



TYMENSKY, JOHN

88, Former Novi, MI and Indiantown, FL resident John Tymensky, 88, died April 29, 2011 in Dallas, TX He was born December 10, 1922 in Ashbury, PA He served in the United States Army, during World War II in the South Pacific, as an operating engineer. On December 27, 1945 he married his childhood sweetheart, Ann Louise Skeltis. He is survived by his wife. Louise, son John (Diann) Tymensky, 2 daughters Donna Harsh and Brenda (Ron) Cain, and 7 grandchildren, and 8 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his grandson J. Michael Tymensky and son-in-law Daniel Harsh A graveside memorial service will be held on July 9, 2011 at 11 AM at Oakland Hills Cemetery, Novi, MI



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cost (example: American Flags, religious

Deadline: Tuesday at 10 am for Thursday

Obituaries received after these deadlines

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and we will sorely miss her everpresent smile. We are grateful to Memorial Hospice for their kind and compassionate care these past few weeks. A memorial service will be planned in the Detroit area in mid-July. For more information contact: DANIELS CHAPEL OF THE ROSES FUNERAL & CREMATION SER-VICES (707)525-3730

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al challenges. Carol is dearly loved

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WILEY, WILLIAM B.

Age 72, of Howell, previously of Northville, passed away June 29, 2011. A funeral service was held Sat. 7/2/2011 at Casterline Funeral Home of Northville He was laid to rest at Glen Eden Memorial Park in Lyonia



ZACHOS, WILLIAM "BILLIE"

Passed away March 5, 2011. Born June 22, 1961, son of Louis L. Zachos (deceased) and Margaret Zachos (Cecil) (deceased). Grandson of Aristotle "Harry" Zachos (deceased) and Victoria (Mager) Zachos (deceased). Grandson of Edward Cecil (deceased) and Justine (Cornstock) Cecil (deceased). Dear brother of Susan (Zachos) Adams, Louis E. Zachos (deceased), and Christopher Zachos. Brother-in-law of Dennis Adams and Alesia (Warren) Zachos (deceased). Uncle of Jeremy Adams, Amanda (Zachos) Watson, Katie (Zachos) Brown, Justine Zachos and Nicholas Zachos. Husband (separated) of Debra (Lambert) Zachos and stepfather of John and Heather (children of Debra). Memorial to be held July 9, 2011 at a private residence. Please call (313) 532-6539 for further details.

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about after the June 7 budget hearing and resulted in another \$750,000 reduction in costs.

Zopf said one immediate question for the district in the coming year is to come up with a transportation plan. No capital spending plans for busing are in place for next year so this would have to be quickly addressed. Wadsworth said the fleet is aging and may need to be replaced soon.

For fiscal year 2012-13, things could look different. The severe scenario could then have a projected number of cuts to be made at well over \$10 million. This looks even more concerning for Northville because the state incentives might not be available and there will also be a loss of funding for half-day kindergarten classes.



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LOCAL NEWS

NORTHVILLE/NOVI CHURCH EVENTS

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

Church of the Holy Cross

Location: 40700 W 10 Mile Road, Novi Contact: (248) 427-1175

Church of the Holy Family

Location: 24505 Meadowbrook Road Contact: (248) 349-8847 or visit holyfamilynovi.org

Mass Schedule

Time/Day: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday; 6:30 a.m. Tuesday, Wednesday Friday; 7 p.m. Tuesday; 4:30 p.m. (English), 6:30 p.m. (Spanish) Saturday Holy Days: 9 a.m., 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. Reconciliation: beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays or by appointment Priests: Father Timothy Hogan, pastor and

Father Nichael Zuelch, associate pastor Crosspointe Meadows Church

Location: 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile Road Contact: (248) 669-9400, 9 a.m.-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 multisensory worship experience.

Destiny Worship Center

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

First Church of the Nazarene Location: 21260 Haggerty Road, north of Eight Mile Road

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

Sunday Schedule: 9:15 a.m. Worship service with Praise Band, children's Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 10:15 a.m. Fellowship and refreshments; 11 a.m. Traditional worship service, Children's Church, Youth Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 6 p.m. Evening Service, Children's program, Youth Worship Service Tuesday Schedule: Tuesday 9:25-11.15 a.m. Women of the Word Bible Study with childcare Evening Bible Study Wednesday Schedule: 5:30 p.m. Family Meal, S4 per person, S12 per family; 7 p.m. Children's Caravan, Club 56, Bible Study, Quitting, Adult Classes, Youth Blast Thursday Schedule: 6 a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer Group; 7 p.m. Tae Kwon Do Women of the Word Time/Date: 9:25-11:15 a.m. Details: The W O.W. Tuesday Ladies Bible Study welcomes you to their study of the Ephesians. There is a \$15 registration fee, which includes interdenominational study materials. Childcare will be available in the morning for children through age 5.

available for through age 5; 6:45 p.m. Ladies

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

Location. 34567 Seven Mile Road, Livonia Contact (248) 442-8822 or www.newhopecenter.

Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross

Location: 40700 W. 10 Mile Road Contact: (248) 427-1175 or churchoftheholycross.com Sunday Worship: 7.45 a.m., 10 a.m. Sunday School and Nursery Care: 10 a.m. Worship Service Alzheimer's Support Group Time/Date: 10 a.m. second Saturday of month Faith Community Presbyterian Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile Road Contact: (248) 349-2345 or visit fpcnorthville. org Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. 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.



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Fun on the Fourth



PHOTOS BY JOHN HE DER | STAFF FHOTOGRAFHER

Madison Moore, 3, seems pretty cool in the shade as she rides along the parade route.

Wynne Lewis and Jessica Watkins, right, wave the American Flag during Monday's parade.





The Northville High School marching band provides some music during the parade.



Tom Morrison and Jessica Marshall enjoy the parade from the shade of an American Flagthemed umbrella.



Aiti Cullens marches along the parade route with friends of the Northville Educational Foundation.

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James Bigelow, 5, rides his patriotically-decorated bike along Main Street, during the Fourth of July parade.

The American Flag is carried along the parade route.

A Harley-Davidson with an American Flag and a couple of riders makes its way down Main Street.

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The Northville Fourth of July Parade 2011.

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PUBLIC SAFETY

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POLICE REPORTS

Attempted theft of motorcycle

A 25-year-old Northville woman reported to the police that she believes someone tried to steal her motorcycle while she was away from home.

The woman lives on N. Northville Place Drive and when she left on June 18 she made sure to park the motorcycle in the car port, cover it and chain it up. When she came back home on the 24th she found the cover for the bike was half off and the chain was in pieces on the ground.

Larceny from the yard

2A local business had a number of items stolen from it during the time span of June 16 through 20.

Suburban Electric, which is located on Gerald Avenue, reported to Northville Township police that they had four 5 gallon drums and other miscellaneous scrap pieces taken from their gatedin yard. Workers had noticed a suspicious white pickup truck in the area prior to discovering the items missing.

Retail fraud and marijuana possession

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3 Two Novi teens are arrested after trying to heist two liquor bottles from the Meijer store on



Haggerty Road.

On June 24, Northville Township police responded to the store on the report that loss prevention had two suspects in custody. The report stated that one of the 17-year-olds had been spotted attempting to take out the bottles inside of his backpack. The other had given himself up by knocking on the door of the store office and saying he wanted to give the items he had in his possession

back so as no to get in trouble. Police had initially just arrested the first teenager for taking the liquor bottles, but after a search of the second's vehicle, in an attempt to properly identify him, the police discovered marijuana pipes and a small amount of marijuana. So both men were arrested.

Operating a vehicle while intoxicated

4 On June 23, a 43-year-old Novi man was arrested for drunk driving after Northville



At its regular meeting on July 18, 2011, the Northville City Council will introduce for first reading amendments to the City of Northville Zoning Ordinance, Article 18 General Provisions pertaining to fences and special storage permits, and Article 20 Planned Unit Development. The proposed amendments to Article 18 would modify section 18.09 of the zoning ordinance as it pertains to front yard fences and modify sections 18.129 and 18 12.10 pertaining to special storage permit fees The proposed amendment to Article 20 pertains to expired planned unit developments Public comments will be received at the City Council meeting scheduled for July 18, 2011, at 7.30 pm at the City of Northville Municipal Building, 215 W Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-349-1300. Written comments may also be submitted to the above address. Complete text of the proposed ordinance amendment is available for review at the City Clerk's Office during normal business hours of 800 a m to 430 p m, Monday through Friday, local prevailing time.

city police observed him driving quite erratically.

While driving down west-bound Eight Mile Road the police observed a white F-150 Ford truck in front of them crossing the white lines. The police vehicle stayed behind the driver and on multiple times he cross the lines. So they initiated a stop near Eight Mile and Randolph.

While running him through

field sobriety tests, the reporting officer stated the man swayed numerous times and had trouble with the tests. A preliminary breathalyzer of the driver came back with 15 percent blood-alcohol content.

He was arrested for drunken driving.

Compiled by correspondent Lonnie Huhman

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CITY OF NORTHVILLE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE ZONING MAP AMENDMENT

At its regular meeting on July 18, 2011, the Northville City Council will introduce for first reading an amendment to the City of Northville Zoning Ordinance. The proposed amendment would amend the Zoning Map by rezoning lots 649, 650, 651, and 652a of Assessors Plat No 7 from Planned Unit Development (PUD) to Central Business District (Conditional Zoning).

Public comments will be received at the City Council meeting scheduled for July 18, 2011, at 7.30 p.m. at the City of Northville Municipal Building, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-349-1300 Written comments may also be submitted to the above address Complete text of the proposed zoning map ordinance amendment is available for review at the City Clerk's Office during normal business hours of 8 00 a m to 4 30 p m , Monday through Friday, local prevailing time

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WAYNE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with the provisions of Section 324, subsection .35702 of Act 451 of the Public Acts of 1994, as amended, twenty-five or more freeholders have Petitioned the County of Wayne, Michigan ("County"), to designate a portion of Main Street in Northville Township, Wayne County, Michigan, as a Natural Beauty Road, being more particularly described as:

Main Street from a point approximately 300.0 feet East of Beck Road to a point approximately 210.0 feet West of Clement Road, located in Section 4, Town 1 South, Range 8 East, Northville Township, Wayne County, Michigan, being approximately 3,450 feet of 0.654 miles in length

In accordance with said Act, a Public Hearing will be held, Wednesday, July 20, 2011 starting at 1:30 p.m. and ending at approximately at 3:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Northville Township Hall located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville Township, Michigan, to consider designating the above referenced road as a Natural Beauty Road.

During the Public Hearing, a Hearing Examiner of the County shall obtain all necessary facts and information concerning the advisability of either granting or denying said Petition, and shall report all findings of fact to the County' Natural Beauty Roads Evaluation Committee for their recommendation.

True copies of this notice are to be served, posted and published in accordance with the provisions of said Act, as amended.

WAYNE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES Engineering Division, Real Estate Attention: Sandra Martin 400 Monroe Street, 3rd Floor, Detroit, Michigan 48226 313.224.7772

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Offering Prearrangements & Prefinancing

City of Northville City Election Nomination Petition Information

Candidate Packets containing nominating petitions, signature requirements, affidavits, and other information pertaining to the November 8, 2011 City Election are available at the City Clerk's Office, City of Northville Municipal Building, 215 W Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 248-349-1300, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8 00 am and 4 30 pm for the following offices

Mayor - Two year term (one position)

Councilmember - Four year term - (two positions)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the sections in the Code of Ordinances and City Charter pertaining to the filing date of nomination petitions for the regular city election is superceded by Michigan Election Law MCL 168.644e as amended under PA 44 of 2010. The candidate nomination petition filing deadline is 4:00 p.m., on the 12th Tuesday prior to the odd-year November election.

The deadline for filing candidate nomination petitions for the November 8, 2011 City regular election is <u>4:00 p.m.</u> August 16, 2011.

MCL 168 737a requires all write-in candidates who seek election to a city office to file a Declaration of Intent with the City Clerk no later than 4.00 pm on the second Friday immediately preceding the election

DIANNE MASSA, CITY CLERK

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INVITATION FOR BIDS **City of Northville**

2011 SIDEWALK PROGRAM

Sealed bids will be received in the City of Northville Council Chambers, City Hall, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan 48167 until 2 00 p m. local time on Thursday, July 14, 2011 for the City's 2011 Sidewalk Program.

This project includes, but is not limited to the removal and replacement of existing concrete sidewalk throughout the City of Northville, which has been damaged by tree roots, utility settlement, and general degradation of pavement. Contract documents and bid proposals can be obtained by contacting the Northville Department of Public Works at (248) 449-9930.

The City of Northville reserves the right to waive any irregularity or informality in bids, to reject any and/or all bids, in whole or in part, or to award any contract to other than the low bidder, should it be deemed in its best interest to do so.

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Recreational passports Lawmakers' license plate gamble pays off for parks

State law makers took a gamble last year that looks like it might be paying off for Michigan's struggling state parks.

Beginning in October, the state offered residents the opportunity to pay an additional \$10 with their

parks are a treasure worth protecting and maintaining. We hope that the initial success passport program continues and grows so that

Michigan's state annual vehicle registration that would allow them free entry into Michigan's 98 state parks, recreation areas and boat-launch sites. The so-called "recreation passports" represent a substantial savings for regular park patrons who had been paying \$24 for an annual park pass. More importantly, however, the extra fee provided Michiganders of the recreation with an easy opportunity to help raise money to properly maintain

the state park system. Recently, Secretary of State Ruth Johnson and Department of Natural **Resources Director Rodney Stokes** announced that more than one million recreation passports have been

COMMUNITY VOICE

What do you think should be done with the former Scott prison at Five Mile and Beck?



"A Wal-Mart – just for good shopping. There's really not one around here."

Karen DiTommaso Northville Township



'I'd like to see some kind of resort to relax. Tranquil."

Mary Dozier Northville Township



'lt ought to be used for something, but I don't know what. That's a big complex." **Ralph Hollis**

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'Make sure it's occupied by a job-creating facility. like a factory. We're trying to bring our communities back and attract businesses." **Jemil Metti**

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LETTERS

Book sale success

The just concluded four-day Friends Used Book Sale brought in \$1,613 21 These funds will be used to support library programs and projects.

I would like to thank the community for supporting this annual event. I would also like to thank the volunteers who helped to make this event possible. I think few people understand and appreciate the number of people it takes to run a sale like this

The following volunteers staffed the sale or played some role: John Alexander, Laurie Blondy, Anne Borque, Ron Breuhan, Marilyn Breuhan, Jay Cardinal, Grace Colter, Marcie Colling, Joanne Dayton, Bill Drapinski, Nick Driver, Sue Ferrario, Roz Fink, Ellison Franklin, Marcia Hershoren, Susanne Isaacs, Phil Jerome, Joyce Liddle, Christine Litka, Cherie Lovett, Jeannine Meade, Erin McDermott, Regina Mingela, Claudia Moore, Gail Mroz, Chuck Murdock, Andrea Murdock, Doris Oltersdorf, Jane Patterson, Marian Rowlette, Paul Snyder, Joan Sellen, Sue Sendelbach, Denise Stacer, Jeanne Storm, Joe Thomas, Linda Van Dusen, Sue Verble, Sandy Walts, Christa Williams, Lynne Witt and Geri Wright. The following Northville High School honor students were instrumental in moving and setting up books for this sale: Mitchell Alameddine, Maria Benjamin, Zeinab Beydoun, Sarah Blackhurst, Rachel Brown, Steven Bryndza, Megh Dholakia, Matthew Ciric, Luke Dodge, Cameron Freisen, Kelsey Duvall, Katherine Gatz, Jung Woo Ha, Aaron Havlisch, John Hubbard, Emily Kallif, David Kettlehut, Gina Kim, Jakob Kippola, Alec Latta, Christopher Leja, Jiayue Liu, Manpreet Manau, Mallory Mazuchowski, Melanie Mullett, Natasha Jovanovski, Reena Pullukat, Molly Reitman, Charles Reitz, Kayla Rhodes, Stephanie Rinald, Courtney Ring, Kaitlyn Sabourin, Gary Sandhu, Andrew Shanne, Trevor Smith, Lauren Spahschu, Brady Tyburski, Brianna Vandervoort, Divya Andrew Kowalski Varghese, Jennifer Woodward, Eric Zwierzechowski, Scott Zwierzchowski. Special thanks go to Nicole Cornelius and Meghan McGillis for coordinating the scheduling at the high school

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

We welcome your Letter to the Editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification. We ask your letters be 400 words or less. We may edit for clarity, space and content. Submit letters via the following formats.

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asking for state help is their job. If they can't handle the pressure they should resign. The board and superintendent must realize there is more to their job than ribbon cutting and photo ops.

bridge special interest and lobbyists. It's commonly known that Moroun's people have loaded Lansing with political donations

and that his team of lobbyists is legendary. Moroun may think that Sen. Kowall is going to vote his way (because of the \$2,000 donation he made to Kowall) instead of voting for the best interests of the people of Northville and Michigan, We'll see.

The private Ambassador Bridge has milked billions of dollars from control of the bridge and its stranglehold on travel and commerce in southeast Michigan.

In addition, the Ambassador Bridge is extremely vulnerable to a terrorist attack. which would wipe out southeast Michigan's economy for years, until another bridge could be built.

It's time now to start building that new bridge, owned by the public here and in Canada, and let our public government reap the rewards that the Ambassador Bridge has been guarding all these years.

Please do phone or e-mail OUR state Sen. Mike Kowall He's ours, not Manny Moroun's

the parks det the care and attention that they need.

sold in the first eight months they were available. That puts the program well on pace to surpass the \$12 million that was generated each year by the former permit system.

DNR officials had estimated that

17 percent of vehicle registrations would have to include a recreation passport in order for the system to sustain funding. As of now, that rate is 20.5 percent and appears to be climbing, according to DNR officials.

As we said in endorsing the new program, we think enough Michigan residents recognize the importance of maintaining a strong state park system that they will be willing to pay an extra \$10 a year for free access to those attractions.

The funds definitely are needed. The park system stopped receiving money from the state's general fund in 2004 and since then has been largely dependent on revenue from entry and camping fees for operations, leaving little money for maintenance and updates. The DNR estimates the parks need about \$38 million for proper maintenance and replacement of facilities, yet in recent years the department could devote only about \$2 million a year to such purposes.

Michigan's state parks are a treasure worth protecting and maintaining. We hope that the initial success of the recreation passport program continues and grows so that the parks get the care and attention that they need.

ONLINE VOICES & VIEWS



The following are excerpts from readers participating in our online forum for discussing issues, In Your Voices Find more comments or join the discussion on the Web at hometownlife com

Letters to the Editor: Student's plea

Connor, I'm glad you like doing fun stuff at school, but you're not there to have fun. You are there to learn. The 'fun stuff' is part of the reason our kids are so much dumber than those of other nations despite us outspending every nation in the world on Education.

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Finally, I want to acknowledge the support of Kroger's, Hiller's Markets and Busch's Markets whose contributions make the bag sales possible this and every year.

Dr. James Morche, coordinator Friends of the Northville District Library Used Book Sale

Lead by example, school board

You got to be kidding," "Say it ain't so, Joe." No matter how you say it, even considering as an option the emergency manager is madness Where has board President Joan Wadsworth been living the last few years? Hasn't she noticed what a fine job our elected politicians have done in running the State of Michigan? Counting on anything coming out of Lansing taking over a local problem is lunacy.

How come this topic wasn't brought up by the board prior to the last millage election? All appeared rosy at that time.

It is about time that the elected members of the board started doing the job they were elected to do. That is to provide leadership to a very fine school system. Finding ways to curb this problem other than the "easy way out" of

Think what could happen if an emergency manager takes over and has total control. Remember, there are plenty of students ready to flee a crumbling situation in the Detroit Public Schools. (That is not too far-fetched to think this couldn't happen as they will need a place to go for an education) They tell us we have the best schools around. Keeping it that way is why they were elected and hired. Work with the teacher unions and all the employees, not threaten them, and come to a positive solution beneficial to our entire community. Lead by example.

Dick Gibson

Northville Township

Kowall's bridge view

Our state Sen. Mike Kowall's decision can kill the new public bridge

I just received the second or third flier in the mail from a group fighting the new bridge.

They are backing Manny Moroun's private Ambassador Bridge and attacking the proposed new public bridge over the Detroit River.

I'm sick of receiving such mail and being bombarded by the misleading TV ads opposing the new public bridge, with the new jobs it would bring.

Our Sen. Kowall is chair of the Senate committee that decides whether or not the full Senate gets to vote on approving the public bridge bill backed by Governor Snyder and the state department of transportation.

Sen. Kowall has the power to ignore the bill and not let his committee vote on it, effectively killing the bill.

The fliers I received say: "When voting on the budget bill ... Sen. Mike Kowall voted to strip the useless bridge proposal out of the final bill. He stood firm against the special interest's and lobbyist's pressure."

The flier asks us to call or e-mail Sen. Kowali regarding this issue, giving his phone number, (517) 373-1758 and his e-mail: SenMKowall@senate.michigan gov.

I hope all Northville and Novi readers will contact Sen. Kowall and also ask him to "stand firm against the special interest's and lobbyist's pressure."

In this case it's Manny Moroun's own private

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Tenure issue

Kudos to Northville teacher of the year Paul Polanski for an award he most certainly deserved. The prospect of being laid off is a bitter pill to swallow. But, what Dave Stewart didn't include in his description of the "travesty" he blames on the tenure protection teachers deserve is the name of the teacher that deserves to lose their job so Mr. Polanski might keep his.

Despite the highly touted performance of the educators in the Northville public school system, according to the beliefs of Mr. Stewart and our teacher-bashing Gov Rick Snyder, there must be someone somewhere who should be fired in the Northville school system because they are being protected by tenure, and then someone more popular can keep their job.

Instead of looking for methods to adequately fund education so draconian cuts are unnecessary, the new battle cry from our extremist governor is to blame career-minded educators and attack their ability and credibility as educators. Tenure is only a protection that works when you aren't doing your job well. Proper and accurate documentation of poor performance is all it takes if a school district finds it necessary to terminate a poor teacher if the district has the will and has taken the proper steps.

What tenure provides is protection against termination for economic or personal reasons that have nothing to do with performance, as in replacing a qualified long-term teacher with a new one at half the salary, or letting personal bias enter the evaluation process.

I can say that I never had a bad teacher in public school. I had some that were better than others, but they all did a credible job. I can't say that about college. It may be time to re-examine some aspects of the tenure process, but to assume that because someone is laid off that there must be someone with tenure that should be fired has no place in that discussion.

> **Steve Lawrence** Northville

LOCAL NEWS



PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER [STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Adventure outing

Kids wander the stream and banks of Mill Race Village on June 29 during a one-day Huck Finn adventure outing organized by Faye Cramton.

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SOCIAL SECURITY

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

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

Attorneys Bieske and Alfonsi can often make a winning difference at the application stage. And, if



an appeal is necessary they have won several hundred cases before a court date is even set.

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

In addition to practicing only Social Security disability law

Thomas Martin releases his Huckleberry Finnlike raft into the **Will Pond stream** on June 29 during a kids class taught by Faye Cramton, About a dozen kids got to build their own miniature rafts, enjoyed a snack from bandana-sack tied to a pole, and then launched their boats a few times into the stream. For more information on upcoming classes at Mill Race Village, go to www. millracenorthville. orq.

attorney Bieske has written a book for attorneys about the subject and has been interviewed on various television programs. Both attorney Bieske and Alfonsi have also been interviewed on radio programs and have given

speeches to many groups.

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

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

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GOLF OUTINGS 3rd Annual Northville Mustang Boosters Golf Outing/Silent Auction

Date: Saturday, Aug. 27 Location: Links of Novi, 50395 W. 10 Mile, Novi

Details: All monies raised will go directly to the Boosters and reinvested into our athletic programs and sports teams as needed. Tickets are \$100 per person, which includes a round of golf, lunch, dinner, open bar and access to the Silent Auction Student cost is \$75 per person, which includes a round of golf, lunch and dinner. There is also a dinner-only option, which is \$50 per person



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Face painting

Delaney Shey, 2, checks out her new ladybug face painting in a mirror as her mom Colleen looks on during the June 28 Tunes on Tuesday event in downtown Northville.

and includes dinner, open bar and access to the Silent Auction Hit a hole in one and you could win a 2011 Lincoln MKZ. There will also be a longest drive contest and a closest to the pin contest for both

women and men colfers. Contact: Carrie Slominski at cslomo2022@yahoo.com 13th Annual Good Grief Outing Time/Date: 10 a m. Saturday, Sept. 10

Location: Tanglewood Golf Club, South Lyon Details: The proceeds from this outing will benefit New Hope Center for Grief Support, a bereavement outreach center





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located in Northville. New Hope provides free grief support services and resources to men, women, teens, and children throughout southeastern Michigan. The cost for this four-person scramble, which includes 18 holes of golf with a cart, lunch, dinner, contests, and prizes, is \$115 per golfer prior to Aug. 1 and \$125 after. Dinner-only is \$35 per person. Channel 4 traffic and news reporter Lauren Podell will be special guest and emcee.

Contact: For information about sponsorship opportunities or for registration information, contact Pattie Bingham at (248) 348-0115 or www.newhopecenter.net.

MEETINGS

Northville Public Schools BOARD OF EDUCATION Date: Second and fourth Tuesday of the month Time: 7:30 p.m. Location: Old Village School



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Vantastic Voyage

The First United Methodist Church of Northville loads up nine vans on July 2 for their annual trip to Appalachia to spend a week repairing homes for needy people in that area. This is the 25th year the church has sent teams of youths and adults to serve with the Appalachia Service Project. This year 62 people will make the 475-mile trip to Jeff, Ky. Shown supervising the loading are the project leaders Brent Green and Chrissy Curvin. They feel that this trip is a wonderful way for young people from the Northville area to learn the value of giving to those in need. The group will share their experiences at the church services on Sunday morning, July 10 at 8:30 and 10 a.m.

City of Northville CITY COUNCIL Date: First and third Monday of the month Time: 7:30 p m Location: City Hall, 215 W. Main St. **DOWNTOWN** Development **AUTHORITY MEETING** Date: Third Tuesday of each month Time: 8 a m. Location: City Hall Meeting Room A, on lower level, 215 W. Main St Contact: downtownnorthville.com PLANNING COMMISSION Date: First and third Tuesday of month Time: 7:30 p.m. Location: City Hall HOUSING COMMISSION Date: Second Wednesday of every month Time: 3 p m. Location Allen Terrace, 401 High St

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION Date: Third Wednesday of month

Time: 7 p.m. Location: City Hall **ARTS COMMISSION** Date Second Wednesday of every month Time: 7 30 p m. Location: Art House, 215 W. Cady St.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION

Date: First Monday of every month Time, 8 a m. Details: Individuals and organizations invited to attend. Location: Northville City Hall, Meeting Room B

Northville Township **PLANNING COMMISSION** Date: Last Tuesday of month Time: 7:30 p m Location Township Hall, 44405 West Six Mile **BOARD OF TRUSTEES** Date. Third Thursday of month Time: 7:30 p.m. Location: Township Hall

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS Date: Third Wednesday of month Time: 7:30 p m. Location: Township Hall **BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION** Date: Third Monday of month Time: 7:30 p.m. Location: Township Hall YOUTH ASSISTANCE Date. Second Tuesday of every month Time 8 a m. Location: Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road Contact Sue Campbell (248) 344-1618

SENIOR EVENTS

Senior Community Center Location: 303 W. Main St. Contact. (248) 349-4140 THURSDAY 9 a.m. TOPS; Massage by appt. 10.30 a m.º Yoga 11 a.m.: Cribbage

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Local collector Don Lademann will be displaying his complete original collection of The Seven Wonders of the Ancient World by Mario Larrinaga.

Live music, appetizers and beverages will be served throughout the evening. Guests will also have the opportunity to tour the Maritime Museum.

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TECH SAVVY Measuring your online presence

BY JON GUNNELLS CUEST COLUMNIST

t used to be that if you had a problem about a product or service you would call and complain, write a nasty letter, or if you were really annoying - contact a government representative.

Not anymore. Consumers now use social media to communicate directly with businesses and if a customer has a bad experience, they can air the dirty laundry online for the entire world to see.

Negative feedback is bad for business, so as you could imagine, companies react

quicker than they used to. This however, isn't about how companies can leverage social media to have better customer service and happier clients. This is about how consumers can build an online reputation to help themselves through customer service issues.

Tech Savvy

There are a handful of websites that track activities and rate your Jon Gunnells

reputation on the Internet, but the site that has its biggest share of fans (and detractors) is Klout.com

Users who link their Facebook, Twitter or LinkedIn accounts with Klout will receive a ranking based on how well they interact on the internet. Think of it as a digital score about how well you play with others within social space.

Scores are on a 100 point scale with the higher numbers being better. On Klout, users won't necessarily increase their score by having as many friends and followers as Justin Bieber, but they can increase their numbers by starting conversations, sharing information, and responding to others.

Some say the algorithm used to determine Klout scores is arbitrary, because there is no perfect way to do social media. Tweeting for example isn't like throwing a baseball or growing a vegetable garden. There's no completely right or wrong way.

Still, Klout makes a compelling argument about why you should try and interact on your social networks - because businesses are watching.

It's nothing new for businesses to offer freebies or discounts to online influencers. Klout just

makes scores easier to understand and makes the online influencers easier to identify. Online influencers are essential to service providers because they are key to cheap online advertising. Take The Palms hotel in Las Vegas for instance.

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In the fall, The Palms began creating the Klout Club that would allow certain perks for hotel guests with higher Klout scores.

The way it works is, a high profile celebrity, or say, a social media guru with a high Klout score could get an upgrade for having a strong online presence. It's the hotel's hope that the aforementioned power user would share their great experiences with their highly engaged fan base and create some buzz for much cheaper than a commercial or billboard.

In the past year, other companies have reached out Klout users who are influential in certain areas to help promote their cause. A snack manufacturer, for instance, may send free samples to users who are influential about junk food in the hopes that they will rally their fans to go buy a new product.

But it's a two-way street and while companies can use people with high online rankings to improve their web visibility and sentiment, users can also use their high online rankings to improve the way they are treated by companies.

If you have a high Klout score, or are simply have an engaged readership that will allow you to broadcast a message, companies that are serious about customer service will take notice.

Whether they are a Las Vegas hotel, a potato chip manufacturer, or any other service provider companies cannot afford negative feedback - especially in social media where comments could spread like a virus.

Next time you're online, think about quickly registering for Klout.com or another online measurement site to see how strong your presence is and what you are influential about. Who knows, the next time you have car trouble, or get a fly in your soup at a national restaurant chain - your online presence may help you get solutions.

Jon Gunnells, a Northville Township resident, is a social media planner at a Detroit-based advertising agency. When he's not working. Gunnells enjoys college sports, social media, driving and playing basketball. He can be reached at jonathan gunnells@gmail.com. Follow him on Twitter @GunnShOw.

BUSINESS WORKSHOPS

Business owners and entrepreneurs who need assistance are invited to attend seminars in July offered by the Oakland County **Business Center. Business Basics workshops** are now offered in the evenings on alternating months.

Unless otherwise noted, all workshops take place at the Oakland County Executive Office Building Conference Center, 2100 Pontiac Lake Road, west of Telegraph, in Waterford. For pre-registration and location specifics, visit oakgov.com/peds/calendar or call (248) 858-0783.

Pre-Business Research

Are you thinking of starting your own business and want to research your business idea? Are you a business owner who wants to understand which research sources to use for your business plan and where to find the information you need? Presented by The Oakland County Business Center, The Entrepreneur's Source, Oakland County Market Research division and a business reference librarian. Attendees will receive an orientation to the FastTrac NewVenture program, making them eligible to receive a scholarship to the next 10week program, reducing the cost \$700 to just \$140.

Thursday, July 7, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. This workshop is free but pre-registration is required.

Social Media Marketing Part 1

Millions of people use social media for fun, but these technologies are also powerful business tools that encourage communication and collaboration. Before you start using socialmedia tools, learn how they work and what they offer, particularly for small businesses. They can enable internal collaboration, allow information-sharing with external partners, exchange information with your customers, and harness the collective ingenuity of the public to build brand advocates.

Tuesday, July 12, 9 a.m. to noon. Fee: \$40. No refunds.

CEED MicroLoan Orientation

Many small business owners face obstacles when trying to obtain a business loan. The recognition of the serious need for working capital for existing businesses, start-up or expansion, equipment purchases, and job

FUTURE WORKSHOPS

(a.m.) Morning Class 9 a.m. to 12/12:30 p.m. (p.m.) Evening Class 6 p.m. to 9/9:30 p.m. Aug. 2: Effective Networking (p.m.) Aug. 3: SBA Forum on Small Business Lending Aug. 4: Social Media Marketing III (p.m.) Aug. 9: Pre-Business Research Workshop (p.m.) Aug. 10: CEED Microloan Orientation Aug. 11: Fundamentais of Starting a Business (p.m.) Aug. 12: FastTrac Listening To Your Business

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Aug. 17: Speed Marketing II (p.m.)

Aug. 18: Fundamentals of Writing a Business Plan (p.m.)

- Aug. 24: Social Media Marketing I (p.m.)
- Aug. 26: Oakland County Yenture Forward

Sept. 8: Pre-Business Research Workshop (a.m.)

Sept. 13: Social Media Marketing II (a.m.)

Sept. 14: Working for Yourself ...

Becoming a Contractor, Service Provider, etc. Sept. 15: Fundamentals of Starting a Business (a.m.)

Sept. 21: CEED Microloan Orientation

Sept. 22: Fundamentals of Writing a Business Plan (a.m.) Sept. 27: Social Media Marketing III (a.m.)

Sept. 28:5 Keys to Successful

Financial Planning for Small Business Sept. 29: QuickBooks Essentials Part I & II

creation is not the priority it once was. If you have a need for alternative financing consider the MicroLoan Program. Discover the requirements and process necessary to apply and obtain a microloan. Program presented by the Center for Empowerment & Economic Development.

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Novi's Ward races to POY award

BY JEFF THEISEN SPORTS WRITER

Novi's Jasmine Ward is simply crazy fast.

The Wildcat junior cemented a state title for the Novi 4x100 relay by coming from behind to crack the tape in 48.35, just .06 ahead

of the Jackson relay. "She performed one of the best anchor legs that I have ever seen at the state meet to come from behind and win the championship," said coach Marsha Reid. "First state championship for girls track in school history."

The day didn't end there for Ward. She went on to capture third place in the 200 dash (24.93). Ward was also was part of the All-State 4x400 team which finished seventh.

Ward was also part of all three relays (4x100, 4x200, 4x400) which won regional titles for Novi as the Wildcats also captured a team regional title.

FIRST TEAM

D'Mya Davis, Novi

The Novi junior was another key part of the 4x100 state-title winner. The 4x100 relay also captured titles at regional, Oakland County and at the KLAA Conference meet. She also captured a regional title in the 100 dash to qualify for states.

Kelly McCloskey, Novi

The Novi junior produced a pair of All-State performances at the State Finals. She finished fourth in the 300 hurdles (44.65) and was part of the 4x400 relay to place seventh. She qualified in four events for the State Finals -300 hurdles, 100 hurdles, 4x200 and 4x400.

Abby Downs, Novi

The Novi freshman has a bright future ahead of her after qualifying for the state finals in the 100 hurdles.

Janee Hood, Novi

The Novi sophomore was part of the 4x100 State Champion team.

Mariah Smith, Novi



Novi High's 4x100 relay women won the state title: (I to r, front) D'Mya Davis, Janee Hood; (top) Jasmine Ward and

ALL-AREA LACROSSE Gelven best of All-Americanfilled region

BY CHRIS JACKETT CORRESPONDENT

Senior attacker Dylan Gelven started every game in his four years with a strong Northville program, racking up 68 goals and 52 assists for a state-high 120 points this spring to earn the All-Area Player of the Year honor on top of being tagged as the Mustangs' first-ever All-American.

"I remember watching him as a sophomore playing in a scrimmage against Ann Arbor Huron, dodging to the cage and ripping a shot top right corner, and saying to my assistant coach, that kid is a 'lacrosse' player, and he will be our first All-American by the time he is a senior," Northville coach Greg Durham said. "Well, for once I was right, because Dylan became our first All-American, deserving every bit of it, averaging seven points a game."

Despite a talent-rich region of opponents, the All-State attacker managed eight goals and five assists during two games against No. 5 Novi and four goals and two assists in one game against No. 3 Detroit Catholic Central.

"Dylan was by far the best player I have ever coached in my 10-year career," Durham said. "Not one of the other three All-Americans in our area scored nearly as many points as Dylan and, against us, none of them com-pared to what Dylan did against them. All three are great players, but Dylan was definitely the standout of the area."

Gelven will take his lacrosse skills to Seton Hill University, where he plans to study engineering.

FIRST TEAM

Mitch Burgin (CC Sr. A) After earning All-American status as a junior attacker, Mitch Burgin returned and

led the Shamrocks with 47 goals and 21 assists this year to earn another All-American honor. He'll be playing lacrosse at Adrian College next year.

"Mitch has the best hands I've seen come through CC. He is an exceptionally hard worker and has a great nose for the net," CC coach Dave Wilson said. "His mom would toss

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NOVI SPORTS ROUNDUP

BY CHRIS JACKETT CORRESPONDENT

Pom pon

The Novi varsity and junior varsity pom pon squads both won the grand champion awards at the Mid-American Pom summer camp session June 22-26 at Davenport University in Grand Rapids.

Senior Captains Mary Favorite and Nicole Rigdon led the varsity squad to first place ratings in the original routine, speed learning and high kick categories over 17 other squads as the girls performed an original routine to the tune of Ozzy Osbourne's "Crazy" Train."

Coached by Erin Bartos, the 27 members of varsity pommers also entertained the crowd on the third evening with an enthusiastic routine to a medley of music from the television show "Glee." Of the varsity squad, 21 members of the team made the Mid-American Pom All-Star team for Michigan. Plans are in the making for the All-Stars to perform at London's Summer Olympics in 2012.

Captains Annie Segal and Laura Baumgarten led the 18member JV pom squad to their grand championship while earning a second-straight Peppy Pom award for the team with the most spirit and enthusiasm. Elvse Bartos and new assistant Alecia Tsermengas coach the JV squad.

Soccer

Several Michigan youth soccer teams advanced to regional championship games June 29 in the Fox Cities area in Wisconsin.

The Grand Rapids Crew Juniors won the under-17 boys title with a 2-1 win over Lou Fusz Gold Popovic (Mo.) with goals from Nate Rose (Grand Haven) and Jason Stacy (Grand Rapids) in the second and 38th minutes.

The Michigan Hawks 95 won the girls under-16 title with a 2-0 victory over Ohio Premier with goals from Michele Manning (Novi) and Summer Green (Milford) in the sixth and 34th minutes.

Not all the Michigan teams who made title games came out on top.

Eclipse Select 95-96 (Ill.) got the best of the Michigan Hawks 1-0 in the under-15 girls championship, while Eclipse Select North Black 97-98 (III.) took a 2-1 decision over Michigan Hawks 98 in the girls under-13 girls championship.

For full results, see http:// tournaments.usyouthsoccer. org/events/2011-Region-II-Championships.



PHOTO BY WENDY BETTS

The Novi varsity and junior varsity pompon squads both won the grand champion awards at the Mid-American Pom summer camp session June 22-26 at Davenport University in Grand Rapids.

Athletic Camps

Visit http://www.novi.k12. mi.us/athletics for a list of the various sports camps being run by Novi High School coaches

and student-athletes. All the camps take place at the high school, middle school or Novi Woods.

Camps include girls swimming July 11-15, cheerleading July 11-14, lacrosse July 11-14,

football both July 11-14 and July 18-21, volleyball both July 11-15 and Aug. 16-19, field hockey July 25-30 and pompon Aug. 27.

Chris Jackett is a freelance writer and former Novi News staff writer.



LOCAL SPORTS

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Wang aces field for POY honors

BY JEFF THEISEN SPORTS WRITER

Novi's Abby Wang swings into the top spot of the 2011 All-Area Tennis team.

The Novi No. 1 singles player capped off the year at the State Finals, where the Wildcats finished in 11th place. The Novi junior gave the team a win before her season came to a close in the second round. Wang finished the year 19-6, with five of her losses coming to the top four seeds in Division I.

Her highlights included a pair of wins against Northville to go with wins against A.A. Pioneer, G.P. South and Rochester Adams,

"Abby plays an all-court game with a good serve and volley," said coach Jim Hanson. "She has improved each year in our program and was a MHSTeCA All-State player last year."

First team

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Erin Doud, Northville

The Mustangs' No. 2 singles player finished the year 25-2 with KLAA Conference and regional titles. After receiving a bye at the State Finals, she earned a win before her season came to an end in the quarterfinals. The Mustangs finished tied for sixth at state.

Joanne Weber, Northville

Northville's Weber finished Conference and regional runner-up to Player of the Year Wang from Novi.

Mackenzie Powers, Northville The Northville junior finished 21-5 at No. 3 singles for the KLAA Conference champion Mustangs. Powers won the KLAA Conference and regional titles as well as recording a win at

the State Finals.

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Nina Haase, Milford

The Milford foreign exchange student proved to be quite a catch for the Mavs. She went 13-5 at No. 2 and even filled in for No. 1 singles for a week. She reached the semifinals of the KLAA Conference tournament and the quarterfinals of the regionals before losing to the eventual State Champion.

Meggie Riegel and Jenna Snyder, Novi The two Novi seniors combined to go 17-8 on the year at No. 1 doubles. They collected a regional title as well as wins against A.A. Huron (2), Northville (2), Rochester, and Rochester Stoney Creek during the season.

Meng Meng Jie and Amy Zhou, Novi Novi senior Jie and freshman Zhou made a run all the way to finish runner-up at State Finals for No. 4 doubles. The duo collected KLAA Conference and regional titles along the way to a 20-3 record on the year.

"They were a solid and consistent doubles duo throughout the season," said Hanson.

Ally Weaver and Jackie Kjolhede, Northville

The Mustang senior No. 2 doubles team rolled all the way into the state semifinals. Weaver and Kjolhede finished the year 26-2 with KLAA Conference and regional titles along the way.

Christy Snyder and Elizabeth Sakorafis, Northville

The No. 3 team of freshman Snyder and sophomore Sakorafis also finished the season in the state semifinals. The duo also collected KLAA Conference and regional titles en route to a 23-3 record.

Meghan Ewald and Erin Dougherty, Milford

The Milford seniors combined to go 16-3 at No. 1 doubles. Their highlights included wins

ALL-AREA TENNIS

Player of the Year Abby Wang, Novi First team Joanne Weber, Northville Erin Doud, Northville Mackenzie Powers, Northville Nina Haase, Milford Meggie Riegel and Jenna Snyder, Novi Meng Meng Jie and Amy Zhou, Novi Ally Weaver and Jackie Kjolhede, Northville Christy Snyder and Elizabeth Sakorafis, Northville Meghan Ewald and Erin Dougherty, Milford Second team Asawari Kanitkar, Novi Caitlin O Brien, Novi Alex Jeannotte, Northville Lindsay Dehnbostel, Lakeland Christy Murphy and Danielle Romano, Northville Emily Toupin and Lauren Starr, Northville Emily Kwederis and Ori Nagasaka, Novi Ashley Aljadah and Emily Sheeran, Novi Taylor Staffileno and Sydney Sinclair, Lakeland **Honorable mention** Novi: Rebecca Chen Milford. Kelsey Prince, Autumn Giles Lakeland Marissa Herbert

Second team

Asawari Kanitkar, Novi

The Novi freshman played No. 4 singles for the Wildcats, finishing 14-10. She finished conference and regional runner-up.

Caitlin O'Brien, Novi

The Wildcat sophomore split time at doubles before shoring up the Novi lineup at No. 2 singles. Head coach Hanson said she had big wins at both the conference and regional tournaments.

Alex Jeannotte, Northville

She finished the year 25-2 at No. 4 singles. She earned a win at the State Finals and captured conference and regional titles.

Lindsay Dehnbostel, Lakeland She finished 12-7 at No. 2 singles for the Eagles. Her highlights included a win against Novi and a second-place finish at the Brighton quad.

Christy Murphy and Danielle Romano, Northville

The senior Murphy and freshman Romano manned the top spot for Northville's doubles teams.

Emily Toupin and Lauren Starr, Northville Other than losses to Novi, the duo managed wins against every other team in the KLAA Kensington Conference.

Emily Kwederis and Ori Nagasaka, Novi The Novi juniors finished conference and

regional runner-up to Northville at No. 2 doubles. Ashley Aljadah and Emily Sheeran, Novi Senior Aljadah and junior Sheeran got paired together midway through the season and still managed to go 11-6, finishing runner-up at both

conference and regional tournaments. Taylor Staffileno and Sydney Sinclair, Lakeland

The No. 4 doubles team went 15-5 for the Eagles. They were seeded at both the district and regional meet and claimed first place at the Brighton quad and second place at the Lakeland tournament.



First in Okemos

The U11 Mustangs won all four of their games and took first place in the Okemos Baseball Classic Tournament on June 26. Pictured (I to r, front) are Mitchell Smith, Ryan Perkins, Jackson Stegmeyer, Jonathan Michalak, Ben Brady and Benji Eckerle; (back) Coach Glenn Perkins, Head Coach Eric Stegmeyer, Lucas Buccellato, Ben Schmidt, Drew Atkinson, Shane Rankin, Ethan Hoffman, Liam Fleming and Coach Rob Hoffman.

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him errant passes in the backyard and Mitch would have to catch them and shoot." Joe Mikkelson (Novi Sr.

M) Wildcat senior midfielder Joe Mikkelson played through injury, winning 80 percent of his faceoffs and helping Novi to a 16-2 streak to the Division I semifinals. His effort earned him All-American and All-State honors.

"Great on man up," Novi coach Tom Stephanoff said. Mike Birney (CC Sr. D) An All-American defender bound for University of

Detroit-Mercy's lacrosse team, Shamrock senior Mike Birney filled many roles for CC this spring while notching 19 goals and 10 assists.

"Mister do it all for us; clears, rides, plays defense, offense and extra man offense," CC coach Dave Wilson said.

Taylor Howell (Novi Sr. A) An offensive dynamo who scored the winning over-. _ time goal against Detroit ~ Catholic Central during the regional final, Novi senior Taylor Howell was named the Wildcats' Offensive MVP.

Tommy Orr (CC Sr. M) Racking up 34 goals and 14 assists helped CC senior midfielder Tommy Orr earn All-State honors this spring. An Academic All-American, he is headed to the University of Michigan.

ALL-AREA LACROSSE FIRST TEAM

Mitch Burgin, CC Joe Mikkelson, Novi Mike Birney, CC Taylor Howell, Novi Tommy Orr, CC Zach Mohr, Novi Greg Kolis, Novi Jakob Kippola, Northville Nick Melucci, Northville Eric Tamm, Lakeland SECOND TEAM Pat McKay, South Lyon Neil Nypaver, CC Spencer Hilden, South Lyon Michael Comben, Northville Ian O'Brien, CC Curtis Herzog, Novi Kent Burnett, Novi Scott Byrne, CC Corey Roberto, Milford Connor Kehoe, South Lyon **HONORABLE MENTION** Doyle Williams, Milford Evan Ronayne, Lakeland Sam Brooks, Lakeland Chris Ross, Milford Max Klepack, Lakeland Gary Schell, Lakeland Chris Reid, Lakeland David Ketelhut, Northyilla Tom Kreitzer, South Lyon Eric West, South Lyon Riley McKenzie, South Lyon Nathan DiRado, South Lyon Seth Malarik, South Lyon **Cameron Dillion, South Lyon** Alec Mayhew, South Lyon

Nick Melucci (Northville Jr. A) Shamrock, senior midfielder Neil Nypaver stepped it up on ground balls, trail checks and clears this spring to carn All-State honors.

Spencer Hilden (South Lyon So. M)

From the midfield, sophomore Spencer Hilden had two goals, 10 assists and 50 groundballs while setting a school record by winning 82 percent of his faceoffs (137 for 166) and earning All-State honorable mention. Michael Comben

(Northville Sr. D) A top defender in the Mustangs' lineup, senior Michael Comben earned All-Region and All-Conference honors with 65 groundballs and one assist this spring. Ian O'Brien (CC Sr.)

Taking second-team All-State honors, senior Ian O'Brien won more than 120 faccoffs during the regular season before ending on a bitter note with a knee injury in the fourth quarter of a regional final loss. Curtis Herzog (Novi Jr.

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One of the Wildcats' top scorers, Novi coach Tom Stophanoff said junior attacker Curtis Herzög was a great rider and his hardest working player on the field.

Kent Burnett (Novi Jr. A) Novi junior attackers Kent Burnett kept things interesting for opponents with his quality left-handed attack skills.

Scott Byrne (CC Sr. D) Starting every game for the Shamrocks this spring, senior defender Scott Byrne used his 6-feet-2 frame to keep opponents away from CC's goal. He's headed to Ave Maria University (Fla.) to play football.

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"Exceptionally quick," CC coach Dave Wilson said. "Just a pure goal scorer. Gritty, tough, cerebral kid. Intense competitor."

Zach Mohr (Novi Sr. D) Part of the Wildcats' success this season stemmed from a solid defensive line led by All-State senior defender Zach Mohr. He was named Defensive MVP for Novi.

"Very instrumental in our clear," Novi coach Tom Stephanoff said.

Greg Kolis (Novi Sr. M) A steady force in Novi's lineup, senior midfielder Greg Kolis earned All-State accolades with his transition play for the Wildcats.

"Best all-around player, also a great offensive threat," Novi coach Tom Stephanoff said.

Jakob Kippola (Northville Jr. A)

A two-time All-State honorable mention, junior attacker Jakob Kippola had 38 goals and 22 assists this season despite missing a two weeks during the final leg of the season with a concussion.

"He and Gelven quarterbacked our offense. Jakob is one of the fiercest competitors that we have ever had on our team." Northville coach Greg Durham said. "Every practice, every game, Jake goes 110%. He is not flashy, and gets the Job done, no matter what it takes He never quits, and is a great leader." Junior Mustang attacker Nick Melucci had a solid season, earning an All-State honorable mention behind 37 goals and 27 assists.

"Nick had a great season, leading the team in ground balls, and being our lefthanded attackman, scoring numerous goals back side on either (Gelven or Kippola's) dodges," Northville coach Greg Durham said. "He has really become a great attackman."

Eric Tamm (Lakeland Sr. A)

As the team MVP, Lakeland senior attacker and captain Eric Tamm rung up 46 goals and 11 assists for a struggling Huron Valley United squad. He earned All-Conference and Academic All-KLAA honors.

"(He) led the team in goals and total points, and was a three-year letter winner while carrying a GPA over 4.0," Lakeland coach Greg Ristau said.

SECOND TEAM

Pat McKay (South Lyon So. A)

Although he's just a sophomore, attacker Pat McKay was a force for the South Lyon United squad. The team MVP had 35 goals and 20 assists.

Neil Nypaver (CC Sr. M) An Albion-bound Corey Roberto (Milford Jr. A)

Behind 11 goals and a team-high 17 assists, junior attacker Corey Roberto earned All-Conference honors while also filling in on defense after his teammates were sidelined with injuries.

Connor Kehoe (South Lyon Sr. D)

Senior Connor Kehoe led the South Lyon Unified defense, grabbing 35 ground balls and making 25 takeaway checks.

HONORABLE MENTION

Huron Valley - Doyle Williams (Milford Jr. A), Evan Ronayne (Lakeland Sr. D), Sam Brooks (Lakeland Sr. A), Chris Ross (Milford Sr. M), Max Klepack (Lakeland Sr. D), Gary Schell (Sr. M), Chris Reid (Sr. GK)

Northville – David Ketelhut (Sr. GK)

South Lyon – Tom Kreitzer (Sr. A), Eric West (Jr. A), Riley McKenzie (Jr. M), Nathan DiRado (D), Seth Malarik (Sr. D), Cameron Dillion (M), Alec Mayhew (Sr. GK)

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Lakeland's Johnson catches top spot

BY JEFF THEISEN SPORTS WRITER

Coaches have to have a lot of trust in catchers.

Lakeland coach Joe Alsup has had the luxury of penciling in Kelsey Johnson for the past few years, and he never had to worry.

Johnson finished up her career with a stellar .436 average with nine triples to go with a .991 fielding percentage behind the plate during her senior campaign.

"One of the best players I have ever coached in my 32 years of coaching," said coach Joe Alsup.

The two-time captain earned All-League, All-District, All-Region and Division 1 All-State First Team honors for the second year in a row.

The Eagles won district and regional titles three times and finished State Runner-up last . year during her tenure.

First team

Kelsey Cleary, Lakeland The senior center fielder could easily be tabbed as the Player of the Year along with teammate Johnson. The speedy leadoff batter hit a scorching .557 and is All-State for the third year in a row. She earned All-District and All-Region honors along the way.

One of the best players I have ever coached - fast, fast, fast," said Alsup.

Sierra Burke, Lakeland The Eagle junior hit for average and power. Burke batted .432 with team-high in home runs with six and $\overline{R}BIs$ with 32. She also threw three batters out at first from right field. 'She's a feared hitter who

plays great defense with a rocket arm," said Alsup.

Selena Hicks, Lakeland The Eagle sophomore worked out of the circle the most for Lakeland this year. She finished 22-4 with a 1.61 ERA. She also hit .396 while batting fifth in the lineup. She earned All-Conference, All-District and All-Region honors.

Jessica Mehr, South Lyon The Lion freshman proved to be anything but a rookie. Mehr hit a remarkable .582 (57-98) at the plate with plenty of power. She had 19 doubles, six triples and five home runs. She led the team with 41 RBIs and was second with 27 runs scored. Mehr also spent some time in the circle, starting seven games.

She has an opportunity to be a Division 1 player if she keeps working hard," said coach Jeff Hankins. "She's got great hands and sees the ball very well. She's a great two-strike hitter." **Danielle Godair, South**

Lyon

The senior pitcher finished her career with her best offensive stats for the Lions. She started 15 games, striking out 91 batters in 106 innings and finished the year with a 1.92 ERA. At the plate, she hit .490 (50-102) with 12 doubles and seven triples. She scored a team-high 33 runs.

"Her hitting this year was a lot better. She hit the ball well,' said Hankins. "Pitching, she did a great job."

Gabby Williams, South Lyon

The junior proved to be a solid force at short for the Lions. She batted .434 (43-99) but it was her stellar defense that stood out for Hankins.

She's got great hands. Probably the best defensive shortstop in the KLAA," he said. "She's a great fourth hitter, a great leader, and I look forward to seeing her for her senior year.

Olivia Richvalsky, South Lyon East

The junior center fielder earned Division 2 All-State Honorable Mention after batting .383, swiping 20 of 21 attempts and playing flawless in the outfield. She earned the team Best Defensive Player award, All-District and All-Region honors.

"Olivia Richvalsky played an outstanding center field this year," said coach Steve Richvalsky. "She made a number of running and diving catches to either save a game or prevent a big inning by our opponents."

Katie Fenech, Northville The senior first baseman earned All-Conference and All-District honors while batting .447 with a .557 on base percentage with 31 runs batted in.

'Katie was our No. 4 hitter and lead the team in RBIs and was second in batting average," said coach Kary Couchman. "She is a three-year varsity player who will be playing next year at Concordia University. Katie's work ethic helped her to raise her batting average nearly .075 this year." Jennifer Buckingham,

Northville The junior Mustang center

fielder led the team with a .479 batting average. She knocked out 57 hits as well as swiped 18 bases to earn All-Conference and All-District honors.

"Jen is the leader in the outfield and manages to make plays that seem impossible," said Couchman. "Her speed makes her a danger on the basepaths. She raised her batting average almost .150 points from last year to this year and will continue to lead the team next year."

Colleen Kolis, Novi The Wildcat senior held down the hot corner while also hitting a scorching .413 at the plate.

Second team

Jess Brandon, South Lvon The freshman scored the ball for a .415 average (39-94) with 22 RBIs and 11 runs scored. Morgan Craft, Lakeland The junior first baseman

earned All-League and All-District honors while hitting .427 with 28 runs batted in. She will be a captain next year. Kelly Merkle, Lakeland

The sophomore third baseman stepped up to the challenge in the field and at the plate. She batted .452 with 10 extra-base hits and 21 runs batted in.

Kristen Miloch, East The senior catcher was voted team captain and didn't let her teammates down. She bat-

ted .413 with a .543 slugging percentage. She provided 12 doubles and 28 RBIs. She had a 10-game hitting streak and went 8-for-8 at the plate during a doubleheader against Romulus, which also happened to be Senior Day. Taylor Jones, East

The junior shortstop batted leadoff for the Cougars and did a phenomenal job with a .470 batting average. She received the team award for Best Offensive Player.

Laura Oakley, Novi The Wildcat freshman shined on varsity with a .392 average while holding down first base duties.

Becky Morrin, Milford The Milford sophomore catcher proved to be durable as well as a quality hitter. She caught 34 of 36 games on the year while producing a .344 average with 28 runs scored. She threw out nine of 18 attempted steals.

Karli Pawlowski, Milford The senior pitcher/infielder put up strong numbers no matter where she played. Despite a 6-13 record in the circle, she had a stellar 1.43 ERA. She also led the team with a .423 batting average which included eight doubles a triple and two home runs. She knocked in 17 runs and scored 14 of her own.

Allie Chapekis, Northville The freshman catcher batted .422 and carried a .483 on base percentage to help earn All-Conference and All-District honors.

ALL-AREA SOFTBALL

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Player of the Year Kelsey Johnson, Lakeland **First team** Kelsey Cleary, Lakeland Sierra Burke, Lakeland Selena Hicks, Lakeland Jessica Mehr, South Lyon Danielle Godair, South Lyon Gabby Williams, South Lyon Olivia Richvalsky, South Lyon East Katie Fenech, Northville Jennifer Buckingham, Northville Colleen Kolis, Novi Second team Jess Brandon, South Lyon Morgan Craft, Lakeland Kelly Merkle, Lakeland Kristen Miloch, East **Taylor Jones, East** Laura Oakley, Novi Becky Morrin, Milford Karli Pawlowski, Milford Allie Chapekis, Northville Honorable mention South Lyon: Shannon Miller Lakeland. Jessica McNabb Milford, Lauren Smith East: Olivia Nelson, Sydney Jones, Willow Cohn Novi: Laura Oakley, Abby Robinson, Katie Marra, Maddy Sinkovich, Meaghan Robinson, Kimberly Powers, Rebecca Richter, Taylor Scott Northville, Karly Fisher, Laura Pond, Suzanne Hasse

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The Novi junior captured a State Championship as part of the 4x100 relay team.

Kerri McMahan, Novi

The Novi freshman made a splash on the state scene with a pair of All-State performances with an eight-place tie in the high jump (5-2) and as part of the 4x400 team to place seventh.

"Definitely owned up to her talenf and diversity," said Reid.

Lina Davis, Novi

The Novi sophomore was part of the All-State 4\400 team to place seventh. The relay won a regional title, KLAA Conference title and Oakland County title. She also qualified for state in the 300 hurdles.

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ALL-AREA GIRLS TRACK Athlete of the Year

Jasmine Ward, Novi

First Team D'Mya Davis, Novi Kelly McCloskey, Novi Abby Downs, Novi Janee Hood, Novi Mariah Smith, Novi Kerri McMahan, Novi Lina Davis, Novi 1.1. Jackle Mullins, Novi Margaux Canup, Milford Lauren Ketfle, Milford Alex Moynes, Northville Stephanie Lock, Lakeland

Second Team

Lyndsay Tyler, South Lyon Brady Covert, South Lyon Tori Remstad, South Lyon Meg Stando, Milford Hannah Wikaryasz, Milford and also ran as part of all three sprint relays at times. She won every KLAA Central Division meet race in the 100 hurdles, placed fifth in the Conference meet and seventh at regionals. As part of the 4\200, the relay won every dual meet other than Novi.

Brady Covert, South Lyon

The South Lyon freshman set new school standards in the high jump with a leap of 5-3. She finished runner-up in the Freshman Oakland County meet, first at the Sunset fresh/ soph invite, sixth at regionals and sixth in the KLAA Conference meet.

Tori Remstad, South Lyon

The senior captain competed in sprints, several relays and even hurdles for the Lions. She was a consistent point scorer throughout the year for the short-handed Lions.



Livonia champs

Northville 16U girls Fastpitch softball team started their season by wining the Livonia USSSA qualifier tournament. They went undefeated winning six straight games, scoring 36 runs while allowing only 6. The tournament win qualifies the team for the USSSA National World Series. Pictured (I to r, front) are Maggie Stewart, Nikki Thibodeau, Olivia Silvestri; (middle) Suzanne Hasse, Allie Chapekis, Micaela Petrucci, Megan Girvan, Laura Pond, Carly Oosten; (back) Coach Kary Couchman, Jessica Jones, Michelle Nelson, Rachel Deacon, Coach Jim Ritz. Not pictured are Ellie Asher, Jennifer Buckingham and Coach LeRoy Asher.

NORTHVILLE/NOVI SPORTS BRIEFS

Boosters golf outing

The Third Annual Northville High School **Boosters Golf Outing and Silent Auction** will be held Saturday, Aug. 27 at the Links of Novi. The last two years have brought in significant funds for the Boosters program, which is anticipating a greater need than ever from Northville's sports teams for the 2011-2012 school year with budget cuts.

Foursome cost is \$100 per person and includes a round of golf, lunch, dinner, open bar and access to the silent auction. The cost for students is \$75, which includes a round of golf, lunch and dinner. The dinner-only option cost is \$50 per person and includes dinner, open bar and access to the silent auc-

If you have items (sports tickets, gift cards, rentals, timeshares, etc.), you would like to donate to the silent auction, or if you would simply like to be a \$250 Golf Hole Sponsor, please e-mail Donna MacDonald at donna10@comcast.net.

If you would like to register for the golf outing, please e-mail Carrie Slominski at cslomo2022@yahoo.com.

Boys basketball camp coming in July

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The Northville Mustangs varsity boys basketball coaching staff will be hosting a boys summer basketball camp July 11-13.

The mission of the camp, which is open for players from fourth to ninth grade, is to teach the fundamental skills of basketball in a fun and competitive environment. The staff will help players create a solid foundation on which to build their skills.

Athletes at the camp will receive instruction from the varsity coaching staff as well as varsity players.

All athletes must have gym shoes and appropriate basketball clothing. The camp will run daily from 9 a.m. until noon and the cost is \$110 per player.

For more information about the camp, or to register, contact BoysBB@ NorthvilleBasketball.com.

Fastpitch championship softball coming to Novi

The City of Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services

Department has partnered with Metro Detroit Amateur Softball Association (ASA) and the Detroit Sports Commission to host the 2011 Amateur Softball Association Northern National Girls 14 and Under Class B Fastpitch Championships. The tournament will be held Wednesday, July 27 through Sunday, July 31 at Ella Mae Power Park. Approximately 40 teams will travel to Novi from all over the Midwest and as far away as Pennsylvania, Missouri, Kansas and Nebraska.

The tournament is projected to bring 3,000 people to the area, booking an estimated 900 hotel rooms in Novi.

Opening ceremonies will begin at 6 p.m. July 27; Novi Mayor David Landry and Metro Detroit ASA Commissioner Stu Alderman will welcome players and their families to Novi, followed by food and entertainment at the park.

Be sure to come out and enjoy the high level competition between from 8 a.m.-8 p.m. July 28-31.

For more information, or if you are interested in volunteering for the tournament, please visit cityofnovi.org, or contact Marie McIntyre, sports supervisor, at mmcintyre@ cityofnovi.org. For more details on the event, please visit metrodetroitasa.com.

Jackie Mullins, Novi

The sophomore Wildcat starred in distance events for Novi. She ran to All-State in the 3,200 meters, finishing eighth (11:09.67). She also qualified for state in the 1,600.

Only a sophomore, Jackie shows that hard work and talent pay off," said Reid. "A consistent point-getter in the distance events. Jackie balances strong sprints with consistent points in the distance events."

Margaux Canup, Milford

The Milford senior earned All-State honors with a fourthplace finish in the long jump at the State Finals (17-6.5). She also qualified for state in the 100 hurdles. Along the way, she finished second in the KLAA Lakes Conference in the 100 hurdles and third at regionals.

Margaux was an extremely talented athlete who was able to compete in several events." said coach Adrianne Hincka. "She turned her focus to the long jump last year and it really paid off for her."

Lauren Kettle, Milford

The Milford senior was a force in distance events for the Mays throughout her career. She finished 11th in the 3,200 meters at the State Finals. She also finished fifth in the conference in the same event and ran the 1,600 meters throughout the year. "Lauren's dedication to her

training allowed her to run some great times and compete in a conference that is full of great distance runners," said Hincka.

Alex Moynes, Northville

The junior Mustang cleared 5-4 in the high jump at the State Finals to finish in sixth place and earning All-State honors. This girl is very talented and has potential to win the state

Morgan Bridgewater, Lakeland Reighan Fisher, Lakeland Kim Kyanka, South Lyon East Rhiannon Pavlinac, South Lyon East

Mary Kay Brzezinski, Northville

Honorable Mention

South Lyon[.] Tori Remstad, Taylor Remstad, Abby Sigler, Miranda Spencer, Jessica Fredericks, Melanie Sprinkle, Christina Swain, Katie Beaber and Kirsten Bronson.

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high jump championship next year, said coach Vincent Tyle. "I'm very happy to have her on my team and can't wait for what she will become next season."

Stephanie Lock, Lakeland

The Lakeland senior capped off a multiple All-State career with a seventh-place finish in the discus at the State Finals with a throw of 118-8. She won regional titles in both the discus and shot put.

"Stephanie was undefeated in the shot and discus in all dual meets this season," said coach John Kababik. "She scored in every invitational and was regional champ in both. She undoubtedly had the greatest track season of any thrower that we've had at Lakeland, and we've had some very good throwers in the past."

SECOND TEAM

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Lyndsay Tyler, South Lyon

The senior Lion captain filled many rolls for South Lyon. She specialized in the 100 hurdles

Meg Stando, Milford

She was the KLAA Conference champion in the high jump and finished fourth at regionals (5-1).

Hannah Wikaryasz, Milford

She finished fifth at regionals in the shot put with a seasonbest throw of 32-1175 Her best discus launch of the year was 106-11 5.

Morgan Bridgewater, Lakeland

The Lakeland junior qualified for state in the 800 meters. She finished 15th (2.19.18).

Reighan Fisher, Lakeland

The Lakeland sophomore also qualified for state in the 800 meters. She finished 20th (2:20.97). Both Bridgewater and Fisher broke the previous school record this season.

Kim Kyanka, South Lyon East

The East sophomore qualified for state by finishing second at regionals by clearing 8-0.

Rhiannon Pavlinac, South Lyon East

The Cougar sophomore finished third in the KLAA in the discus and fourth at regionals. She had a season-best throw of 106-0.

Mary Kay Brzezinski, Northville

The Mustang senior launched herself 17-3 in the long jump at the EMU Invite and ran 48.2 at the regional meet in the 300 hurdles.

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Interviewing The Interviewer

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During the job interview, your primary concern is what the hiring manager will think of your qualifications. But don't forget the interview is also an opportunity for you to evaluate a potential employer. In fact, it's the best chance you have to determine if the company and its prevailing culture are right for you.

Consider the situation if the roles were reversed. What would you want to know if you were interviewing the hiring manager? What would convince you that this is the perfect workplace for you?

Ask yourself the following questions during the interview to turn the tables on the hiring manager and get a true sense of what working for the company would be like:

How does the company's résumé stack up?

The hiring manager will be paying close attention to your résumé, so it only makes sense that you scrutinize the firm's, too.

The company's annual report can give you a good idea about the financial health of the organization, its stability and its future prospects. Press releases and marketing materials can provide insight into how the company differentiates itself from competitors and what is unique about the products or services it offers. These documents are typically available on the firm's website.

Also search the Web to get a more complete sense of the potential employer's reputation. Social media, in particular, can be revealing. What are people saying about the firm on Facebook, Twitter

and similar services? Are the comments mostly positive or negative?

And don't forget to speak to those in your professional network, especially individuals who have worked for the company or might be able to put you in touch with someone who has.

How prepared is the hiring manager?

You arrived on time to the interview, brought extra copies of your résumé, and spent hours going over potential questions and answers. Did the hiring manager prepare as thoroughly as you?

If the interviewer keeps you waiting past the scheduled time, hasn't read your résumé or simply seems to be winging it, think about what it would

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be like to work for that person. Would he or she leave you waiting during meetings or provide only limited information on important projects?

You don't want to read too much into the actions of a hiring manager who may be busy or stressed. But several small slights could reveal a pattern.

How does the work environment align with my needs?

A hiring manager is trying to determine your personality and how you would fit in with other employees. You should do the same.

When visiting the company, try to get a sense of how people in

the office operate. Are people rushing around, looking stressed, or is the atmosphere relaxed? Do people talk with each other in the hallways or keep their heads down? How employees work and interact with each other can be indicative of what the corporate culture is like.

How does the hiring manager answer my questions?

Before the interview concludes, make sure you have an opportunity to ask your own questions. Ask about any concerns you have. For example, you

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may want information about the professional development resources provided to employees or more specifics about the open position. You might also ask about the hiring manager's personal experiences with the firm. How long has he or she been employed there? Why does the interviewer like working for the company?

Pay attention not only to the interviewer's answers but also to the way he or she responds to your queries. When talking about the company, for instance, do you sense true passion and engagement? Or does the person seem to be rehashing standard marketing points?

Interviewing the interviewer doesn't involve actually switching roles with the hiring manager. But it does require you to think about the qualities you seek in an employer. By asking yourself -- and the potential employer -- the right questions, you can gain get a deeper understanding of the firm and be confident in your decision if you're extended a job offer.

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FORD ADDS TO LEADERSHIP IN INFOTAINMENT, SAFETY





By Dale Buss

Ford is attempting to build on its early lead in on-board connectivity and also add to its safety chops as it continues to navigate the increasingly strategic and high-profile world of automotive infotainment. Innovations such as Sync have gained Ford some leadership in this area in the eyes of American consumers, and recently Ford announced incremental advances, such as expansion of its Sync voicecontrol software to more vehicles.

"Being 'green' and 'smart' are Ford's most important differentiators in the marketplace," Mark Fields, Ford's president of the Americas, told journalists assembled at the company's design center in Dearborn, Mich., for a safety and technology show-and-tell last month. Consumer appreciation of the "smart pillar" of Ford's long-term positioning - which also includes "safe" and "quality" values as well as "green" - rose 62 percent by the end of the first quarter compared with 2008 when the concepts were embodied formally, Fields said.

Doug VanDagens, director of Ford Connected Services Solutions, asserted that when it comes to infotainment, the company is "thinking like and innovating at the pace of a consumerelectronics company."

Specifically, Ford said that it plans to make Sync AppLink available on an

additional nine vehicles for 2012 beyond the previously announced 2012 Ford Mustang, expanding customer access to AppLink's "intuitive" voice control and to smart-phone apps on the go. Ford plans to add more than 100 jobs over the next four years in this expanding area and announced that 2,500 independent developers have signaled their interest in creating more apps for Ford by signing onto a web site. The company also disclosed a new partnership with Nuance Communications, based in Burlington,

Mass., which develops voice-control technologies.

As competitors scurry to catch up to Ford in infotainment, executives want to keep their feet on the gas. More than 84 percent of Ford Fusions now are sold equipped with Sync as well as more than 76 percent of F-150s. A total of three million Ford-built vehicles now include Sync, and Fields said that more than 50 percent of customers say that the system was a key factor in their purchase considerations.

About 55 percent of smart-phone users prefer voice commands over other types of interfaces in the car, VanDagens said, and more than 25 percent admit to using apps in the vehicle. Small wonder: Smart-phone owners spend an average of 7.4 hours a week in their vehicles, he said.



The 2012 Ford Mustang GT.

Ford'sreputation in the infotainment area slipped a bit recently after Consumer Reports identified difficulties in operating both Sync and MyFord Touch, a complementary infotainment platform. But Fields said that Ford is "fixing issues" with MyFord Touch, not only with the software per se but also in helping customers understand the systems.

"Early this year, dealers began offering personalized sessions just like at the Apple store, and even going to customers' homes" to conduct the training, Fields said. Ford also has added an owner-supported web site for Sync. Partly as a result, 73 percent of customers surveyed by Ford indicated satisfaction with the first generation of MyFord Touch versus 65 percent who had given the thumb's up to the first generation of Sync a few years ago, he said.

Because vehicles now have become so digitally integrated internally as well as with the outside world, safety improvements - as well as entertainment and communication functions in the vehicle - increasingly run through computer interfaces. The

Sync AppLink will be available on the 2012 Mustang



most crucial frontier in that regard is how to help drivers safely use smartphone apps in the car that they're simply insisting they want to use.

Sue Cischke, Ford's vice president of environmental and safety engineering, said that the most important determinant of safety is for drivers to keep their eyes on the road and both hands on the steering wheel. This remains the case, she insisted, even in the wake of conflicting research that suggests distressing cell-phone conversations, for example, can significantly promote the possibility of an accident even if the driver is watching the road and has both hands in place.

Ford is researching more ways for the vehicle to automatically suggest accident-avoidance action-avoidance actions by the driver and maybe even curb them. "We're looking at disrupting communications, for instance, when you're coming around a curve," Cischke said. And Sync already offers a "Do Not Disturb" feature that drivers can activate if they don't want incoming cell-phone calls to interrupt their driving.



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