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Fishing Derby 2012

Come one, come all, grab your fishing pole and tackle box and head for Waterford Bend Park in Northville on Saturday, May 19 for the 17th annual Wayne County Parks Fishing Derby. More than 800 rainbow trout will be released in the river for the angling bonanza.

A fishing license is not required for the derby. However, participants must bring their own gear. This event is co-sponsored by the Vietnam Veterans of America Plymouth/Canton Chapter 528 and Northville Parks & Recreation Department.

Donations are from Wayne County-based Eppinger Manufacturing Co.

The schedule of activities starts with registration from 7:30-8 a.m.; fishing derby for children 12 and younger from 8-10 a.m.; presentation of prizes to children at 10:30 a.m.; and fishing for all ages from 10 a.m.-noon.

Waterford Bend Park is located at the corner of 6 Mile and Northville roads in Northville.

For more info on this or any Wayne County Parks event, call (734) 261-1990.



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NEA trying to save four media specialist positions

Union suggests cutting transportation instead

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Correspondent

In reaction to a potential budget cost-cutting proposal, the Northville Education Association has put forth a counter-proposal as an alternative to having four media specialists posi-

tions eliminated next school year.

Nick Nugent, NEA's president and a Meads Mill Middle School teacher, recently presented a letter to the Northville Public Schools Board of Education with a proposal to have the board look instead at cutting

transportation for Alternative Learning Program students to Amerman Elementary School.

This was in response to the proposal put forth by Mike Zopf, assistant superintendent of finance and operations, and David Rodgers, director of human resources, to potential-

ly cut four full-time media specialist employees and replace them with paraprofessionals in order to save \$175,000.

The NEA disputes these figures due to a retirement. Because a new person would be

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Stamp Out Hunger



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Northville Civic Concern volunteers Ryan Cordes, Shirley Cuny and Mike Velter help to organize the Stamp Out Hunger food drive this Saturday. They're preparing thousands of fliers and plastic bags that will be left along with the mail by Northville Postal carriers. The hope is that homeowners can donate cans of food and other non-perishables that will then be left on doorsteps and delivered to needy families served by Civic Concern.

Cyber charter school proposal heads to governor

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Correspondent

Online learning looks like it will be getting bigger in Michigan now that the state Legislature has passed the Cyber Charter bill (SB 619).

Both the state House of Representatives and Senate have now approved the bill that, once signed by Gov. Rick Snyder, will allow cyber charters to grow from the two currently operating up to 15 in the next three years.

The legislation would go into effect April 1, 2013, if the governor signs it.

This bill has been controversial locally and around the state. Cyber charters allow students to take all courses online and can use K-12 state funding.

Northville Public Schools Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher said this style of education should move forward, but not in a way that could be detrimental to students.

She said one fear is that a student may begin the year with a cyber, but later on decide to go back to the public school. This

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Rep. Heise plans office hours in May

State Rep. Kurt Heise (R-Plymouth) is sponsoring district office hours on Monday, May 14 at various locations throughout western Wayne County for local residents to meet with him.

- Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady St., Northville, from 10-11 a.m.;
- Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe Road, Wayne, from 1-2 p.m.; and
- Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main St., Plymouth, from 3-4 p.m.

No appointment is necessary during these office hours. If you are unavailable to attend but wish to set up an appointment either in the district or in Lansing, please call 1-855-REP-KURT.

Northville resident opposes DTE's smart meters

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Correspondent

DTE Energy wants to introduce the more advanced smart meters to its customers in the Northville community in 2014 as a way to improve its services.

They say its installation will do things like improve outage restoration and provide more accurate and timely billing. On their end of things, it will decrease the costs of meter readings and allow early detection of tampering or theft.



LONNIE HUHMANN | CORRESPONDENT

Susan Lesnek went before the Northville Township Board of Trustees at their April meeting to voice her concerns and have them consider a resolution to request the Michigan Public Services Commission (MPSC) to make a due diligence inquiry into the use, benefits and health risks associated with smart meters. She put a sign on her home's meter to indicate her stance.

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Northville High hopes to hit a homer with Armed Forces Day collection



BY STEVE PATRONE

Jake Slominski and Nick Grosz of NHS Baseball's varsity team lead by example as they donate to NHS Baseball's Armed Forces Day collection event. Donations are encouraged at participating Northville Public Schools May 14-18, and on May 19 at NHS Baseball's Armed Forces Day Celebration and Doubleheader.

"For...a baseball game, you would be sure to bring some gatoraid (sic), sunflower seeds, or maybe gum. But here, there is no going back to the store for things to snack on," revealed a soldier from a field artillery battalion.

"God bless...you...for the packages. It's good to know that we are not forgotten over here," shared Sergeant First Class Ryan Francis of another battalion.

Both e-mails were sent last June from U.S. troops stationed overseas to Northville High School's baseball program. Many more letters were sent in appreciation for 50 boxes (weighing 35 pounds each) shipped last year to troops on-duty in Iraq and Afghanistan as part of NHS Baseball's Armed Forces Day efforts.

Again this year, participating Northville schools will team up with NHS baseball during Armed Forces Week to collect items for U.S. troops. Celebrated annually since 1949, this national observance begins on the second Saturday of May and ends on the third Sunday of May.

Participating Northville Public Schools on the elementary level are Amerman, Ridge Wood, Silver Springs and Winchester. Both middle schools and NHS also urge students to fill school collection boxes Monday-Friday, May 14-18. Collection will conclude at NHS Baseball's Third Annual Armed Forces Day celebration and doubleheader on Saturday, May 19 at the NHS varsity field.

"Don't underestimate the impact you can make with these basic donations," reminds Tracey Roberts of Michigan Military Moms, a 501 (c)

SUGGESTED DONATIONS

Individually wrapped snack items include instant drink mix, beef jerky, licorice, cheese and cracker packs, chips, pumpkin and sunflower seeds, granola and cereal bars and hard candy.

Popular donations of individually wrapped toiletries include hand sanitizer, lip balm, wipes, body wash, SPF 45 sun block, zinc, vitamin E and other lotions, shampoo, Band-Aids, tissues, toothbrushes and toothpaste.

Other useful donations include CDs, DVDs, playing cards, small board games, Frisbees, pens, stationery, old cell phones and gallon-sized freezer bags.

Children's drawings and letters of support, including sports news and top local stories, are also very well-received, and are frequently on display in the soldiers' living quarters.

3 non-profit organization. She will oversee the shipment of all donations. "Take a look at our wish lists. Donate what you can. When the war is over, stand among the people who supported their American troops. Bring it on, Northville," she cheerfully suggests.

NHS Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach Bill Flohr's commitment to perpetually enhance the initiative he founded is unwavering. "Hearing from the troops drives home the importance of every toothbrush and pack of sunflower seeds we collect," he said. "These simple things really boost their spirits. What does that say about the sacrifices they're making for my family - for all of us?"

A U.S. flag, flown on August 25, 2011, at Camp Sabalu-Harrison, Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan will be raised and proudly fly overhead during Armed Forces Day at the NHS varsity field.

"Sergeant Francis not only sent his note of thanks, he sent us the flag flown at the base specifically in our honor," shared head coach John Kostrzewa.

"No doubt about it. We worked hard last year," added Coach Flohr. "But that one incredible flag far outweighs the 1750 pounds of donations we sent."

For more information, contact Bill Flohr at (248) 761-9694 or info@precisionbaseballone.com.

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Garlic mustard species a problem

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Garlic mustard is an invasive species that's a problem in local wooded areas. Wayne County Commissioner Laura Cox, R-Plymouth, is sponsoring a species cleanup 9 a.m.-noon Saturday, May 12, in the Cass Benton Recreation Area on Hines Drive in Northville.

Participants should meet at the pavilion at Six Mile and Hines Drive, said Cyndi Ross, river restoration program manager for the Friends of the Rouge.

"It's very invasive," Redford resident Ross said of garlic mustard. It's often seen in woodland corridors along the Rouge River and other nearby wooded areas.

It arrives early in the spring. "Basically it crowds out and shades the forest floor," she said. "It leaves us with a degraded ecosystem."

It crowds out such flowers as the trillium. Insects and animals don't

eat garlic mustard, adding to the problem.

"It's very aggressive," Ross said. With nothing to keep it in check, it produces tens of thousands of seeds.

"That's why it becomes so difficult to control once it's established," she said.

It's easy to pull by hand, the recommended way to go. It needs to be bagged in trash bags, as it will continue with seeds. When pulling it, you should wear gloves for comfort and to avoid poison ivy.

The species goes to the landfill, unlike leaves, she said, due to its aggressive nature. Laws allow that now.

Additional information on Friends of the Rouge events is found online at www.therouge.org. There's a list of Rouge Rescue sites as well, with that annual event set for Saturday, June 2, this year. The phone number is (313) 792-9900.



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Garlic mustard has been a nuisance for quite some time. Stephanie Chen yanks up a handful at Novi's Lake-shore Park in 2009.

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Honoring mothers via the March of Dimes

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Correspondent

Emily Barker was looking to do something special for Mother's Day. After her son spent some time in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at University of Michigan Hospital, she found the perfect idea.

"March of Dimes is an amazing organization that does so many good things for families and premature babies," said Barker, Schokolad's co-owner with her husband, Jeff. "Our son was in the NICU for a few short days when he was born. We want to give back to support an organization that does so much for the babies who give all of us moms a reason to celebrate Mother's Day!"

The Barkers own the Schokolad Chocolate Factory (20450 Haggerty Road, Northville - across from Meijer), and throughout the month of May will be donating 25 percent of its proceeds from the sale of chocolate hearts to the March of Dimes. Barker said the chocolate heart boxes come in milk and dark chocolate in price points starting at \$18 and go up to \$70.

Barker thinks the edible heart boxes filled with truffles is a great gift for those special mothers. But she adds the effort will be going on for the next several weeks, so those wanting to help out can purchase a delicious gift now until the end of the month.

She said when they were in the NICU with their son, she and Jeff met a lot of people whose kids were there longer. It was from this that they realized the



Emily and Jeff Barker, co-owners of Schokolad in Northville, decided to honor Mother's Day through March of Dimes after their son, Sam, spent time in the Neonatal intensive Care Unit.



Northville Township Schokolad employee Theresa Chambers prepares a \$50 Mother's Day box of chocolates. The chocolates are presented in a solid dark chocolate box for added effect. Schokolad is donating a portion of the sales of the Mother's Day items to the March of Dimes.



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And the March of Dimes couldn't be happier about the fundraising effort, viewing it as a great way

to show a mother love and make a difference.

"Is there a more appropriate symbol of a mother's love than a heart? We are grateful that Schokolad thought of us this Mother's Day season. I

hope you will think of them when choosing a delicious gift for your mother or wife throughout the month of May," said Laura Loughridge, state director for March of Dimes.

Daughter happy to be living with mom again

By **Nathan Mueller**
Staff Writer

Once a mother, always a mother.

That is what Cindy Candela has found out since moving in with her soon-to-be 94-year-old mom, Dolores Felice, at Fox Run just over a year ago.

But even if mom still waits up for her when she comes in late at night, Candela wouldn't have it any other way. "For me it's a blessing I still have my mom," she said.

Felice, who has lived in Fox Run for eight years, gladly welcomed her daughter into her home as she helps with a lot of chores around the house, including the cooking.

"I wish she would learn to stop buying so much food because our fridge is full," she joked.

She also likes that she now has her own stylist in house.

"I'm lucky because she can do my hair and I don't have to go to the beauty shop," she said.

Candela, who works in administration at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center in Westland, said she always hoped to retire to Fox Run eventually, but pushed those plans forward before retire-



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Cindy Candela, left, shares an apartment with her mom, Dolores Felice, at Novi's Fox Run Village. Candela moved in with her mom about a year and half ago.

ment to spend more time with her mother.

They even treated themselves to an early Mother's Day gift by buying a Magic Bullet blender and experimenting with it.

The two also are the other mother-daughter team in the Fox Run community, something both take pride in.

"I feel I have a friend here as well as my mom," Candela said.

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Miss you mom (even if it was the car) — Happy Mother's

By **Tom Watkins**
Guest Columnist

If it's a "Hallmark" weekend, it must be Mother's Day.

All of us have mothers. Some may resemble Harriet, from the 1960s TV sitcom, Adventures of Ozzie and Harriet. In more modern times, likely we can relate more to Sharon, Ozzy Osbourne's wife.

Regardless of where your mom fits on the motherly spectrum, most of us will be out there making cash registers hum with the nearly \$20 billion spent on food, jewelry, cards, and other gifts showing our moms with "love" on Mother's Day.

Some moms might still be raising young children and may receive cute cards, hand-painted for them or perhaps breakfast in bed. Others are adult children raising children of their own. Regardless of how old you are, moms remain special and deserve to be treated as such each day of the year.

Many of us have lost our moms, so "Mother's Day" conjures up memories that are sweet, funny, and may make you laugh or cry.

My mom left this earth a few years ago - a smoker, she succumbed to lung disease.

I shared my mom with 6 other siblings. Given what the seven of us put her through, I am sure she is in the VIP section of Heaven.

My mom was special - let's just say she was neither Harriet or June Cleaver from those early 60's sitcoms. She worked both at home raising us, and outside of the home, bringing home a paycheck to help support us.

She attended all our sporting events and would leave a pie tin with our dinner warming in the stove oven (these were pre-microwave days) when we arrived home after football, baseball, majorette, basketball, or boxing practice.

Did I say my mom is special? She was and still is in my heart. There sim-



Tom Watkins

ply isn't anyone more special who occupies that special place reserved in your heart for your mom.

My mom had a wicked grip that was hard to pry yourself from when you were misbehaving. But she had an equally strong sense of humor.

Brunt of family joke

As it turns out, the year I was born my parents won a new car on a 50-cent church raffle ticket. This was a big deal in 1953 with five mouths to feed on a post- War II salary.

Growing up, my brothers and sisters reminded me: "One good thing happened to the family the year I was born." They were referring to the 53 Ford with great laughter, not my birth.

When my mom was lying on her deathbed I jokingly asked her, "Mom, I just got to know, the year I was born, the one good thing that happened, was it me or the car?" I can still see my mom's face light up, a smile came over her face and with a twinkle in her eye, she laughingly said, "Do you really want me to tell ya?"

We all laughed as I said, "Naw, mom, take it with you, I will assume it was ME."

She was laughing through her pain and replied, "Fine son, if that makes you happy."

So Mother's Day is not about store bought gifts or dinners out, although moms do deserve all the joy you can shower on them. Instead, to me, Mother's Day is about memories that moms helped create and the foundation upon which we have built our lives.

For all the moms out there - THANK YOU for having that soft shoulder to cry on and for being the pillar of strength we relied on.

To Dorothy "Pat" Watkins, my mom, I love and miss you so much. I know it was me, not the Ford -- right Mom? Your smile and laughter told me so.

Happy Mother's Day to moms everywhere.

Tom Watkins, Jr., a Northville resident is a proud son of dearly departed Pat Watkins. He can be reached at tdwatkins88@gmail.com.

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Science Olympiad: Meads Mill wins, heading to Florida

"You will travel far and wide for both pleasure and business," is what my fortune cookie read at lunch on Saturday. This sign immediately perked my thinking toward ... a team trip to Florida?

Meads Mill Middle School won first place at the Science Olympiad state competition held at Michigan State University on April 28. The team is now invited to represent Michigan State at Science Olympiad National Tournament hosted by the University of Central Florida in Orlando on May 18-19.

Cooperation and teamwork along with diligence and effort in studying is what led Meads Mill Middle School's Science Olympiad team to the 2012 State victory. Last fall, coach Diane Xu was graced with 63 middle school students interested in competing on this year's team. Each member signed up for different events including but not limited to Bottle Rockets, Towers, Microbe Mission, and Mousetrap Vehicle. On a



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voluntary basis, parents led the students in concentrated learning and repeated trials of these individual events. Learn the entire list of Division B (middle school) events offered by going to http://soinc.org/2012_div_b_events

Based on performance, determination and avail-

ability, the whole 63 was divided into two teams who then participated in area invitational events. With experience growing under their belts, the learning curve grew fast and furious. Before long the now-15-student team went on to participate at regionals in March and took home the first place

trophy. From there it was on to state.

Eighth grade team member Allie Pierce said: "After winning regionals, we knew we could place higher than our 12th place finish at state last year, but I'm not sure any of us really believed we could move on to Nationals."

This is Xu's second year as head coach of Science Olympiad at Meads Mill. She and assistant coach Lori Schafer have taken the challenge of coaching to new heights. Xu and a handful of parent volunteers attended competitions to gain more knowledge and insight toward the benefit of the team. Thanks to these experiences, event coaches were able to see in what areas our team members could focus on greater challenges.

"A little bit of science, lots of work -- that is Science Olympiad," said Xu. "Teamwork makes dream work."

With regard to the event called Mission Possible, where a reactive structure is built containing a string to pull a switch, turning on a motor, pulling a mass, releasing a spring, etc., Xu counters: "Who says Mission Impossible? We made it possible! Mission Possible is one difficult building event among 23 events in Science Olympiad. Meads Mill won second place at state in that event."

Xu said the Towers event was "days of planning; weeks of building; months of perfecting; seconds of smashing..."

Northville High School (Division C) also competed at state level. It is comforting to know there is another level of talented scientists waiting to welcome our middle schoolers. We encourage middle school students with an interest in science to look into joining the Science Olympiad next year. You can learn more about Science Olympiad at their home page <http://soinc.org/>.

We are grateful to have Xu and all the parent coaches who have donated their time and energy into the success of our team. It is thanks to these and many Northville parents whose dedication allows our students the opportunity to continued success. In Xu's words, "With a little more hard work, your creativity takes you to great heights."

Submitted by Denise Boon-doni, mother of Kailyn, a seventh-grader on the team.

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Talent for the Title competition deadline today

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Applications are available now for vocalists, singer/songwriters, instrumentalists, solo, duo/trio, band, dance solo, duo, trio and group. All interested competitors will need to submit an application and audition tape by May 10.

Judges will select finalists to compete in a series of public performances throughout Northville. The final showcase will take place Friday, June 1 to help kick off the Friday Night Concert Series in Town Square, located on Main Street in downtown (between Center



Mary Starring



Laurie Jarski

Street and Griswold). Laurie Jarski of Broughton Music & Art Center, and Mary Starring of Starring "The Gallery" serve as the co-chairs of this event. The addition of Center Stage Dance Center, owned by Lisa Shapiro, will add a boost to the event with a larger dance category.

"Everyone is mesmerized by the talent displayed on 'Dancing With The Stars', 'American Idol' and other star search programs, said Terri Irrer of Miss Harriet's Dance Studio said. "We see amazing talent day after day in our studios. It's time we showcase that talent and have a little fun."

Northville is home to a world-class music school, a 60-year old dance studio, a professional theater, a dinner theater and a children's theater within one

square mile. "There is so much talent throughout the state of Michigan," said Jarski. "It's only natural to bring extraordinary talent to a town dedicated to the performing arts."

The Belles of Belfast City was the grand prize winner of the 2011 Talent for the Title competition, taking home a prize package worth more than \$1500.00 in cash and prizes. The dynamic Celtic dance group won the hearts of the judging panel and the audience with their exhilarating dance performance.

Starring noted that Northville is being recognized throughout the state as a community of artists.

"The First Friday Art Walk has become a terrific event that brings visitors from all over to our town to enjoy a unique evening filled with fabulous art and a heartwarming hometown atmosphere," said Starring.

On Thursday, May 24 and Friday, May 25 there will be elimination rounds at Genitti's Hole-In-The-Wall Theatre. The finalists will be narrowed down for a performance showcase on June 1 as a host of prominent judges will be on hand to crown the winners. There will be the opportunity for audience members to participate in selecting the junior and senior Talent for the Title.

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The title brings a cash prize, photo shoot, performance opportunities and an artisan designed trophy. Details and rules will be available at the participating sponsors or by contacting the Talent for the Title hotline at Broughton Music & Art Center at (248) 374-5596 or visiting the website talentforthetitle.com.



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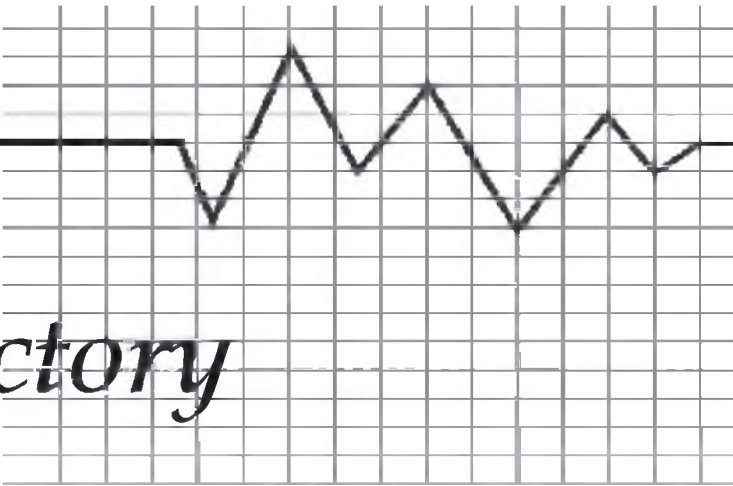
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Times/Date: 8 a.m.-1:45 p.m. Sunday, May 20
Location: St. James Church, Novi
Times/Date: 2:30-8:15 p.m. Tuesday, May 22
Location: Ridgewood Elementary, Novi

Times/Date: 8 a.m.-7:45 p.m.
Location: Providence Park Hospital, Novi
Times/Date: 10 a.m.-3:45 p.m.
Location: Novi City Hall
Times/Date: noon-5:45 p.m.
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Time/Date: 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Thursdays through Oct. 25
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Time/Date: Starts at 11a. m. Saturday May 19
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Details: Free admission and free food. All branches of armed forces represented with displays, giveaways, obstacle course, jousting challenge, radar pitch, color guard. Veterans and active duty troops honored. Donation station (coordinated by Michigan Military Moms) accepting individually packed snacks (powdered drink mix, gum, hard candy, protein/granola-ce-

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accepted. Varsity double-header at 11 a.m. -- NHS vs. White Lake Lakeland High School; 2 p.m. -- NHS vs. Wyandotte Roosevelt High School
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Forums set to discuss school budget challenges

School families, students, staff and community members will get a clearer picture of the ongoing budget challenges facing Northville Public Schools for the 2012-13 school year and beyond, as well as the anticipated impact on educational programs, services and staffing during two community forums being sponsored by the Northville Board of Education:

- Thursday, May 10 at Hillside Middle School (775 N. Center Street)
- Monday, May 14 at Meads Middle School (16700 Franklin Road)

Both forums will run from 7-8:30 p.m. “Michigan’s current economic climate and school funding structure — which Michigan public schools rely on for 90 percent of their funding — are creating extraordinary budget challenges for our district as we struggle to manage resources and protect the learning that takes place in our classrooms every day,” said Northville Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher. “For the past decade, reductions in the state’s funding allocation, coupled with recent steep increases in mandatory retirement contributions have resulted in a significant decline in real dollars for K-12 education.”

Under Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder’s current budget proposal for the 2012-13 school year, Northville Public Schools faces the continued impact of the 2011-12 funding loss of \$470 per student. This is in addition to the cost impact of offering full-day kindergarten (due to pending legislation) and an increase in the district’s mandatory state retirement contribution equal to between \$155 and \$170 per student, among other budget actions with a potentially negative impact on Northville Public Schools.

“With nearly \$9.8 million in budget reductions for the district since February 2010, there are no easy answers or painless steps to take at this point in time,” Gallagher added. “Students and their families, teachers, administrators, and support staff have all experienced the impact of these budget reductions. We continue to look for potential areas for revenue-generation as well as cost-

SPEAK UP!

School parents and community members can contact their elected officials and voice their concern about the depth of the proposed cuts to school funding. Contact information for Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder and the state legislators representing the Northville school community are available on the district website, www.northville.k12.mi.us by clicking on the LAN Action Alerts.

cutting, and are mindful of the impact increases in class size and class configuration have already had on our students, staff and parents.”

“As a district and a community our challenge is to respond to this new reality in ways that ensure we continue to provide an excellent educational experience for all students.”

What can one expect at the forums?

The Northville Board of Education and district leaders are hosting the community forums with the goal of creating an understanding among school families and the community of the district’s continuing budget challenges, as well as to engage the community in a discussion of what families can expect in fall 2012 and beyond – from class size to school building capacity and from budget issues to the challenges of 21st century learning. The forums will also outline the proactive steps the district is taking to address, to the extent possible, the impact on student learning.

Following the 30-minute presentation, Board of Education members and district leaders will be available to meet with forum participants in small groups and answer questions. In addition, representatives from the Northville Council of PTAs Legislative Action Network will be on hand to share the impact of the governor’s budget proposal and other pending legislation on Northville Public Schools.

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Our Lady of Victory seventh-grade student Erin Meis works out on a balance disc at Spinerger.

OLV seventh-grade student Will Schlathezk hits a stationary bike at Spinerger on April 20.



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Our Lady of Victory student Edie Jones works out on a rowing machine along with her classmates during an April 20 visit to downtown Northville's "Spinerger" for a gym class.

Spinerger gives OLV students a different look at exercise

By Lonnie Huhman
Correspondent

Our Lady of Victory students got a whole new gym class experience after making a visit to Northville's newest fitness location, Spinerger Fitness.

A group of OLV students recently walked to the fitness location in downtown to do something different for exercise, rather than the team sports they usually play during class. Spinerger specializes in circuit training with advanced stationary bikes and rowing machines in house to give users a better workout.

OLV physical education teacher Myra Kolbow has become a fan of Spinerger, so she asked co-owners Dennis Lauderback and Dave Gawthrop if she could bring her sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders to Spinerger for a workout session.

"I wanted to introduce them to something new to broaden their horizons," Kolbow said. "This turned out to be really awesome for everyone."

Upon arrival the students were broken up into four teams. Lauderback, Gawthrop and instructor Aimee Tegtmeyer ran them through a 30-minute workout. The students cycled and rowed as they smiled and sweated. They also worked on their cores by doing sit-ups and using the bosu balls to balance on.

It was a fun day for sure, especially with the music and energy turned up to high inside Spinerger.

"This bike is pretty cool," eighth-grader Mike Hunter said as he tilted and leaned on the



Spinerger employee Aimee Tegtmeyer encourages OLV students working out at her Main Street exercise salon on April 20.



OLV students throw medicine balls back and forth while they work on their "core" muscle groups.

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He said his favorite (and this seemed to be the class consensus) were the indo-rowing machines that work the user's entire body. For him, this is something he has done before, so he felt confident in using it.

Lauderback was more than happy to help out and said the kids had a blast.

"The goal nowadays is to get kids more active while also having fun,"

he said. "I think what we have here is ideal for achieving that."

Spinerger plans on offering after-school classes like this for interested students, and they also want to expand these into the summer recess.

With the looks on the students' faces as Tegtmeyer motivated them to work harder, Lauderback said the excitement to get in shape is infectious at Spinerger.



Over the thump-thump of some motivational music, Northville Spinerger co-owner Dennis Lauderback barks some orders to OLV students as they prepare to work out on some rowing machines on April 20.



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This is a supplemental food program so it may be used in addition to other assistance programs. Bridge Card holders automatically qualify, but need to pre-register. Recipients not currently on governmental assistance (food stamps, ADC and general) need to provide documentation including proof of income and residency before receiving food on distribution days.

Distributions continue the third Thursday of each month from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at St. Kenneth Catholic Church. Call Plymouth Community United Way at (734) 453-6879, ext. 7.

South Pole adventurer

Steve Jochmans, a Northville hiker and mountain climber, will present on his adventures to the South Pole at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 15 at the Northville District Library. This presentation is free and is sponsored by the Friends of the Library. However, reservations are urged in that seating is limited. Seats can be reserved by calling the Northville District Library at (248) 349-3020.

Jochmans is an avid

YoYo success



Alex Lee, an eighth-grader at Meads Mill Middle School, has been selected to join the YoYoJam International YoYo Team. He joins an elite group that represents many of the best YoYoers in the world. Lee will be an apprentice to veteran YoYo champions John Narum, the 2005 World YoYo Champion, and Ben Condee, this year's fourth place winner in the 4A Division at the World YoYo Championships held in Orlando, Florida. "I am excited and honored to be a part of the YoYoJam team," says Lee, "I can't wait for the world championships!" Lee specializes in the 4A Division, also known as off-string, which requires a YoYo that is not connected to the string. In addition to YoYoing, Lee enjoys snowboarding, skateboarding, and lacrosse.

outdoorsman, marathoner and triathlete. He is a retired Navy and commercial pilot. He previously presented at the library on his trip to Mt. Kilimanjaro.

Meet The Bucket Lady author

Carol McCloud, the author known as The Bucket Lady, will be appearing at Barnes & Noble Booksellers on from 1-3 p.m. Sunday, May 22 to sign copies of

all of her books following a brief talk and storytime. There will also be a fun bucket-filling craft for all children who attend, as well as handouts for parents, educators, and administrators about McCloud's simple and compelling bucket-filling philosophy.

McCloud has captivated all ages and encouraged them to become daily bucket fillers since her first book, *Have You Filled a Buck-*

et Today? A Guide to Daily Happiness for Kids, was published in 2006.

Since then, she has also published several other books including *Fill a Bucket, Growing Up with a Bucket Full of Happiness*, *My Bucketfilling Journal*, and most recently Spanish and French editions of *Have you Filled a Bucket Today*.

In her latest release, *Will You Fill My Bucket: Daily Acts of Love from Around the World*, sweet rhyming prose and vividly captivating illustrations delight the senses and express the deep joy and love we hope for all children.

Will You Fill My Bucket? and the responses given will touch the heartstrings of people young and old around the world.

Area Agency on Aging public hearing

The Area Agency on Aging 1-B (AAA 1-B) will be holding a public hearing on the 2013 Annual Implementation Plan from 9:30-11 a.m. Wednesday, May 30 at their office located at 29100 Northwestern Highway, Suite 400 in Southfield.

The plan is a public document that provides an overview of how federal Older Americans Act and state funds will be spent to support community-based services for older adults living in the AAA 1-B's six-county region of Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, St. Clair and Washtenaw.

The public (seniors, family caregivers, service providers, elected officials, advocates, and

other interested parties) is welcome to attend the public hearing and comment on the 2013 plan.

For those who cannot attend, you may call-in to the hearing at (641) 715-3840; access code 1042980# (please note this is not a toll free call).


The AAA 1-B will also accept written comments on the Proposed FY 2013 AIP until June 1, 2012. Written comments may be sent to the AAA 1-B Southfield office, submitted at the hearing, or emailed to the AAA 1-B at alayanman@aaa1b.com.

Please visit the AAA 1-B website (aaa1b.com) to review and download the document prior to the hearing, which will be available by May 11, 2012.

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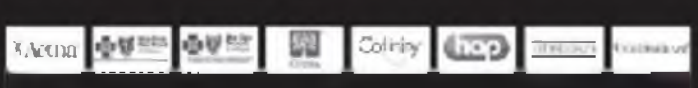
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NORTHVILLE POLICE BRIEFS

Breaking and Entering Attempt

1An unknown suspect attempted to break into a storage area at the Northville Public Schools Board of Education offices.

The incident either occurred on April 24 or 25 and it was reported to police by a school

employee who had been alerted to the incident by a food service employee. The storage area is located in the kitchen area and it was padlocked. Entry was never gained into the area that allegedly contained a folder that had within it personal checks made out to the school by parents.

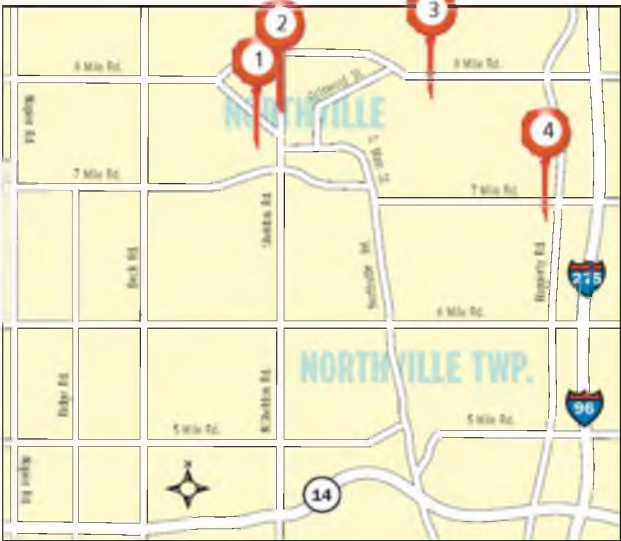
Nothing was reported missing from the school. The police report stated it did appear someone tried to pry the door open with a screwdriver or some similar tool. The school has notified GRBS, their custodial servicing company, of the incident.

Stolen Cheesecake

2A Northville man admitted to stealing several items from Hiller's Supermarket on a dare.

On April 26, the police responded to a theft at the store on Center Street. The assistant manager told police he had observed the man in the store taking items and then walking down the aisle only to emerge without them. He suspected the man of stealing. So, after the man purchased only one soda, the assistant manager confronted the 52-year-old man outside.

The store employee used a camera to document the interaction, which ended with the



suspect falling to the ground while the stolen items also fell out of his jacket. The suspect quickly left the scene as the store employee picked up the items.

The suspect also dropped his cell phone, which was used to trace it back to the suspect. A background check revealed the suspect has a lengthy criminal history.

of it and said it had been paid off.

The police found a couple of items from the car on the ground, but no evidence could be taken from them. The vehicle is a navy blue 2002 Chrysler Sebring. The case remains open.

Trespass

4A Detroit area band named Chaos Rains was cited for trespassing onto the Northville Township-owned 7 Mile Road property while attempting to film a video.

Northville Township police discovered the video set during a check of the property. Set up behind the main building were speakers, drums and guitars. The group told police they discovered the location on a website dedicated to filming in Northville and said they had permission to film there after speaking with someone from the site referred to as Jenny M.

There was no permission given after a follow-up with township officials was done. The group was cited for trespassing.

Compiled by correspondent
Lonnie Huhman


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ASHER, WILLIAM H.

Age 87, a longtime resident of Northville passed away peacefully on May 1, 2012. He was born on January 21, 1925 in Pinnebog, Michigan to Edward and Mary (nee Wolfe) Asher. Bill, a 1943 graduate of NHS, met the love of his life Margie M. Sessions during high school. He proudly served in the United States Army during World War II; after the war he and Margie were united in marriage on January 19, 1946. Since February 1, 1951, Bill owned and operated gas stations in Northville. He retired from Asher's Cigo on December 31, 1986; many will remember his smile and caring nature at the pump. He loved to work, enjoyed taking care of his flower garden, and liked the challenge of a crossword puzzle. He is survived by his beloved wife Margie; his sons, Ron (Beverly) Asher, Jerry (Laura) Asher, and Rick (Janine) Asher; his sister Hazel Louis; 8 grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren; and 4 great-great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and 4 brothers and sisters. A funeral service was held Friday, May 4, 2012 at the First United Methodist Church of Northville. Following the service he was buried at Rural Hill Cemetery where he received military honors. Memorial contributions can be made to the Alzheimer's Association or Hospice of Michigan.
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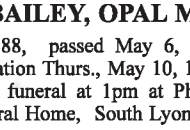
DAUGHERTY, ZELLA M.

Age 87. April 30, 2012. Beloved wife of the late Paul F. Daugherty. Dear mother of Cathy (Michael) Reilly. Loving grandmother of Jordan, Zach, and Jack. Sister of Evelyn Cantor, San Grossman, and Joe (Gertie) Grossman. Funeral Service was held Friday, May 4, 2012 at O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, Novi. Memorial donations may be made to Salvation Army, 16130 Northland Drive, Southfield, MI 48075-9522 or <http://www.satruck.org/>
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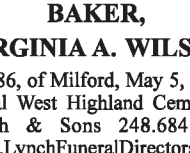
JOHNSON, EDWARD

Age 77, of Milford, passed away in the care of his family May 6, 2012. A proud Navy veteran of the USS George DE697, Ed continued his dedication by attending many naval reunions. Ed served as a volunteer firefighter with the Milford Fire Department for 30 years. A partner of B&J Gas and Oil Company in Wixom. Ed was preceded in death by Esther his wife of 31 years. In addition to Janace (nee. Kane), his beloved wife of nearly 18 years, Ed is survived by children Christopher (Kimberly) Johnson, Kelly (Paul) Friend, Gregory (Maureen Ziegler) Johnson, Bruce (Peggy) Johnson, Sheryl (Paul) Daniloff, Kathy (Daniel) Lochmann, Janelle (Nicholas) Rolando; grandchildren Bryn E. Johnson & Alexander P. Johnson, Michael L. Johnson & Achey M. Johnson, William (Carly) Schlacht, Scott Kane Stukel, John B. Stukel & Thomas G. Stukel and Regina Kane Rolando; great-granddaughter Margaret Louise Schlacht; sister Ann M. (the late Gurdon) Tarbox; also numerous extended family and a host of dear friends. Funeral Service from Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty St., Milford, on Thursday 11 A.M. Chaplain Dennis J. Saulino to officiate. Burial and Military Honors Oak Grove Cemetery. Friends may visit Tuesday 4-9 PM & Wednesday 2-9 PM. Memorial contributions encouraged to: Destroyer Escort Sailors Assoc. For further information, please phone Lynch & Sons 248 684 6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com



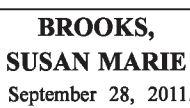
BAILEY, OPAL M.

Age 88, passed May 6, 2012. Visitation Thurs., May 10, 10am-1pm, funeral at 1pm at Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon



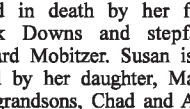
BAKER, VIRGINIA A. WILSON

Age 86, of Milford, May 5, 2012. Burial West Highland Cemetery. Lynch & Sons 248.684.6645 www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com



BROOKS, SUSAN MARIE

Died September 28, 2011. She was 57 years old. She was preceded in death by her father, Frank Downs and stepfather, Edward Mobitzer. Susan is survived by her daughter, Marlena and grandsons, Chad and Aidan; loving mother, Ina Morbitzer; brothers, Franklin and Thomas Downs; sister, Brenda Downs Johnson; and many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, extended family members and dear friends. A Memorial Service will be held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty, Milford, on Saturday, May 19, 2012 at 2 P.M. Memorial Visitation will be Saturday 12 PM until the time of service. Burial of ashes at Milford Memorial Cemetery. For further information please call Lynch & Sons, 248-684-6645 or visit: www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com



CORNACCHIONE, KAREN J.

Age 62, of South Lyon, passed away May 5, 2012. She was born on November 17, 1949, in Kalamazoo, daughter of the late George and Jane Huffman. She was a devoted wife, mother and friend. Karen was a member of the Fellowship Evangelical Presbyterian Church in South Lyon. She was a dedicated fan of MSU football and the MSU marching band. She enjoyed reading and spending time with her family. She is survived by her beloved children: Tony (Jill), Jon (Nicole) and Jenny Cornacchione. She is also survived by her brother Steve (Sherry) Huffman and her four legged friend Oliver. She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband Anthony in 2003. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, May 9, from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. A memorial service will be conducted on Thursday, May 10, at 11:00 a.m. with final visitation from 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. at the Fellowship Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 22200 Pontiac Trail, South Lyon. Memorial contributions may be made to the Karen Cornacchione, c/o Phillips Funeral Home. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com

PAPP, BENEDICT

Age 64, passed May 3, 2012. Lynch & Sons, Milford 248.684.6645 www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

VISNYAK, JOSEPH G., SR.

Age 82, of Redford Twp., passed away April 29, 2012. Beloved husband of the late Vera. Loving father of Vera (Ray) Rose, Sharon, and Joseph. Dear brother of Ed (Pat). Adored grandfather of Tiffany Rose and Mathew Rose. Cherished great-grandfather of Brian and Robert. A funeral service was held May 4, 2012 at Casterline Funeral Home. He was laid to rest at Rural Hill Cemetery where he received full military honors. Memorial contributions would be appreciated to the Yankee Air Museum, PO Box 590, Belleville, MI 48112 or the American Lung Association 25900 Greenfield Rd., Suite 401, Oak Park, MI 48237.

VISNYAK, PATRICIA A.

Age 65, of Plymouth, passed 5/7/12. Visitation Fri., 5/11/2012, 5-8pm. Funeral Sat. 5/12/2012 at 11am, Casterline Funeral Home, 122 W. Dunlap, Northville.

ZHMENDAK, ANNA VICTORIA

Age 82, of Belleville, formerly of Northville and Livonia passed away May 2, 2012. She was born September 18, 1929 daughter of John and Anna (nee Makinski) Bokach. She was united in marriage to Alex S. Zhmendak on November 1, 1947; they spent 63 loving years together until his death on September 17, 2011. Anna worked for Hydra-matic, Ypsilanti Power train for over 38 years. She was a devoted wife to her late husband Alex; a beloved mother to Bill (Gail), Mike (Nancy), and Sam; a loving grandmother to Billy (Regan), Christi, Ricardo, Nick, and Abby; and great-grandmother of Logan and Mia. She is also survived by her brother John and sisters Mary, Victoria, Stella, Olga, and Barbara. The family would like to thank St. Joseph Mercy Hospice for their kindness in Anna's final days. A funeral service was held Saturday, May 5, 2012 at Casterline Funeral Home of Northville. Memorial contributions would be appreciated to Diamond Blackfan Anemia Foundation, PO Box 1092, West Seneca, NY 14224.

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Ward Church hosts Jews for Jesus event

Ruth Rosen of Jews for Jesus will speak at Ward Church's Sanctuary at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 16. There is no admission charge.



Ruth Rosen

Jews for Jesus is an organization that uses creative methods and contemporary issues to present the message that Jesus is the Messiah to Jewish people around the world.

Rosen is the daughter of the late Moishe Rosen, a Jew who believed in Jesus for over 35 years and founded the organization. Rosen refutes the charge that young Jews who accept Christ are either rejecting their Jewishness or

rebelling against their parents.

"I was taught to appreciate my Jewishness," Rosen states. "We celebrated the same holidays as my Jewish friends who didn't believe in Jesus. They knew I was Jewish...they also knew I believed in Jesus. As a child, I assumed that what my parents taught me was true, but as a teenager, like most, I went through a period of 'finding my own way.' I found that Y'shua (Jesus) was the way, not merely because my parents had taught me to believe, but because I couldn't deny the difference that only He could make in my life."

Rosen has been on staff full-time with Jews for Jesus since 1979. She has traveled around the world extensively,

edited many books, and written several as well. Her most recent book is the biography of her father, Called to Controversy: The Unlikely Story of Moishe Rosen and the Founding of Jews for Jesus, published by Thomas Nelson.

The organization has permanent branches in eight North American cities (San Francisco, Los Angeles, Boston, Chicago, Toronto, New York City, Washington D.C. and Fort Lauderdale) as well as over 127 volunteer

chapters spanning some 41 states and five countries. The group's international branches are headquartered in Johannesburg, London, Paris, Odessa, Moscow, Essen, Rio de Janeiro, Kharkov, Dnepropetrovsk, and Tel Aviv.

"We exist to make the Mes-

siahship of Jesus an unavoidable issue to our Jewish people worldwide," said David Brickner, executive director. "There are still a few that haven't heard of us!"

To Rosen and other Jews for Jesus staff, the objective evidence of the Hebrew Bible and the New Testament, as well as the transformation in their own lives provides ample evidence that Jesus was who He claimed to be – the Jewish Messiah. For those who argue that Christianity contradicts the meaning of Judaism, the members of Jews for Jesus say there are answers, which Rosen will be happy to discuss after the presentation.

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OUR VIEWS

Stamp Out Hunger

Letter carriers' 20th annual food drive this Saturday

Imagine what it's like – as it is for 16 percent of Americans – to be uncertain where your next meal is coming from. That's reality for four million senior citizens as well as one in five children under age 18.

Every year, the second Saturday in May is our opportunity to donate food to needy families in the community, with the help of our letter carriers, in the nation's largest one-day food-collection event.

The folks who deliver mail every day, the National Association of Letter Carriers, have thought about it, and for the last 20 years, they've been taking action via their Stamp Out Hunger national food drive.

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Last year, according to Fredric Rolando, NALC president, letter carriers collected more than 70 million pounds of food. However, the need in this continuing recession is still staggering as millions of Americans struggle to make ends meet and food banks report declines in the inventories as high as 35-percent.

"This year," said Vicki Escarra, Feeding America president, "we enter the drive amidst a 'perfect storm' of high unemployment, sky-high food and gasoline prices, unprecedented budget cuts to federal nutrition programs, limits on charitable-giving incentives and a decline in federal commodities."

It's up to all of us to lead the charge in the ongoing battle against hunger by helping to stock food banks, pantries and shelters for the summer months with this simple act: Just leave a bag of non-perishable food next to your mailbox for your letter carrier to pick up this Saturday.

Mothers are and do many things

Sunday is Mother's Day, a day set aside to celebrate motherhood and to show appreciation of time to mothers and mother figures. It's a day when people send cards or gifts or make a special visit to that woman who has played an important role in their lives.

Mother's Day may not a federal holiday like Memorial Day or Labor Day, but it is a important day nonetheless. Call her woman mother, mom, mommy, momma or by some other name, that special person has loved us in whatever we have done. She has been understanding and giving and provided guidance, putting the needs of her family above all else.

Mothers are our alarm clock, there to make sure we get to school on time. She's our room service, making sure rooms are clean and laundry done. She's our gourmet chef, providing sumptuous meals and the obligatory reminder to eat what you take.

Mothers show their children the right path to follow, and if they veer off, she is there to help them find their way back. She cares about what her children become and provides the encouragement for them to achieve their life's goals.

It is with a sense of deepest gratitude we wish all mothers a happy Mother's Day. May you enjoy the honor, love and respect you so rightly deserve today and every day. You are the glue that holds us together. And for that we are thankful.

COMMUNITY VOICE

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"I worked at Hot Shops Cafeteria in the Oakland Mall — busing tables and serving cafeteria food."
Debbie Duncan
Canton



"Paper boy. Detroit Free Press. It was a good job for a kid."
Rich Leonard
Livonia



"McDonald's in Redford. I was 16. All the kids from school came there."
Maggie Forsythe
City of Northville



"I worked at a Total gas station in Birch Run. Pretty rough for a first job."
Jeff Bry
Northville Township

LETTERS

Northville Public Schools teachers rock!

Our children have had the opportunity to learn from dedicated teachers throughout the NPS system— from the early childhood pre-school program, through Ridge Wood Elementary, Amerman Elementary and Meads Mill Middle School all the way to Northville High School.

We have enjoyed building relationships with the wonderful men and women who have worked with each of our children in their classrooms, on the playing fields, and in a variety of clubs.

Although this is the week that we recognize teachers, each and every day we are thankful for the fantastic teachers that fill our schools, nurture our children and challenge them to grow as learners.

Anita and Mike Bartschat
Parents of NPS students:
Christoph, Nick, Alexa & John

Allow Klein his license

I agree that the city should follow their own rules and grant Gary Klein his liquor license. He's adding a new business downtown that will likely thrive and is being opposed because a few people don't happen to like smoking and drinking? Is this America or not?

I think the neighbors with health concerns should get the street shut down, too, then because of possible carbon monoxide poisoning. Crazy.

As for the overlay, stick with the three-story plan. It's downtown — make it look like one!

Sabina Gabiniewicz
downtown Northville

Say no to five lanes for Six Mile

Thank goodness for the good sense and priorities of our Northville Township supervisor, Mark Abbo, in commenting on the proposed widening of Six Mile Road, from Hagerly to Northville Road, in the April 26 *Northville Record*. Abbo seems to have the very best interest of us township residents in mind (unlike Wayne County): "He doesn't think widening Six Mile makes any sense at all, because it is a residential area."

As a five-year resident homeowner who lives in the proposed affected area, I find the idea of turning Six Mile Road into five lanes appalling and grossly unnecessary. It makes me wonder if Wayne County recently came into a sum of money that just needs to be spent, because this makes no sense. Are five-lane projects more lucrative for them than three?

Yes, things do get slightly crowded at certain times near Meads Middle School, but adding a left-hand turn lane (or bypass lane) is a much better solution.

We moved into our neighborhood for its pleasant residential feel, and five lanes would completely change our neighborhood surroundings and, quite likely, our safety, including the temptation of drivers to speed. I find it interesting that in February 2012, out of all the cities and townships in Wayne County, Northville Township was the area with the highest bump in appreciable increase in housing values — a 4.9-percent increase; the

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highest in all of Wayne County. (The second highest increase was the city of Northville, with a 3.3-percent increase in housing value. The third was Plymouth Township at a 2.5-percent increase. Every other area in Wayne County was a decrease in value.)

I also applaud Carol Maynard, of Northville, whose concerning Letter to the Editor in the Northville Record on May 3 pointed out that "there are walking trails along that particular Six Mile stretch that are populated by dog walkers, joggers, and bicyclists," — another good reason constructing five lanes there is not appropriate.

A big part of our value here in Northville Township is our beautiful residential-area surroundings (along with our good schools, great parks and wonderful downtown areas). Let's keep it that way.

Joanne Bandoni
Northville Township

Firemen save ducks

Three cheers for our Northville firemen — four great guys all equipped with duckling retrieving gear. They responded quickly and came to the aid of nine mallard ducklings, about one week old, that were trapped in a storm drain in the Northville Ridge sub Friday night. The mother duck was in a panic, unable to rescue her babies but stayed near the site and kept flying overhead. After five of the ducklings were retrieved from the drain, the firemen started to reunite them with their mother. Unfortunately, Mrs. Mallard was in such a panic that after she had five of her ducklings she did not wait around for the other four to be retrieved and left the scene.

Although we searched the area for the mother we couldn't locate her as it was getting dark. The firemen and I were then left with four chirping ducklings needing a mother and home. The ducklings are now in the safe hands of the Howell Nature Center until they are old enough to survive in the wild on their own. Thank you, Northville Fire Department, for saving these little lives.

Ellen Mocer
Northville

Support lupus advocacy

I have a very dear cause that I would like to inform the community of.

Patients of lupus have been deprived of the necessary care, medical products and resources that are able to treat their disease, from the dawn-ing of the world's awareness of it. There are many problems that these unfortunate people face.

According to a recent book entitled *Living With Lupus* by Dr. Daniel Wallace, "Many patients look perfectly healthy, but surveys have shown that newly diagnosed patients have had symptoms or signs for an average of three years." Thus late diagnosis is also a factor adding to the issue.

The Lupus Michigan/Indiana Lupus Affiliate is working to provide patients with the factors that will help to combat their illness. Researching options for a better lifestyle has become its primary agenda. Through events such as the 18th annual Walk For Lupus, in which anyone can walk to help raise money; large donations to organizations that engage in active research; and instilling knowledge about lupus into the hands of the community, treatments for the disease are expanding.

While most people retain basic knowledge about lupus, awareness of its prevalence in society currently remains low. More than 1.5 million Americans are now living with it. This means that there are many very sick people among us. Lupus is an autoimmune disease, in which the cells in a person's body that normally work to fight illness undergo a role reversal. They attack various organs, wreaking an inner havoc that becomes manifested on the outer body. Patients suffer from painful skin rashes that last for days on end. Some rashes are caused by increased sensitivity to sunlight. Most importantly though, due to the indiscriminate manner of the disease, side effects of it can vary from minor complaints to death. The severity of lupus is much worse than most people realize.

What can people do to take arms against this circumstance? May is National Lupus Awareness Month. During this time, there are many ways to become involved in this battle. Lupus advocacy is a multifaceted activity which can range from speaking about the topic on national television to attract interest to simply writing out letters to people. You may even be supportive by being present at certain events. Anything helps. Be careful not to discount your efforts. The talents of everyone are needed to bring patients the care and assistance needed.

For more information about becoming active, please visit: www.milupus.org. In addition, note the following events taking place this month to help support lupus:

- Thursday, May 10 — World Lupus Day: Wear orange in a world-wide coming together of bringing awareness to the situation.
- Sunday, May 20 — third annual Lapeer Walk For Lupus starting at noon at Rowden Park, 1552 N. Main St., Lapeer.

Brooke Fox
Livonia

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NEF and Mothers' Club team up with Thank-A-Staff fundraiser

Two of Northville's most dedicated fundraising groups are combining efforts to benefit the students of Northville Public Schools.

As part of Staff Appreciation Week, the Northville Educational Foundation (NEF) and Mothers' Club of Northville, both independent charitable organizations that dedicate funds to their Northville Public School district, will provide parents and students the opportunity to thank their favorite staff members with a donation in their honor via the Thank-A-Staff program. Both organizations award teacher grants on an annual basis for academic and enriching programs within the Northville schools.

"The Northville Educational Foundation is delighted to be partnering with the Mother's Club on the annual Thank-A-Staff fundraising effort," said Eric Barritt, President of the Northville Educational Foundation. "This is a great alliance of two organizations that provide support to the Northville Public Schools. The Thank-A-Staff program allows parents, grandparents, and friends of the Northville Public Schools to make a donation in honor of a teacher or staff member."

The foundation, in existence for 11 years, has gained a tremendous amount of momentum in the past few years, sparked by an unprecedented \$1 million pledge from an anonymous donor in April 2010. In recent months, NEF has received great support in raising funds for significant improvements to the Northville's Eight Mile stadium via TURF CLUB, a group of community volunteers soliciting funds solely for this purpose. The foundation is also funding the International Baccalaureate

program which includes teacher training, materials and other associated fees. The Mothers' Club of Northville, now in its 77th year, is also deeply committed to providing Northville students with programs proven to enrich their education. Via teacher grants, Mothers' Club awards over \$30,000 annually in an effort to help close the gap caused by state funding reductions in recent years. Driven by 25 to 30 ambitious women and a reputation steeped in tradition, Mothers' Club is excited about the opportunity to partner with another organization to raise funds.

"The Mothers' Club of Northville and Northville Educational Foundation are deeply committed to raising funds for the Northville Public Schools," said Mothers' Club President Suzie Johnson. "The Thank-A-Staff program is a wonderful opportunity for the two non-profits to join forces in recognizing our staff and raise funds to continue achieving education excellence in our schools."

DETAILS

The Thank-A-Staff program Forms can be found on the Northville Public School website at www.northville.k12.mi.us and on the NEF website at www.Northville.Ed.Foundation.org. For further information on the Northville Educational Foundation, please contact Jennifer Pearson, Foundation Manager at (248) 344-8458 or visit the website. For more information on the Mothers' Club of Northville, please contact President Suzie Johnson at (248) 380-3038.

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Ken and Barbara Kelsey

The Kelseys
Ken and Barbara (Listerman) Kelsey, of Northville, celebrated their 50th anniversary with a party with family and friends. They have both spent their entire lives in the area and were married April 28, 1962, at Redford Presbyterian Church, Detroit. Their children are Janice Erickson, of Livonia, and Karen Henry, of Dexter, and they have four grandchildren. Both Ken and Barbara were promotional products consultants. Their interests and involvements include the Livonia Chamber of Commerce, Adcraft Club, Michigan Promotional Products Association, Promotional Products Association, their grandchildren, travel and golf.

ANNIVERSARY

The Browns

Congratulations to William and Mildred Brown, of Northville, on their 70th wedding anniversary. The couple exchanged vows on May 16, 1942, in Detroit, Mich. The Browns have four children -- Judy and Fred Krupic, of West Bloomfield; Carol and Jim Brown, of Howell; Peggy and Doug White, of White Lake; and William Jr. and Donna Brown, of Northville. They also have nine grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.



Mildred and William Brown

Both are very active with family activities and hobbies. Mildred retired from Macy's and enjoys reading, baking, watching her favorite TV shows and, of course, shopping. Bill is retired

"almost" from Bill Brown Auto Clinic in Canton. He is active in several clubs and organizations, such as Canton Rotary and is a past-president; lifetime member of the Midwest Radio Control Club; member of the Experimental Aircraft Association and the International Comanche Society; and is an adviser to the Lawrence Technological University Model Aviation Program. The couple will celebrate this rare and wonderful event with a private party.

Student Art Show



"The Rose" by Sarah Anderson, Grade 12

May is student art month in Northville. The Northville Art House will feature its 13th annual juried Student Fine Art Exhibit, featuring the work of middle and high school students. This exhibit is a collaboration with Northville's art educators to promote art appreciation among the community's youth. This annual exhibit features an array of exceptional two and three-dimensional work from Northville's most talented students. The public is invited to celebrate the work of our many talented young artists at the Northville Art House. This show will continue through May 12 during regular gallery hours of Wednesday through Saturday, 1-5 p.m. Call (248) 344-0497. The Art House is located at 215 W. Cady Street and is a facility of the City of Northville.

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Tipping Point Theatre presents ‘The Cemetery Club’

Tipping Point Theatre opens the last show in its 2011-12 fifth birthday season with a comedy about life-long friendships – “The Cemetery Club” by Ivan Menchell.

Lucille, Doris and Ida are Jewish widows and the surviving members of longtime best friends. They get together once a month for tea and a visit to the cemetery where their husbands are buried. Each woman deals with the passing of her husband in her own way. Lucille still fancies herself as a flamboyant swinger; Doris is a traditional matronly widow still devoted to her departed husband; and Ida has happy memories of her husband and their marriage and is in no hurry to move on. How they heal, quarrel, cope with the past, and learn to date again is the hall-

mark of this bittersweet comedy about life and friendship.

“The women in this show have been friends for many years and have a really fun rapport with each other,” said director Beth Torrey. “The best part of the production is that it focuses on women in a later stage in life and their unique friendships.”

When asked about the challenges of the show Torrey said, “The script takes place in two locations: a living room and a cemetery. They both have to be equally represented on the stage in a creative way, and I think our great design team has achieved that!”

This production is supported, in part, by an award from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and the National Endowment for Arts.

DETAILS

“Cemetery Club”

Showtimes: May 10-June 17. The curtain rises at 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, with matinees at 3 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. A special matinee performance has been added at 3 p.m. Wednesday, May 23.

Location: Tipping Point Theatre, 361 E. Cady Street, Northville

Tickets: \$28 to \$30 for adults and \$26 to \$28 for students and senior citizens, and are available now by calling the box office at (248) 347-0003.

Next up: Tickets on sale now for the fundraiser “Murder at the Museum”, hosted by Chuck & Maxine Lapham with special guests Chuck and Susan Gaidica. The event is on Friday, June 15 at the Yankee Air Museum. Dinner and dessert provided by Rocky’s of Northville, live music by The Couriers (and a murder, too). For more information, please call Lynn Wilde Concannon at (248) 347-0003.

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MEETINGS

Northville Public Schools BOARD OF EDUCATION

Date: Second and fourth Tuesday of the month

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: Old Village School

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.

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Date: Third Tuesday of each month

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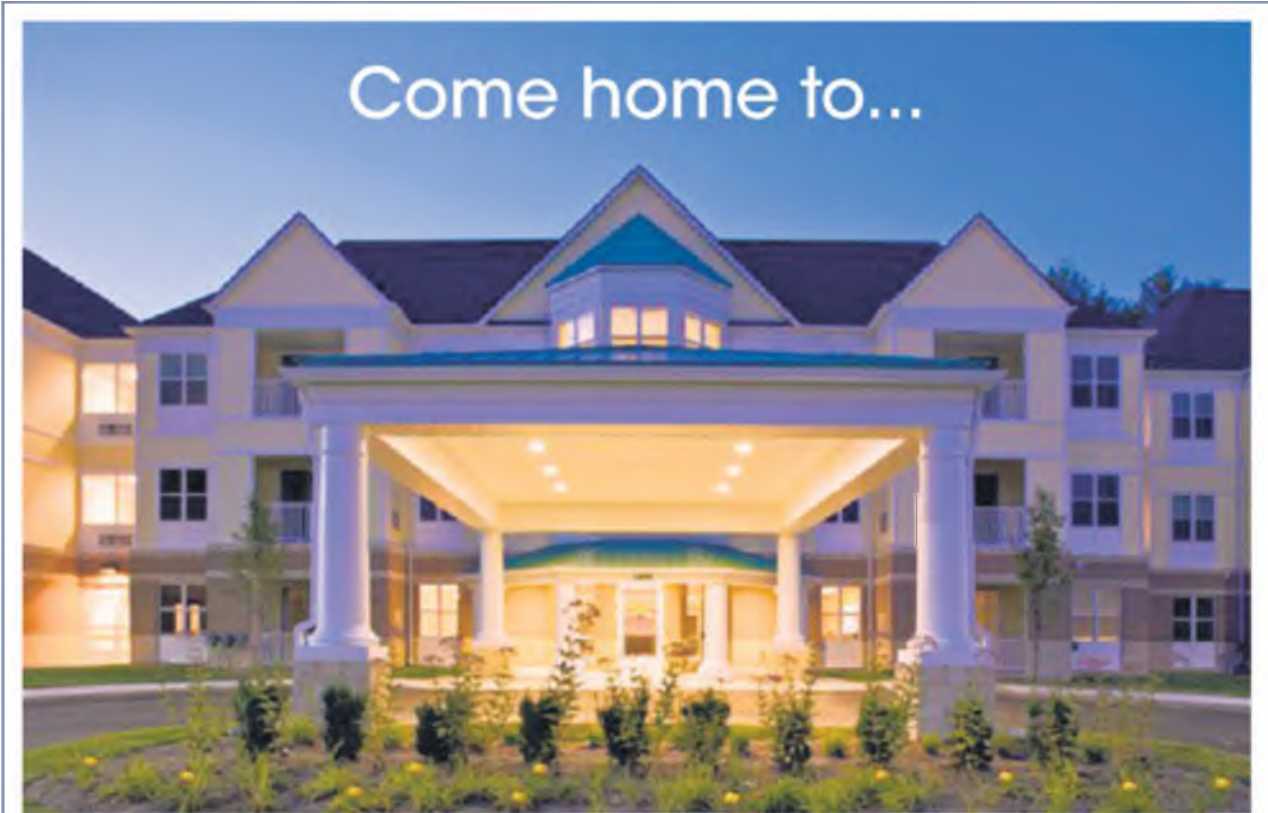
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METERS

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Despite these stated advantages, there is one Northville resident still concerned about the meters and doesn't want one at her home. She also wants others to know about what she believes are the risks of having one attached to your home.

Susan Lesnek went before the Northville Township Board of Trustees at their April meeting to voice her concerns and have them consider a resolution to request the Michigan Public Services Commission to make a due diligence inquiry into the use, benefits and health risks associated with smart meters.

Lesnek said installation has already started in neighboring areas. Her concerns range from health to security. She believes its technology could cause health issues because of the nonthermal radiation given off by it, stating the waves from it could affect things like pacemakers.

In addition, she thinks privacy issues are also at play here based on the fact that these meters will allow remote access and can relay customer information.

She told the board that she was before them because she wants them "to really send a message to the Michigan Public Services Commission that you care about the health, safety and welfare of your residents, and that

you want to make sure they do their due diligence work to protect the residents."

It's her main hope that residents will know what the meter means and that they could opt-out if they wanted to.

DTE's stance

Bob Sitkauskas, a representative of DTE, was on hand to give the board a better idea on what these meters will mean for the community. He said smart meters are electronic measurement devices used by utilities to better communicate information for billing customers and operating their electric systems.

He said any concerns are unfounded and DTE does not want anything else from it except to run the system more efficiently. He said privacy will be assured.

Township Trustee Mindy Herrmann agreed with the idea that residents should be better informed and said its installation decision should be up to them.

Supervisor Mark Abbo said there is no question that Northville Township is concerned about the well-being of its residents, but for him it's the job of the MPSC to figure this issue out and determine whether or not it's safe. He said the board should not pretend to be experts on this.

The board did not approve the resolution and said residential concerns will be directed to the state level. The MPSC is looking into the use of smart meters.

Angel Street



Barefoot Productions presents "Angel Street", a Victorian-era mystery by Patrick Hamilton. The melodrama is about a seemingly average couple, the Mannings. Upon closer inspection, the audience will learn that this sweet couple is not at all what they appear to be. Mr. Manningham seems to be intentionally driving his wife mad. Upon the insistence of a Scotland Yard agent, Inspector Roughy, Mrs. Manningham agrees to help collect evidence against her husband in a gruesome murder case from several years earlier. The Barefoot production features Michael Ludlum (Canton), Dana Naughton (Plymouth), Eric Bloch (Ann Arbor), Stephanie Lee (Northville), and Joy Holloway (Northville). Angel Street will run May 11-20. Please visit justgobarefoot.com for more information. Tickets can be ordered by calling (734) 582-9688.

CUTS

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hired, the new salary would be \$40,000 less, making the total \$135,000 instead of the \$175,000.

In the letter, Nugent asks the board to take media specialists off the potential cut list because of the value they have for the students and schools. He gives support to the idea that media specialists or librarians help overall student achievement.

"By not supporting this cut; you will be acting fiscally responsible. You will be acting in the best interest of the students. Lastly, you will be saving someone from the unemployment line," Nugent wrote to the board.

He said better scores and reading skills are the result of having full-time professional staff in these positions.

For the NEA it makes more sense to cut the five routes that bus 150 students to Amerman. Nugent said in total the district pays \$500 a day to Durham School Services for the routes, which would come out to \$90,000 a year. He said many tough decisions have been made regarding transportation and a lot of families have switched to using satellites bus routes as an adjustment. The NEA feels it's a luxury for the ALPS students to have these routes. Nugent asked the board why can't ALPS students carpool like other families have had to do?

No final decisions have been made regarding the budget. However, the district's anticipated target for budget reductions is around \$700,000.

The district's community budget forums will be held on May 10 at 7 p.m. at Hillside Middle School and May 14 at 7 p.m. at Meads Mill.

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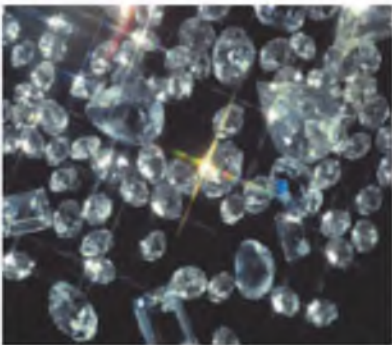
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Northville softball earns four wins

Squad sweeps two teams, takes loss in rain-delayed game

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

It took two days for one team to get the best of Northville, which just shows you how tough the Mustangs softball team is to beat.

The squad, coached by Kary Couchman, fell to Plymouth, 2-1, in a game that was spread over two days due to rain. The week wasn't all bad, however, as they swept South Lyon East in a doubleheader and did the same to Livonia Franklin.

Against Plymouth, Northville looked to be in a good position

as they took a 1-0 lead in the top of the second inning on a solo home run by sophomore catcher Allie Chapekis. That lead, combined with the fact that Mustangs senior pitcher Laura Pond was throwing a no-hitter over three innings, looked to be working in Northville's favor.

But, Mother Nature wanted her say — and she got it.

Northville's Senior Pitcher, Laura Pond was pitching a no hitter through the first three innings with five strikeouts, before Mother Nature stepped in. In the bottom of the fourth inning, with Plymouth batting,

an overcast sky turned into a drenching rain. Pond, who had not walked a batter all game, and who had only walked a total of five batters in her first eight games, could not grip the soaking wet ball. She walked three of the next four Plymouth hitters, two of which came in to score on wild pitches, before the umpires halted play. Pond still had not given up a hit, but Plymouth had a 2-1 lead.

When the game resumed on Tuesday afternoon in dry conditions, neither team could score, as Pond and Plymouth freshman pitcher Mikayela Mar-

ciniak each threw three scoreless innings. Pond ended the game with a two hitter and nine strikeouts, but Northville could only manage three hits off Marciniak. In addition to Chapekis' home run, Micaela Petrucci and Nikki Thibodeau had singles for Northville.

Northville is 14-5 overall this season.

Northville 8, S.L. East 2
Northville 18, S.L. East 0

It wasn't much of a contest for the Northville Mustangs when they took on and defeated

South Lyon East in both games of a doubleheader last week. The victories, however, did have an impact on the team's season — they are now in first place in the KLAA Central Division where they are 6-0.

In the first game, Pond did not allow an earned run, as she threw a two hitter with 11 strikeouts and no walks. Senior Jennifer Buckingham and Chapekis led the offense with three hits each.

Northville jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the top of the first

Please see SOFTBALL, B3



Northville High School's player No. 6 pitches the ball to a teammate during the school's rugby club game on April 26 in a match played at Riley Upper Elementary School in Livonia.

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Ruggers seeing improvement

Knights squad has strong showing in Elkhart tournament

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

The Northville Knights may not have had the best start to their season, but they are doing what every coach and fan wants to see from their team — they are improving each and every week.

Nothing made that statement more clear than the Knights' performance in the Midwest Festival Tournament in Elkhart, Ind. last weekend. The team went 2-1 in pool play to improve their overall record to 3-4 on the season.

"We made some adjustments in the back line and had a few players recover from early-season injuries in the past few weeks," said Knights coach Ron Cornell. "We now have a very cohesive club and we hope to carry this past this weekend's success into the final weeks of the season as we push for a playoff berth."

The Knights opened their tournament with a loss to a team from Carroll, Ind. The Northville squad put up a tough fight though fell, 14-10. Leading the Knights were Tyler Ulrich and Hassan Ahmad, who each scored a try in the losing effort.

The Northville ruggers turned things around for a win as they defeated a team from Cathedral, Ind., 10-7. Ulrich found the end zone both times for the Knights as he put down the ball for the score.

Northville ended the tournament with a big win over a team from Bishop Dwenger in Indiana, 31-0. Scrum half Matt Stoner and fly half Nick Mennotti played well, quickly distributing the ball around the pitch. Andrew Boyd scored



Northville High School's rugby club joins in the scrum, at right, during a game on April 26 in a match played at Riley Upper Elementary School in Livonia.

twice while Chris Davis, Ahmad and Dan Rogers each scored a try in the victory.

ON TAP

The Northville Knights Rugby Football Club will be back on the pitch when they take on Findlay at 6 p.m. at Livonia Stevenson High School.



A Northville High School rugby player tries to break out with some teammates during action on April 26.

Soccer team dominates Stevenson

Squad blanks rival to remain undefeated

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

So the Northville Mustangs aren't ranked first in the state for girls soccer right now. Frankly, they don't care.

Rankings means squat when all is said and done and the Mustangs are proving that no matter where they are placed in the echelons of the soccer elite they are going to punctuate it with victory after victory.

The undefeated squad made that point last week when they took on and shutout their rival, Livonia Stevenson. Northville earned a 4-0 victory behind the goaltending of Kiki Hilmer, the outstanding play of the defense and the unstoppable juggernaut that is the team's offense.

"This was another consistent, dominate performance out of this team," said coach Eric Brucker. "They refused to get frustrated with the early struggles in finding the net. They stayed very composed. The defense played superb and held a good Spartan team to zero shots on net."

Northville did indeed have early struggles finding the back of the net in the opening half of play. That problem wasn't solved until the 25 minute mark when senior Mallory Weber delivered a well-placed pass through the Spartans' defense to a sprinting Jamie Cheslik. The sophomore swerved around a sprawling goalie and fired the ball home for the 1-0 lead.

The score remained stagnant until the 59 minute mark in the second half when senior Sam Jarrett fired a crossing pass to the back post where junior Emily Bush fought through two defenders and slammed home a header for the 2-0 advantage.

Junior Gabbie Guibord wasn't about to let this game slip away without scoring and she tallied her goal just two minutes later to make it a 3-0 contest. Her score came off a beautiful play by sophomore Megan Buckingham, who led a charge down the right side of the field and through the Stevenson defense. As the opposition closed in on her, Buckingham laid out a pass to the top of the 18-yard box and right to Guibord.

At the 67 minute mark of the game, Cheslik chalked up her second goal of the night and capped the scoring as she raced through the Spartan defense from midfield, worked her way up to the goal and fired home the shot from 12 yards out for the 4-0 final. Buckingham earned an assist on the play.

ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs soccer team will be back in action when they host South Lyon today at 7 p.m. before hosting Ann Arbor Pioneer at noon Saturday. The team will then visit South Lyon East Tuesday at 6 p.m.

The Mustangs can be beat

But one out of six games is nothing to complain about

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

The Northville Mustangs baseball team proved they were indeed vulnerable now and again as they took a loss last week in one half of a double header.

The loss is just the third the Mustangs have suffered all season long and it didn't take them much time to avenge it as they beat Southgate Anderson in the nightcap that very same day.

"We struggled offensively all game collecting only five hits," said coach John Kostrzewa of the loss. "It was by far our worst defensive effort committing four errors and several mental mistakes. We were out played in all aspects of the game."

Southgate won the game, 6-4, to take advantage of Northville coming out flat against them.

Northville rebounded nicely, however, winning the nightcap of the twinbill, 9-3, behind the pitching of Jeff Gertley over six innings and Matt Stojkov in the seventh.

"We played much better the second game in all aspects," said Kostrzewa. "We had much better bats and played defense well."

Northville had seven hits, five walks and three hit basemen to move players around the base. Brett MacDonald led the charge with two doubles, two walks, an RBI and two runs scored. He reached base each time he went up to bat.

Stojkov added a RBI



Mustangs watch their teammates at bat during Northville's April 4 home game.

single while Mat Satterfield had two hits and an RBI. Gertley had a single and scored.

"Overall it was a good week," Kostrzewa said, reflecting on the five victories his team collected over the seven days. "We won our conference games and continue on the right path to achieving our first goal in winning the division and playing for a conference championship. After playing poorly in the first game on Saturday it was nice to come back and play much better the second game."



Mustang Ben Smith takes a grounder at shortstop.

Northville 1, Plymouth 0

In a rain-shortened game, the Mustangs proved to have just enough offense

struck out six and allowed just one hit.

Kostrzewa noted Stojkov had to work out of a couple of jams to earn the win, too, including in the bottom of the fifth with two outs, runners and second and third and he goaded a batter into cranking up a fly ball to end the inning.

"It was a very well pitched game on both sides and a tough day for both teams offensively in the poor weather conditions," the coach said.

Connor Smith scored the lone run in the third inning on a fielders' choice by Stojkov.

Smith, Jeff Gertley, Billy Mitchell, and Trevor Maresh each had one hit a piece.

Northville 16, S. Lyon 0
Northville 12, S. Lyon 0

There isn't much to be said about such a lop-sided affair other than it worked well in Northville's hunt for the division title where they are currently 10-0.

In the first game Gertley pitched three scoreless innings for the win while MacDonald cranked out a grand slam home run to left field to add an exclamation to Northville's dominance.

Smith added three hits and scored three runs while Brandon Patrone, Gertley and Stojkov had two hits each.

In the second game Jake Hansen, Bobby Sable, and Brad Vanhulle combined for the five-inning shutout. Connor Smith went 3-for-4 with three doubles, two RBIs and two scores while Ben Smith had his first homer of the season — scoring three runs on a magnificent hit to the right in the fourth inning.

Northville 6, Franklin 0

Hansen earned the win on the mound with a complete game as he allowed five hits and whiffed five batters.

Macdonald had a big two-run single while Scott Matthews had RBI triple in the fifth and Ben Smith had RBI sacrifice fly in the same inning. Gertley had a great day at the plate going 3-for-4 with three doubles and a run scored.

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Mustangs stop Churchill, 6-1

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

Northville starting pitcher Matt Stojkov and three of his teammates didn't know if they'd make it to the ballpark on time.

An advanced placement test for seniors that was delayed by 90 minutes gave the quartet little time to spare in their Kensington Conference showdown at Livonia Churchill, but the senior right-hander got to the bullpen just prior to the first pitch and threw a gem as the Mustangs posted a 6-1 victory.

It also helped that Northville, which improved to 18-2 overall and 11-0 in the KLAA's Central Division, was the visiting team and batted first, which gave Stojkov time to get in a brief bullpen session.

"We were kind of rushing over hoping to get to the start," Stojkov said. "Our team did a good job fighting off a bunch of pitches and giving me some time in the bullpen to get loose. Our team does a great job of fighting off pitches late in the count. They did it today and gave me the extra time I needed."

"I felt pretty good. I haven't thrown in a week, so I was good to go today."

Stojkov, headed to Saginaw Valley State, went all seven innings to improve to 4-0. He allowed just five hits.

Northville coach John Kostreza was ready to go to Plan B if Stojkov couldn't arrive at the diamond on time.

"I got a call from the counselor and he said things ran a little bit later and I should expect them around game time," the Northville coach said. "That was something unexpected and something you've just got to deal with."

"I was giving them another few minutes and I actually had another lineup just in case because three of the four were starting, including our starting pitcher. So we were prepared to go one way or the other depending on the traffic."

Northville took a 1-0 lead in the top of the first on a lead-off single by Connor Smith followed by a two-out double off the left field fence by Stojkov.

Churchill (11-5, 7-4 KLAA South Division) answered with its only run in the bottom half of the same inning when lead-off hitter Alex Tsakos singled, advanced to second on a passed ball, took third on John Shymanski's bunt and scored on a balk.

Northville then took a 3-1 lead with a pair of runs in the second as Scott Matthews walked with the bases loaded followed by Smith adding an RBI sacrifice fly.

Churchill starter Blake Burnette, a junior right-hander, had difficulty locating his pitches during the inning. He eventually was lifted in the fourth inning in favor of reliever Chris Lewan, who finished up.

"Walks killed us," Churchill coach Ron Targosz said. "We tried

something a little bit different. Blake (Burnette) has been a good pitcher. About two weeks ago he beat Walled Lake Central by throwing strikes and keeping them off balance. And they popped the ball, just like Northville was doing. The problem is that he walked five in that one inning. They scored two runs without a hit."

In the bottom of the fourth, Churchill's Mike Rybinski led off with a single. And with one out, senior first baseman Brent Ochodnicki drilled a Stojkov pitch to dead center, which appeared to be going for extra bases only to have Northville center fielder Jeff Gertley flag it down on a fine running catch.

"When the kid (Ochodnicki) hit that, I turned around and said, 'Oh, my God,'" Stojkov said. "He (Gertley) just comes up clutch in those situations, saved a couple of runs there and really kept us going in the game."

Targosz also applauded the effort made by the Northville outfielder.

"That was a heckuva play he made," the Churchill coach said. "I thought it was down for sure and we would have had a run probably. Mike Rybinski was around second base already, and if that falls, we got another run there and at the time it was 3-1, so that would have made it 3-2 and who knows what would happen? That snuffed that inning out a little bit."

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SOFTBALL

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before the Cougars made it a 3-2 game in the bottom of the inning, scoring two unearned runs on one hit.

That would be the last time the Cougars would score throughout the day as Northville went on to score five more runs and earn the victory.

The scoreless run for the Cougars continued into the second game where the Mustangs used a 16-run second inning to close down the contest. Thibodeau, a junior, threw a one-hitter in the mercy-rule shortened contest.

Buckingham was 4-for-4 with a RBI and two runs scored while senior second baseman Maggie Stewart was 3-for-3 with two RBIs and two runs scored. Senior short-

stop Meredith Williams had two doubles and five RBIs and first Petrucci had a single, a double and drove in three runs. Chapekis added two more hits, scored three runs and drove in two more (a total of six on the day). Asher had two hits and drove in two runs and Pond had a three-run home run good for three RBIs. Rachel Deacon also had two hits for Northville.

Northville 2, Franklin 1
Northville 15, Franklin 4

It was a case of outlasting their opponents when Northville tired down Franklin and earned a sweep in their twinbill last week.

In the first game, Northville's Pond did not allow an earned run and gave up just four hits with eight strikeouts and no walks as she secured

the win from the mound. The Mustangs scored in the first inning for a 1-0 lead before the Patriots tied the game in the fourth on an error. Northville came back to regain the lead, and the win, on a long double by Petrucci, who was hit home on a sacrifice fly by Ellie Asher.

Chapekis had two hits in the game to lead her team.

The nightcap proved Northville too much for the Patriots to keep up with as they collected 18 hits, led by Chapekis' 4-for-4 and two RBI performance. She crossed the plate four times. Asher was 3-for-4 with a double and two singles while hitting in three RBI while Buckingham was 3-for-4 and scored twice.

Thibodeau picked up the win on the mound, giving up 10 hits with three strikeouts in the victory.

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Girls lacrosse team showing competitive spirit

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

You can almost hear the intensity when the Northville Mustangs girls lacrosse team takes to the field. It starts off as a low rumble during warm ups and builds, steadily, into a roar as they fiercely fight for a chance to earn another victory.

Last week that intensi-ty showed in every fac-
et of the Mustangs' game. While they may not have earned a win over their two head-to-head match-
es, they definitely made sure their foes wouldn't forget them anytime soon.

The Mustangs took a tough 12-10 double over-
time loss against the Can-ton Chiefs last week and a 16-8 loss to a very experi-
enced South Lyon squad.

Against Canton, the Mustangs not only had a fight on their hands with a tough Chiefs squad, but also an 80-degree, humid contest that left every-one dripping with per-spiration before the con-test even started. North-ville found itself fight-ing to tie a contest with just seconds remaining on the clock only to fall in the second overtime as Canton shut them out and scored two goals of their own.

From the start the con-test proved to be one of shifting momentum and solid fundamentals. The Chiefs were the first to

ON TAP

The Northville Mus-tangs girls lacrosse team will be playing again when they host Forest Hills Eastern at 1 p.m. Saturday before playing in the Association Cross-Over game on Monday. The team will then play host to Notre Dame Prep at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday.

get a goal, tossing home a shot in just the first 20 seconds for a 1-0 lead.

Northville didn't take long to respond, scor-ing off the stick of junior Riley Donovan, who took a pass from Tenley Mus-tonen for the goal and the tie game. Northville edged ahead just a few minutes later when Mus-tonen keyed a pass to Erica MacDonald at the crease, who turned and fired the shot home for a 2-1 Northville lead.

Canton wasn't about to be left behind, however, and their offense came alive with three straight goals to retake the lead, 4-2.

The game continued it's back-and-forth tempo as Donovan scored an unas-sisted goal, followed by a score by Canton to make it a 5-3 contest. Northville came back yet again just minutes later as Charlotte Peterson took a pass from sophomore Claire Beau-doin and scored to make it a one-point game.

Canton proved tena-

cious enough to stick with their plan of attack, which paid off yet again as they scored in the last seconds of the first half to make it a 6-4 contest.

The second half show-cased some of the more intense game play the Mustangs have mustered this season, punctuat-ed by the 31 fouls North-ville was whistled for and the two yellow cards they received from officials who were working hard to keep the close game in check.

Mustonen was the first to score in the second half, breaking a nine-min-ute run of intense defen-sive play, to make it a 6-5 game before junior Erin Vogel fired home a shot off a MacDonald pass to knot the game, 6-6.

Canton, once again, went on a tear, scoring three goals to make it a 9-6 game with four minutes left in the game. Despite the tenuous position they were in, the Mustangs continued to fight on and Peterson scored on a free shot for a 9-7 game before MacDonald tallied her second goal of the night just 30 seconds later 9-8.

Canton tacked on what they hoped would be an insurance goal with two minutes left in the game for a 10-8 contest but Northville junior Alivia DuQuet quieted that thought with a score just 13 seconds later on a shot to the upper left corner

of the goal to cut the lead to one again. Northville tied the game and forced overtime just a minute later as Beaudoin passed a bullet to a speeding MacDonald, who snagged the pass and fired it home for the 10-10 tie at the end of regulation. The Mus-tangs had 28 ground balls in the game with Mac-Donald garnering six and Beaudoin, Peterson, Mus-tonen and Maria Siddiqui with three each.

S.L. 16, Northville 8

The Mustangs found themselves down by six points within the first few minutes of the game and weren't able to come back from the staggering bar-rage.

With 14:40 left in the first half and trailing 6-0, the Mustangs changed their defensive tactics to slow the pace of the game and Northville got into the scoring off the sticks of Peterson and Mac-Donald to make in an 8-2 game at the end of the first half.

The second half wasn't much kinder as North-ville tallied six more goals but couldn't stop the Lions from doing the same and securing the win.

MacDonald ended the day with four goals and one assists while Peter-son had two goals. Sher-adan Jennings and Vogel had one goal each while Beaudoin and Mustonen had assists in the game.



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Mustangs boys basketball team outlines accolades

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Northville's girls track squad's 3,200-meter relay team of Nicole Mosteller, Erin Zimmer, Gina McNamara and Rachel Coleman broke the school record in their event at the Golden Triangle meet on Friday in Saline with a time of 9:33. The previous record was set in 2007 by the team of Mary Sprader, Karina Puskorius, Lindsay Hagan and Jackie Konopka, which was 9:38.

Mustangs have strong showing

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

The Northville Mustangs girls track and field team has plenty to be proud of from their performances lately, but the thing the team should be most proud of is how well they are improving each and every week.

As though to underline that fact, the 3,200-meter relay team of Rachel Coleman, Erin Zimmer, Nicole Mosteller and Gina McNamara set the school record with a time of 9:33.1 during the Saline Golden Triangle meet last Friday.

"Relays are all about chemistry and believing in each other," said Northville coach Vince Tyle. "These girls proved that last Saturday by running almost 20 seconds faster than they ever have."

Northville has a slew of other outstanding performances in the meet as well.

The lone first-place finish came from the ever-tenacious Gina McNamara, who ran a 2:17.4 in the 800-meter event for a season-best time.

"Gina is a great runner and has a true heart of a champion," Tyle said.

Alex Moynes was third in the high jump with a leap of 5-feet-3-inches. She has placed in the event in every meet so far this season.

Gracie Goble took sixth in the long jump with a 15-6.25 leap.

"Gracie has been performing like a senior this season but is only a freshman," noted Tyle. "She has made a great impact on this year's team."

Lauren Rodriguez took sixth in the 100 hurdles and 14th in the 300 hurdles for Northville while Coleman ran to fourth in

ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs will be back in action when they compete in the conference championships tomorrow.

the mile with a personal best time of 5:17.45.

Northville's relay teams were pretty outstanding, too. The 3,200 team set the school record and took second overall while the 400-meter relay team was fourth in 1:51.19 with a team of Leah Bedrosian, Alexa Abbott, Vanessa Cousino and Goble.

Abbot took sixth in the 200 dash and also took sixth in the 400 dash, followed by Nadia Affes in seventh and Kara Ernst in 17th — all running personal best times of 1:01.81, 1:02.48 and 1:04.68, respectively.

Zimmer took 17th out of a field of 40 runners in the open two-mile run, finishing in a time of 12:09.15.

In the 1,600-meter relay, the Mustangs finished eighth with a 4:16.33 time and a team of Ernst, Affes, Rodriguez and Abbot while the distance medley relay team of Alison Robinson, Hallie Tyburski, Taylor Papp and Erin Dunne finished sixth with a 13:28.96.

Northville 100, Stevenson 37

The Mustangs had a pretty easy time overcoming the Spartans of Livonia Stevenson last week as they took first place finishes in the 3,200-meter relay (11:04.1) with a team of Zimmer, Nicole Mosteller, Coleman and Robinson before Rodriguez took the top spit in the 100 hurdles in 16.53 seconds. The first place finishes kept

rolling in as Abbott won the 100 dash (13.42) followed by Goble in second (13.72) and the 800 relay team of Goble, Rodriguez, Affes and Bedrosian took first (1:51.1).

Northville swept the one-mile run as they took the top four places. Each of the girls set a personal best time in the event as Coleman took first (5:22.34), followed by Zimmer in second (5:25.64), Dunne in third (5:31.83) and Mosteller in fourth (5:32.77). The Mustangs also collected a first in the 400 relay with a team of Carly Armaly, Goble, Cousino and Bedrosian (35.01) and a first, second and third in the 400 dash with Abbott (1:02.57), Affes (1:03.58) and Ernst (1:05.06) leading the way. In the 300 hurdles, Rodriguez took first with a personal-best time (48.85), followed by Cousino in second.

Northville's Coleman (2:29.78) and Robinson (2:29.78) were first and second in the 800 while Abbott (27.11) and Goble (26.69) were first and second in the 200 dash. In the two-mile run, Zimmer (12:04.89) had a great first-place finish while the team of Ernst, Affes, Rodriguez and Abbott finished in first in the 1,600-relay (4:21.67).

In the field events, it was the sensational Alex Moynes leading the way as she took first place in all three of her events. In the high jump she cleared 4-11 and in the shot put she threw 32 feet for the win. In the discus she finished the day with a throw of 99-9.

Victoria Clay finished second in the pole vault (8 feet), followed by Meghan O'Brien (7-6) in third while Melissa Swart finished third (14-6) in the long jump.

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Kristin Kolasa, center, owner of the home care agency "Kindred Spirits" meets with Mary and Robert LaCroix.

Kindred Spirits

Firm offers senior care with lots of TLC

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Kristin Kolasa is owner and founder of Kindred Spirits Senior Care, a business in existence since late 2011.

It provides nonmedical in-home private duty care, supplementing that offered by registered nurses and physical therapists from elsewhere.

"We keep people comfortable and happy in their homes," said Kolasa, noting they offer help with bathing, medication reminders and doctor vis-

its, including transportation. Respite care for families and hospice support are also major components.

Kolasa's been in Northville most of her life, so it was a natural to have the business here. She earned a degree from Michigan State University in family and community services with an adult emphasis.

Kolasa then worked at senior centers and senior residential communities, and for the Henry Ford Health System in private duty care three years.

"I took a leap of faith



Kristin Kolasa — Kindred Spirits owner

and started laying the foundation for Kindred Spirits," she said. She praises the 11 "wonderful women that work for me. I think they're the best."

The focus is on keeping dignity in providing housekeeping, meal preparation and other services. "I personally believe



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Kristin Kolasa, founder of the home care agency "Kindred Spirits" gets a peck on the cheek from her grandfather Robert LaCroix. Kolasa helps to care for her grandparents Robert and Mary in their Novi home.

this is one of the fastest-growing areas," she said. "There's no place like home."

She's directly involved in client visits regularly: "The care that we give them is personal," taking direction from families.

"The respect for family members is a big component of what we do," she said. Families are welcome to references and

backgrounds for employees who come into their homes.

The tagline of Kindred Spirits Senior Care is "Let Our Souls Comfort Yours." Kolasa handpicks her employees.

"We just want to treat our clients like our own family," she said.

Her grandparents and a late local gentleman she cared for helped with

finances for the business. "They're the main inspiration," Kolasa said.

Kindred Spirits Senior Care is at P.O. Box 66, Northville 48167. The phone is (248) 924-7227, the fax (248) 773-5264.

The e-mail is info@kindredspiritscare.com, the website www.kindredspiritscare.com.

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Ambassadors to make downtown more business-friendly

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

The Northville Downtown Development Authority needs some good volunteers. Duties will include light cleaning of downtown streets, greeting visitors, giving directions and handing out maps and event fliers.

"Anyone who's interested," said Lori Ward, DDA director. "It's a summer commitment."

The program's under volunteer Jay Wendt, who serves on the Planning Commission and is active in the community.

Retirees were involved when it started two years ago. Organizers for the Ambassadors hope to grow the program, especially to provide weekend coverage. Last year, there weren't Ambassador volunteers due to the streetscape work downtown.

The program starts in May, Ward said,

and runs through summer into the September Victorian Festival.

"Jay brought it to the attention of the DDA," she said. "He wanted to be part of the solution." Getting the community involved is the idea.

An Ambassador is essentially a concierge for downtown. "The group also plays a welcoming role for the community," Ward said. The earlier effort brought in 15-20 volunteers.

Merchants hadn't been too involved in the past, although volunteers often heard "thank you" and were given refreshments. "I think it's just a matter of spreading the word," Ward said. "I think it's a great program."

If you'd like to volunteer, contact her at loriwarddda@comcast.net or call (248) 349-0345. Commitment is two-three days per month, about four-five hours a day.

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NORTHVILLE BUSINESS BRIEFS

SOCAP golf outing

SOCAP Great Lakes, a part of a 25-year-old international network of professionals devoted to consumer affairs and satisfaction issues, is taking registration for its 19th Annual Golf Outing and Early Birdie event, held at the Tanglewood Golf Club in South Lyon on June 7.

The event is open to members and non-members alike and provides an opportunity for members of local industry to network with specialists across a variety of platforms, learn about customer service opportunities and methods, and play 18 holes of golf.

The Early Birdie event, which begins at 8 a.m. and includes breakfast, offers a panel of experts in the field of industry and customer relationships discussing emerging technologies in customer experience management. The presentation and Q&A session features officials from Unilever and Kellogg's who will share key methods they are using to adapt to the next generation of customer care, such as mobile apps and more.

"This event is an excellent opportu-

nity to learn about opportunities available in this dynamic, growing field," says Jason Wolcott, president of SOCAP Great Lakes.

Following the Early Birdie presentation, teams of four will take to the golf course for a scramble on 18 holes at the Tanglewood Golf Club. Dinner and awards will take place at 5 p.m.

"The outing, both social and competitive, provides an excellent opportunity to network with peers in the customer care industry," said Wolcott.

The events take place at Tanglewood Golf Course located at 53503 W. 10 Mile Road in South Lyon. The Early Birdie event begins at 8 a.m. followed by golf at 11:30 a.m. and dinner/awards at 5 p.m. Cost for the Early Birdie event only is \$20; golf plus the Early Birdie event and dinner is \$100; a foursome is \$390. For more information, contact the chapter president at admin@socapgl.org or to register online go to www.socap.org/greatlakes.

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Caroline Loder	Livonia	May 27
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Don't Let the Leaves Go
Something told the lonely tree the leaves would have to go even if the other trees were nice bright and green the lonely tree told the voice you just don't know. The tree held on to the leaves and said I won't let you go the voice made a nice breeze the leaves flew across the land where all the trees could see Something told the lonely tree leaves would have to flow the tree let go of the leaves and said, "I love you so"

By Payton Dixon
Payton Dixon

Best Friends
Friends are friends No matter how far Or near in your heart, Best friends never turn you down, It doesn't matter if your short, tall, pretty or ugly, It matters how you are on the inside And express your feelings, White or brown It doesn't matter to me, That's not what I see, I look for the inside And how you act, That's what I see

By Payton Stanecki
Payton Stanecki

Peaceful
Peaceful is not people dying in war. Peaceful is a state without fighting. Peaceful is a treaty between two countries. Peaceful is the world without conflict. Peaceful sounds like people talking together. Peaceful sounds like people singing in harmony. Another word for peaceful is freedom. One thing about peaceful is it's quiet.

By Alex Evans
Alex Evans

Poems from 4th Grade students at Dodson Elementary School in Plymouth-Canton Community School District

Scoop's Recycling Winners!

Caroline Loder
Age: 9
Livonia

Our family helps the environment by picking up cans on the walks are family takes. Then we take the cans to the grocery store. We turn in the cans for 10 cents each. After our family gets the money we take it home. After we have \$30 or more we all take the money to the Humane Society. We have taken money two times. That is how my family helps the environment.

Emily Loder
Age: 12
Livonia

Our family helps save the environment by walking or riding our bikes to locations that are close to our house instead of driving the car. We walk to the store if we only need a few things that we can carry. We sometimes walk to McDonalds too , if we have a coupon for a free treat or something like that. We also take our wagon to Westborn Market to get fruit and veggies and such. But my favorite environment-saving thing we do is riding our bikes to the library to get books in the summer. I like it because it's fun. I get active, and the best part is that I'm helping save the environment.

Cory Routen
Age: 12
Livonia

I started a recycling program at my church 2 years ago. I bought 2 recycle bins that stay at church for anyone to put recyclable items in. I empty the bins every Sunday and bring the recyclables to my house. I then put what I have collected in with my own recycling to be picked up at the curb. I get plastic, metal, glass and cardboard.

These are some things I do to help the earth. I turn off the lights even when I am in my house when not used. I recycle paper in my classroom. If I see trash on the ground, I pick it up and put in the trash. I try not to use too much water when I brush my teeth or when taking a shower. I take care of the tree in my yard so we can have shade. I try to use old things in new ways. I rinse out plastic milk cartons and use them for kool-aid. I always eat my lunch at school and don't throw it out. I donate my old clothes to Goodwill. I do my best to help the earth.

Abigail Kuas Westland

A+ Teacher Award Nomination Results!

Congratulations to these special teachers. You have made a difference in the lives of your students. Now it's time for everyone to know how special you are.

From: Abigail Kuais
Student's Grade: 3rd Grade
School: Edison Elementary
Community: Wayne/Westland
Teacher: Mrs. Gelven

I like my teacher Mrs. Gelven for many reasons. She lets us use smart boards. She gives us special notes when we do well. She helps kids when the are having trouble with work. She has a nice personality and is always friendly and funny. She knows how to teach so we can understand subjects.

From: Zoe Gargiulo
Student's Grade: 5th
School: Cooke School
Community: Northville
Teacher: Miss Donna Case

I am nominating Donna Case as the teacher nomination for the Scoop Award. She works with disable children at Cooke School in Northville, MI and helps handicapped children to find vocational jobs once they reach a certain age or graduate from high school. She's a close friend of ours and is a good caring teacher.

From: Lauren McKenY
Student's Grade: 2nd
School: Roosevelt-McGrath
Community: Wayne-Westland
Teacher: Mrs. Steiner

My teacher deserves this award because she makes our school an official green school. From every class at Roosevelt-McGrath she picks 2 students to do the green team with her on Friday. She is the best teacher I ever had.

Lauren McKenY

Sincerely,
Anna and Zoe Gargiulo

Realtors to rally in Washington, D.C., focus on homeowners, economy

By Julie Brown
O&E Staff Writer

On May 17, Realtors from across the U.S. will Rally To Protect the American Dream in Washington, D.C., as part of the National Association of Realtors' Midyear Legislative Meetings & Expo that week. The rally aims to keep housing and homeownership issues at the forefront of the nation's public policy agenda on behalf of homeowners and aspiring homeowners.

Realtors will unite in the nation's capital to remind members of Congress that homeownership

matters — to families, communities and the nation's economies. The focus will be on such issues as the mortgage interest deduction, foreclosures and short sales, affordable financing and available credit.

Leanne Jernigan, public affairs associate for the NAR, said, "We're doing it in support of homeownership and the various issues that are going on."

Colleague Stephanie Singer is managing director, media communications for the National Association of Realtors.

"It's actually part of a larger weeklong event we do every year," Singer said. Members meet with congressional representatives and senators to discuss issues.

"It's the first time we've ever done a rally. We know in an election year lots gets discussed," she said.

"A lot is at stake," she added of the importance of letting future generations pursue dreams of homeownership. Homeowners have a great impact on their communities, the NAR notes.

The rally will draw some 10,000 Realtors from throughout the country. "Some members of Congress will be joining us as well," Singer said. A Georgia senator and Maryland



representative are confirmed speakers.

"The Realtor membership is very engaged around this issue," she said. Many NAR members have been active on legislation earlier. "This event has really motivated many more Realtors who may not have previously engaged on public policy issues."

Realtor Tony Schippa of Plymouth is president of the Greater Metropolitan Association of Realtors and with Coldwell Banker Preferred of Plymouth. "We are going to have a lot of

representatives there," he said.

Schippa will attend the D.C. event. "It's important because the person on the street, their voice has to be heard." The political action committee for Realtors will meet with those in Congress.

"We go and fight for things that save people money," Schippa likes a focus on property rights, along with issues of eminent domain, such as what arose with the underpass on Sheldon in Plymouth.

"That actually created a better good for the public," he said

of that outcome.

"I think we will have a good result. We're in the communities and we want to promote our communities," he said of the rally. "You have to have a passion for it, or as I say a passion for your industry."

"I think it's going to be good. When we come together, it's just camaraderie," he added.

Follow the Realtor Rally conversation on Twitter: <http://twitter.com/#!/search/realtime/%23realtorrally>.

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Location key to value

By Robert Meisner
Guest Columnist

Q: I have heard something about a new business opportunity, something called Safebox Condominium Vaults. What can you tell me about it?

A: There is a company that intends to construct a condominium called "Safebox Condominium Vaults" where the units will be comprised of safety deposit boxes within a secured vault. The common elements will comprise a reception area (with onsite refreshments and snacks), private viewing rooms and a parking area. Common expenses will cover 24/7 security on the contents of the boxes to a set



Robert Meisner

amount. Optional pickup service to and from an owner's home or office will be available at an additional cost. Common expenses will also include contributions to the condominium reserve fund just like any other condominium. Unlike most condominiums, however, the condominium corporation will have insurance on the contents of the units. The concept is that by purchasing a unit, it will be an investment opportunity where property values could increase over time, but as in any real estate, the property locations will one of the most prominent factors in determining future property value.

Q: We have a number of co-owners in our condominium project, as well as others, who speed in the condominium. We have a private security officer to enforce our rules. Does our security officer have a right to stop a speeder?

A: Based on a recent Illinois case, the Illinois Appellate Court indicated that security guards occupy the same status as private citizens under Illinois law and may only make an arrest if there is reasonable cause to suspect that an offense is being committed. The court concluded that it was unlawful for the security officer to stop and detain drivers for violating the association's traffic rules, and it was questionable whether the association could have established a fine against the driver, if in fact, he was a member of the association. In that case, the association's use of radar equipment was not deemed unlawful and, indeed, in that case, it was decided that the security officer in pulling over the driver with his security lights flashing was, in fact, guilty of false imprisonment since the driver was restrained by the security officer.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and author of Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track, second edition, available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping/handling. He also wrote Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping/handling. Call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-law.com.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Jan. 30 to Feb. 3, 2012, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON

6965 Ardsley Dr	\$120,000
45478 Augusta Dr	\$311,000
44726 Danbury Rd	\$220,000
3150 Empire State Dr	\$210,000
3233 Empire State Dr	\$215,000
41580 Glade Rd	\$152,000
50044 Grant St	\$196,000
45743 Graystone Ln	\$120,000
44223 Kingsley Ct	\$193,000
228 Meadowlake Rd	\$120,000
1875 N Ridge Rd	\$72,000
2138 Preserve Cir W	\$138,000
41398 Southwind Dr	\$47,000
371 Torrington Dr W	\$340,000
46020 Windridge Ln	\$290,000

GARDEN CITY

29021 Balmoral St	\$35,000
32620 Cambridge St	\$59,000
6600 Fairfield St	\$78,000
6503 Lathers St	\$55,000

LIVONIA

14304 Arcola St	\$100,000
11316 Auburndale St	\$125,000
11308 Berwick St	\$112,000
33806 Bretton Dr	\$192,000
37150 Bretton Dr	\$252,000
11422 Brookfield St	\$80,000
9994 Deering St	\$68,000
14880 Fairlane St	\$260,000
15389 Garden St	\$105,000
18239 Gill Rd	\$326,000
18249 Gill Rd	\$305,000
9324 Lamont St	\$70,000
18240 Laurel Dr	\$366,000
36278 Lawrence Dr	\$110,000
35176 Leon St	\$118,000
29082 Lori St	\$120,000
39046 Meeting House Ln	\$160,000
20338 Melvin St	\$46,000
15980 Oak Dr	\$115,000
19607 Rensellor St	\$43,000
14304 Riverside St	\$118,000

16822 Riverside St	\$164,000
38978 Ross St	\$138,000
36560 Roycroft St	\$135,000
18792 Vanderhaven Ln	\$375,000

NORTHVILLE

44526 Aspen Ridge Dr	\$265,000
18890 Heather Ridge Dr	\$525,000
17651 Maple Hill Dr	\$281,000
15951 Morningside	\$114,000
42691 Savoy Ct	\$52,000
16387 Westminster Dr	\$267,000

PLYMOUTH

44478 Albert Dr	\$120,000
41216 Bruce Ave	\$105,000
986 Harding St	\$245,000
103 N Holbrook St	\$109,000
8831 Northern Ave	\$50,000
174 Rose St	\$168,000
8988 Tavistock Ct	\$154,000

REDFORD

26442 Five Mile Rd	\$28,000
16802 Beech Daly Rd	\$40,000
14103 Breakfast Dr	\$127,000
14111 Breakfast Dr	\$127,000
14214 Breakfast Dr	\$145,000
20428 Delaware Ave	\$50,000

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18814 Gaylord	\$47,000
11762 Grayfield	\$52,000
14189 Mason Dr	\$127,000
19427 Norborne	\$28,000
9196 San Jose	\$65,000
15078 Seminole	\$84,000
26230 W Chicago	\$68,000
20065 Woodworth	\$36,000

WESTLAND

31000 Avondale St	\$65,000
35614 Booth St	\$50,000
7412 Central St	\$17,000
30784 Grandview Ave	\$31,000
32215 Harvard St	\$72,000
5858 N Linville St	\$39,000
8404 N Wayne Rd	\$170,000
6529 Pocahontas St	\$93,000
37125 Riviera Dr	\$30,000
35228 Rosslyn St	\$36,000
1524 S Carlson St	\$53,000
924 S John Hix St	\$68,000
612 S Marie St	\$37,000
1515 Selma St	\$55,000
6216 W Morgan Cir	\$80,000

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND

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BIRMINGHAM

1562 Fairway Dr	\$326,000
628 Woodland St	\$375,000
Bloomfield Hills	
100 Bloomfield Hills Pkwy	\$55,000

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP

683 Half Moon Rd	\$650,000
801 W Long Lake Rd # G7	\$31,000
42478 Woodward Ave	\$60,000

COMMERCE TOWNSHIP

5535 Leafwood Ct	\$150,000
1676 Point St	\$125,000

FARMINGTON HILLS

38634 Brandmill	\$88,000
34610 Bunker Hill Dr	\$175,000
29823 Fernhill Dr	\$148,000
30385 Kingsway Dr	\$220,000
29572 Lochmoor St	\$77,000
24300 Locust St	\$130,000

21498 Riverwalk Ct	\$215,000
22964 Tuck Rd	\$105,000

MILFORD

851 Panorama Dr	\$61,000
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NOVI

25464 Birchwoods Dr	\$210,000
28001 Hopkins Dr	\$118,000
27933 Middleton Dr	\$156,000
22522 Mondavi Dr	\$50,000
39719 Village Wood Ln	\$41,000
41700 W Nine Mile Rd	\$285,000

SOUTH LYON

59939 Mulberry Ln	\$248,000
61130 Palamino Ct	\$240,000

1043 Vassar	\$87,000
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SOUTHFIELD

20058 Beechaven St	\$150,000
29527 Chelmsford Rd	\$62,000
17549 Dorset Ave	\$57,000
29513 Marshall St	\$20,000
23795 Riverview Dr	\$180,000
20096 Woodburn Dr	\$85,000

WHITE LAKE

8736 Trenton Dr	\$170,000
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Investors

Real estate investing program 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 12, at Royal Oak Senior Center, 3500 Marais, Royal Oak. It is north off 13 Mile between Crooks and Main.

Speaker will be Robert Shemin, sponsored by Real Estate Investors Association of Oakland. \$29. Call (800) 747-6742 (www.REIAofOakland.com).

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Investors

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ACROSS	DOWN	ACROSS	DOWN
1 TV host	52 Yesterday's	27 Flagon filler	82 Swash-
5 John	53 Lillian or	28 Newspaper	buckling
9 Full of	54 Ivy Leaguer	30 Take-home	novelist
oneself	55 Fancy	31 Start of a	'48
9 Amontillado	56 First dog in	remark	Hitchcock
container	space	35 Ring stat	film
13 Beseeched	57 Where cats	36 Thwack	84 Texas town
17 Nile feature	congregate	37 Compact	86 "I Love
18 In good	58 Pie —	cotton	Lucy"
health	mode	38 "Great	surname
19 "— Without	59 Lofty peak	Expecta-	87 Tour-de-
Love"	60 Distribute	tions"	France
(68 hit)	the donuts	character	vehicle
20 Sanctuary	61 Keats com-	40 Cad	88 Adjectival
22 Hood's	position	42 Mythical	suffix
handle	62 Middle of	being	90 Aptitude
23 Admiral	remark	44 Hatelui	91 Say please
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24 Tiny part of	71 '87 Peace	51 Green	poetry
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LEOS IRANI EVA SAMOAN
MATHISSONG TENDRENDS
STERN LEHI DDE TIE
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Every hiring manager has a different set of go-to interview questions. In a recent survey by our company, we asked more than 650 managers in the United States and Canada to name the single question they ask that provides the most insight about a job applicant. Responses ranged from classic queries (“Where do you see yourself in five years?”) to less-traditional ones (“How would you describe yourself in five words?”).

While there's not always one right way to answer an interview question, some approaches are better than others. Here are some questions from the survey that you may face in your next interview, along with tips on how -- and how not -- to answer them:

“Can you tell me a little about yourself?”

Do: Prepare for this popular question -- which is often the first one asked -- by developing an incisive summary of your career. Your sound bite should be succinct but include enough detail about your pertinent skills, work experience, accomplishments and goals that the hiring manager can quickly see what you bring to the table.

Don't: Give your life story, discuss leisure pursuits or describe aspects of your professional background that aren't relative to the position you're interviewing for.

“Why do you want to join our company?”

Do: Walk into the interview with beyond-the-basics knowledge of the firm. Read the company's website, marketing materials and relevant news stories to gain a good grasp of its mission, history, reputation and corporate culture. The more information you collect, the more specific you can be about why you're an excellent fit.

Don't: Answer in the context of your financial needs. Saying “I hear you provide good pay and benefits” or “Frankly, I need a job” won't score you any points.

“What's your biggest weakness?”

Do: View this as an opportunity to demonstrate your self-awareness, sincerity and problem-solving prowess. Mention an area where you could improve and spotlight the steps you've taken to do so.

Here's an example: “In the past, I sometimes overextended myself. Reading time-management books has helped me, though. Now, I make prioritized to-do lists, I've learned it's OK to delegate and I volunteer for extra projects only when I'm caught up on core responsibilities.”

Don't: Offer a transparently fake flaw (“I care too much about my work!”) or pretend to be perfect (“Weaknesses? None come to mind.”). And, of course, don't be your own worst critic by citing countless shortcomings.

“Where do you see yourself in five years?”

Do: Position yourself as an ambitious but flexible realist. One way to do this is to speak of your desire to continually take on broader responsibilities and grow professionally no matter what role you're in. You also might emphasize your commitment to lifelong learning by mentioning your interest in attaining advanced industry certifications.

Don't: Focus on an overly lofty objective. For instance, boldly proclaiming you intend to be the firm's next CFO when you're an entry-level accounting candidate certainly shows drive, but it's not a practical five-year objective. In addition, steer clear of fanciful daydreaming (“I'll be counting my lottery winnings on a Hawaiian beach”).

“Why are you looking to leave your current employer?”

Do: The interviewer is trying to figure out if you truly want the position, or if you're looking for any way out of a bad job. As such, reiterate what you like about the role you're seeking rather than gripe about the one you hope to vacate. Make it clear you're chasing a great opportunity, not running away from an unpleasant situation.

Don't: Speak ill of your current employer. Regardless of how unhappy you are with your job or company, never act bitter or resentful in an interview. Hiring



managers seek candidates who are loyal, positive-minded and team-oriented. They aren't inclined to hire people they perceive to be potential headaches.

Finally, despite your best efforts, you can't anticipate every question you'll be asked.

“How would you define your personality in one word?” or “How will you behave if you get blamed for something you didn't do?” were just two of the unique questions that popped up in our survey of hiring managers.

If an interviewer throws you a curveball, maintain eye

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